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Word around town has it that **David Cassidy's** real mother (let us not forget that **Shirley Jones** is in **real** life his step-mom and in **reel** life his reel-mom) wants recognition now that her son is turning into a superstar. Divorced from **Jack Cassidy** for many years, the first Mrs. Cassidy wants, so we've been informed, sonny-boy to give credit where credit is due. She wants her name mentioned in stories and on television talk shows. (See TVSP's exclusive interview with David on page 20.)

Although he is one of the most popular actors because of the **Arnie** series, **Roger Bowen** does not consider himself an actor.

"I just can't think of myself as an actor, as much as I can think of myself as being a writer," he went on. Bowen is presently working on his fifth novel, none of which has been published, although one was bought for films.

When I asked if having his novels rejected by publishers discouraged him, he said:

"Well, it takes me two or three years to write a novel and as I'm doing it, I'm filled with hope. And by the time it is rejected, I'm working on another one and the hope has been transferred. If I weren't making a living as an actor, however, I'd feel guilty about making my family live in

poverty."

Bowen has had two specific chances to have two works accepted by publishers, but he refused both because he would have had to cut the length of each novel. "Now that my family is living well," Bowen concluded, "I can still afford to stick to my principles."

The stars of NBC's **Bonanza** have really hit pay dirt. Next season **Lorne Greene**, **Dan Blocker** and **Michael Landon** each will be reaping in \$16,000 a show, and \$17,000 a segment the season after that. That's what we call a real bonanza!

Joan Bennett, who has been



On her last foray to Hollywood, our gal Joyce caught up with Emmy Award-winning actress Gail Fisher of *Mannix*, and her two adorable daughters, Samara and Jole.



As of this writing, the Chad Everetts are impatiently awaiting the birth of their second child, who they hope will be a brother for little Katharine Kerrie. Latest eyebrow-raising duo in Hollywood: Jill St. John (that girl gets around!) and Sean Connery, who's still separated from Diane Cilento.