

# THE BEAT GOES ON!

What's Happening In Music!



## SHARING CHER

Looks like Cher has her own TV show back again, although r-show back again! Her newest her new label, Warner/Spector (we found out why she left MCA Records—she wanted too much \$\$\$, MCA thought!). We wish Cher the best (and *we* all wish we looked like her—'cept the guys of course).



CHER

## HAMLET JOHN?

There've been rumors lately that Elton John has decided to expand his career a bit—he played a bit in "Tommy," the rock opera film, but now he wants to compose, produce and star in the rock opera version of "Hamlet." Well, that's what they're saying...and know who he wants for Ophelia? David Bowie! Pretty wild, huh? John Reid, Elton's manager, sez it's not so—and you may know how true it is by the time you read this!



ELTON



JOHN



DAVID

## OSMONDS HAVE GONE TO THE DOGS?!

Yep, just about every one of 'em! Ya' see, Merrill and Mary got a St. Bernard pup (by the name of "Yogi," after Yogi the Bear—Merrill's nickname is "Bear," you know). And Alan and Suzanne bought a basset pup! His name is Jolly (and he keeps stepping on his ears). Wayne and Kathy don't have a doggie yet (but Kathy wants an Irish Setter!). Look for a new album soon—from the Osmonds, and from Jimmy, too!



DeFRANCOS



ALAN & SUZANNE



MARY & MERRILL

## ENTER THE DeFRANCOS!

...And when you see them in person, pay particular attention to the way they enter on stage! They've decided (actually, Benny is the "culprit") that they want to do something really fun for their fans—so they've promised that every time they perform somewhere, they'll enter the stage in a different way! Whether it's running, walking, crawling, etc., they'll be wracking their brains for a different way. And Benny promises that if you catch them doing the same thing twice, you have a right to stand up in the middle of the audience and let 'em know! . . . and let 'em know, too, what you think of their latest single, they'd love to hear from you!



## EVERYONE'S DOING IT BUT JOHN

John Denver's been having a bit of an argument lately with RCA, his label for recording—he wants to start his own label to be distributed by RCA—which it looks like he might get; everyone seems to be doing it—Leon Russell with his Shelter Records, Merle Haggard—a country star—has a new label, Elton John has Rocket Records (even though he doesn't record on it—strange), the Who have Track Records, etc.! It's quite a prestigious thing, you know! Frank Sinatra started it when he founded Reprise Records many years ago, probably.

## DAVID'S BACK!

David Cassidy decided to come out of such an early retirement and has re-signed to a record label—this time RCA—and any day will have his voice on ye old phonographs again, so stay tuned! Guess Hawaii can be a bit much—78° every day...sunny...and all those flowers, pineapples...who wouldn't want to come back to the smoggy city!? (cough!?). See you next month, TB fans!