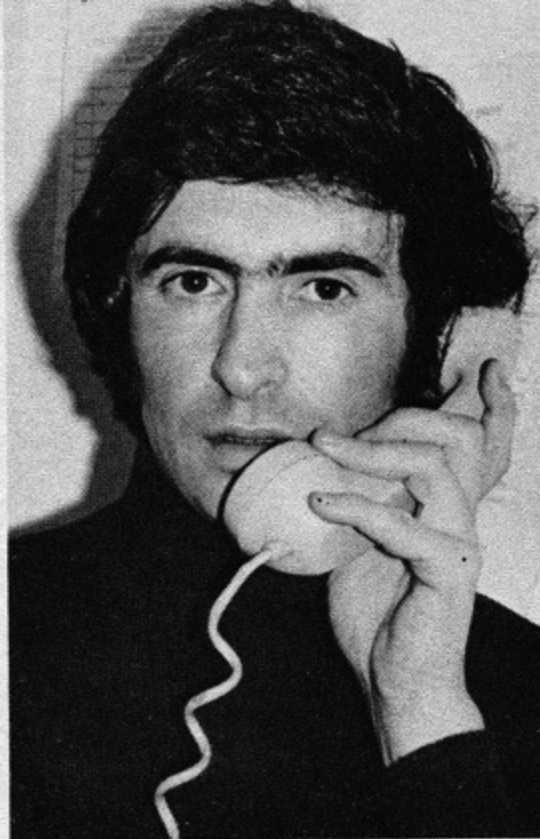


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CONGRATS to **David Cassidy** and his fabulous producer **Wes Farrell** for their gold record for *I Think I Love You* on Bell—and look for The PF LP *The Partridge Family Album* to be getting a “goldie” too! . . . Also congrats to groovy **Mungo Jerry** (pictured with **Marvin Schlachter**, president of Janus Records) for their “goldie” Janus single *In The Summertime* . . . And speaking of “goldies”, congrats also go to the incredible **Grand Funk Railroad** for their second gold record for their Capitol LP *Closer To Home!* And say “hi” to the man-behind-the-scene, their producer-manager **Terry Knight**—who was a former deejay-singer-actor! . . . Looking somewhat esoteric, super-raj **George Harrison** showed up at a New York party to congratulate Apple’s hottest new group **Badfinger** on their smash-hit *No Matter What*—and on the release of their dynamite LP *No Dice*.

And speaking of dynamite, devastating **David Steinberg** stopped by *16* recently to say “hi” and call up a fan or two. For all of you who have been dyin’ to know what’s shaking with David since his swingin’ days on ABC-TV’s *The Music Scene*—well, just turn on the boob tube, sweetheart, and you’ll see David regularly on shows like *Laugh-In*, *The Ed Sullivan Show* and *The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour*, and often starring as a fill-in host on NBC-TV’s *Tonight Show*. And here’s more David S. news: David just released his very first LP. It’s on Elektra and it’s called *David Steinberg—Disguised As A Normal Person*. All the material was written by David himself, which means that he’s not only good-looking and funny—he’s a great writer too! Who knows, we may all get even luckier one day and David may try some straight acting—f’rinstance in a movie or in his own TV series.

Sajid Khan has returned to India (he was in Tokyo doing commercials and records) and spent the holidays with his “Indian family” in Bombay. But don’t worry, sensaysh Saj will be back with us soon . . . Sure hope none of you missed **Bobby Sherman** when he recently made the rounds of a couple of top TV shows—singing *Julie*, *Do Ya Love Me?* on *The Johnny Cash Show* and *The Don Knotts Show* . . . **Gordon Lightfoot**, one of folkdom’s greatest singers and composers, recently starred in a benefit (under the auspices of the Kennedy family) to raise funds to aid students who were injured in the “massacre” at Kent State last May. Hey, hey—Gordon is not only good-looking, a good writer and a good singer—he’s got a lot of soul too . . . Say “hello” to handsome **Rod Evans**, formerly with **Deep Purple**



David Steinberg

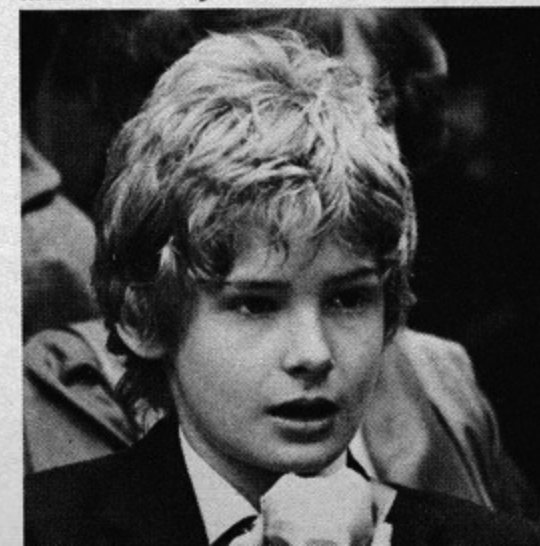


Wes & David



Linda & Rick

Mark in Melody



and now recording solo on Capitol. Rod-luvvers can write to him c/o Chris Bang, 368 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, California . . . Didya know that **Jon Provost** has turned talent scout?! Take a look at Jon and the group he recently discovered in Biloxi, Mississippi (when he was down there promoting his brand new movie *The Secret Of Sacred Forest*). This “roots” Gulf Coast rock band is called **Substantial Evidence** and Jon hopes they’ll have plenty of that when he gets them a record contract.

By the by, **Bobby Sherman** wants very much to star in a full-length movie. He’s been reading script after script, but the right one hasn’t come along yet. Bobby is also considering two made-for-TV movies. One of them—entitled *Zoom*—will be about a free lance photographer and the other will be about a super-hip young detective. But nothing is definite yet. So stay tuned to *16* and *SPEC* for further news on Bobby’s movie plans. Also—Bobby is hankering to do one of those great big Las Vegas hotels (a la **Elvis Presley**) . . . **Mark Lester** took a well deserved vacation at his home in Richmond, Surrey, England, after completing *Melody* (co-starring **Jack Wild**) and Paramount’s *Black Beauty*. Hot idea: If you’ve never read *Black Beauty*, get it at the library and give it a browse, so that you can get a tasty idea of what Mark’s next flick is going to be like . . . The **Double Deckers** are taking off like “Gang Busters”!! This amusing half hour TV musical-comedy show (you can see it every Saturday morning on ABC-TV at 10:30) features seven super-talented U.K. youngsters selected out of 2000 child actors who showed up for the original audition!

Though **Rick Ely**, **Philippe Forquet**, **Lou Gossett** and **Alex Henteloff** were really dragged by the cancellation of their rising ABC-TV Sunday night thriller *The Young Rebels*, they have all got lots of groovy plans for the future. So don’t worry, you’ll be seeing them all as regulars in *16* and *SPEC*. Meanwhile, don’tcha dare miss Rick Ely’s groovy RCA Records LP. At a recent Hollywood party given by RCA in Rick’s honor, he showed up with his sometimes-steady-girl-friend **Linda Smith**. Don’t they make a neat couple?

Beatle Flashes: Best Beatle news in ages is **George Harrison’s** triple LP *All Things Must Pass*. It’s just too much!! It’s an absolute must for all you 16-ers. As an example of how great George’s Apple LP *All Things Must Pass* is—well, just listen to all the words to his fantastic single hit *My Sweet Lord*. Heaven scent! . . . **Paul McCartney** and his wife the lovely **Linda** were living in New York City while Paul put the finishing touches on his newest Apple LP—another don’t miss . . . And **John** and **Yoko** both have released new LPs . . . And still riding on the success of *Beaucoup Of Blues*, **Ringo** and his sweet wife **Maureen** announced the birth of their third child—a daughter named **Lee**. In case you lost count, their older son **Zak** is five and their middle son **Jason** is three.

And guess who the stork is coming to visit in March? Our own lovely **Bridget**

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