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TRIBUTE TO A STAR—If there's anyone out there who thinks *Three Dog Night* don't care about their fans, hear this! On Thursday, July 22 *Chuck Negron* was in an auto accident and broke his arm and his nose. That Friday and Saturday the group was scheduled to do two concerts in Dallas. The doctor told Chuck that he'd better skip those concerts, because the pain killers he was prescribing would knock him out too much to perform. Chuck, however, told the doctor he had no intention of missing the concerts and refused the medication, going on stage both nights in such incredible pain that after the Saturday concert he fainted. But both concerts were fabulous, and no one in the cheering audiences knew about Chuck's accident or the pain he was in—and that's the way he wanted it!

MUSICMAKERS—The *Carpenters* report they've been getting their fan mail forwarded from all sorts of weird places, but now they have an official mailing address for you. It's THE CARPENTERS FAN CLUB, P.O. Box 4375, Downey, California 90241—and they're waiting to hear from you... Now that the new *Mamas and Papas* album has been recorded for Dunhill Records, *Mama Cass* will begin recording as a solo artist on RCA... The British songwriter's guild named *George Harrison's* "Something" the best song of the year... If you live in Atlanta, Pittsburgh or Dallas, you may already have your "frog" button! The frog stands for "Jeremiah," mentioned in the first line of "Joy to the World," and was part of the publicity for *Three Dog Night* concerts in those cities... *Grand Funk's* Shea Stadium concert in New York had a box office draw of \$306,000, beating the Beatles take in 1965 of \$304,000... *Carole King* is the latest artist

to have her material "bootlegged" and she's gone to court to stop the illegal recordings (taken from a live concert) from being sold... And not only recordings, but live groups as well are being bootlegged—a fake group calling itself *Frijid Pink* has been booked for several dates in Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana and Alabama... so doublecheck before you go!... *Gordon Lightfoot* just returned from a summer-long Northern Ontario canoeing trip... *Peter Noone*, who left *Herman's Hermits* at the beginning of the summer, is now a solo artist on Bell Records... The *Beach Boys* and the *Grateful Dead* are discussing the possibility of a joint tour... The *Dead* should be coming out with a new album soon, too... *Marty Balin* has left *Jefferson Airplane* and *Grace Slick* has completely recovered from her auto accident... *Joe Cocker* is recording again and looking for a new road band... *Ringo Starr* and *George Harrison* joined forces August 1 for a benefit performance in Madison Square Garden for the victims of the Pakistani civil war... it's the first time since 1966 that the two have played together in public... *Grand Funk* just bought two polar bears for the City of New York. Cost: \$12,000.

TV & OTHER NEWS—*David Cassidy* regrets that some of his summer concerts had to be canceled due to his illness, and promises he'll make them up as soon as possible... Circle September 19 on your calendar—that's the night the *Jackson Five's* TV special, "Goin' Back to Indiana," airs on ABC... Everything's happening at once for *B.J. Thomas*—he has a new hit on Scepter Records called "Mighty Clouds of Joy," and now he's been signed to star in his first movie, "Barkum," the story of a drifting singer-com-

poser... *Andy Williams* (would you believe) is starring in his own version of "Love Story," which is being produced for German television... Meanwhile, the original "Oliver Barrett IV," *Ryan O'Neal*, may play the lead in a movie called "Brave New World" if plans to make "What's Up Doc?" with *Barbra Streisand* fall through... And speaking of Ryan, we apologize for not having the interview with his parents that we promised for this issue. The article didn't reach us in time for our deadline, but it will be in next month's issue. Promise!... *Olivia Hussey* has gone back to work after a brief honeymoon with husband *Dino Martin*—she's in a film called "Camille," which will be directed by Franco Zeffirelli, who directed her in "Romeo and Juliet"... *The Brady Bunch* will do a half-hour special for ABC... David's father *Jack Cassidy* will be guest starring on everybody's else's show this season, including a segment of "Bonanza" and of a new show called "Columbo"... If you get the Public Broadcasting Service on your TV, watch for a "Hollywood Television Theatre" production of a play called "The Scarecrow"—*Pete Duel* is in it!... *Michael Douglas* is doing a film for the Disney Studios called "Napoleon and Samantha," and we wouldn't even want to guess who or what they are... Things were pretty quiet in Hollywood this summer, with the whole "Partridge Family" set closed down until David was well enough to resume filming. Now that he's back, they're hurrying to complete the remainder of the shows for this season, so you don't have to watch repeats this winter!

