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WOW—health-wise it was a pretty rough summer for the three top teen idols!! In July, **David Cassidy** had to have an operation to remove his gall bladder; in August, **Bobby Sherman** had to rest up for a week after nearly collapsing from “nervous exhaustion”; and in September, adorable **Donny Osmond** was rushed to a hospital for what turned out to be an emergency appendicitis operation (see Page 30). But don't worry, luvvies, cos all three—**David, Bobby** and **Donny**—are fit as a fiddle and feeling fine now!!

This past August, when the **Osmond Brothers** were appearing at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Canada, coincidentally the **Jackson 5** were in the same area—and guess what happened?! That's right—the Osmonds met the J5 in person for the very first time! All in all it was an exciting and heart-warming meeting, and you'll be reading each and every one of the details about the day the Osmonds met the Jacksons in **SPEC's fabulous Holiday 3-In-1** issue, which goes on sale December 17. So be sure to pick up a copy!! Meanwhile, feast your eyes on the cute picture of none other than **Michael Jackson** and **Donny Osmond**—snapped by none other than little **Jimmy Osmond** with Michael Jackson's very own Polaroid!

Take a look at adorable **John David Carson** and then—guess what?! John and **David Cassidy** were both final contenders for the role of “Keith Partridge”. It was only at the very end that David was awarded the role—and if he had turned it down, John David would be playing “Keith” right now! If you'd like to see John in action, try to catch him when he does a guest shot on ABC-TV's *Owen Marshall: Counsellor At Law*, which airs at 10:30 every Thursday night . . . **Elvis Presley** fans will be happy to know that Elvis winds up his third in-person U.S. concert tour by appearing at the Dallas Auditorium in Dallas, Texas, on November 13; University of Alabama Fieldhouse in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on November 14; The Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, on No-

vember 15; and Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 16.

Keeping up with that “ole DS gang”: **Jonathan Frid** continues to star in road company productions of various serious and famous dramatic plays. **Virginia Vestoff** will play the role of “Kitty Hawk” in the movie version of the Broadway hit musical *1776*. **Nancy Barrett** is now a regular on NBC-TV's daytime serial *The Doctors*. **Grayson Hall** is appearing in a new Broadway comedy-drama *The President Of Second Avenue*, after appearing in an off-Broadway production of a play called *The Last Analysis*. **Michael Stroka** and **David Selby** are in California for TV and movie roles and, if you were lucky, you saw **Roger Davis**—who has settled down in Hollywood—on a recent segment of *Alias Smith And Jones* . . . Also, keep watching for Roger's guest appearance on top-rated *Medical Center*.

And speaking of actors, **Raider Keith Allison** is broadening his spectrum by writing songs for films and appearing in them too! His debut as an actor will be in the Cinerama movie *Where Does It Hurt?* Same goes for singer-composer **B.J. Thomas**, who will have the leading role in a forthcoming movie called *Barkum* . . . And, in case you haven't heard about it yet, famous singer **Tom Jones** has just completed his first motion picture starring role. The United Artists film is called *The Gospel Singer* (written by **Bob Thom**)—and guess who plays the gospel singer?! . . . And speaking of Bob Thom, his fabulous script for the movie *Wild In The Streets*, starring **Chris Jones**, will be “on view” again when A.I.P. re-releases this fascinating film all over America around Christmas-time. Hope you catch it—and if you do, keep your eyes peeled for **Barry Williams**, who has a small role in it.

A special thanks to **Beatles George Harrison** and **Ringo Starr** and to the one and only **Bob Dylan** for making George's concert for the benefit of the refugees of Bengla Desh (East Pakistan) such a huge financial success. Because of the work of George and Bob—and many others—these deprived and victimized people will be receiving \$255,971, to be used to provide sorely-needed food, medicine and other services. The benefit funds, which are being administered by the United Nations, will be increased (even more!) after profits come in from a TV spectacular of the Harrison-Dylan Madison Square Garden Concert (to be aired December 4 on CBS-TV) and from the sales of the LP made of this concert, which is entitled *Concert For Bengla Desh* and is on the Apple label, available at your record store now.

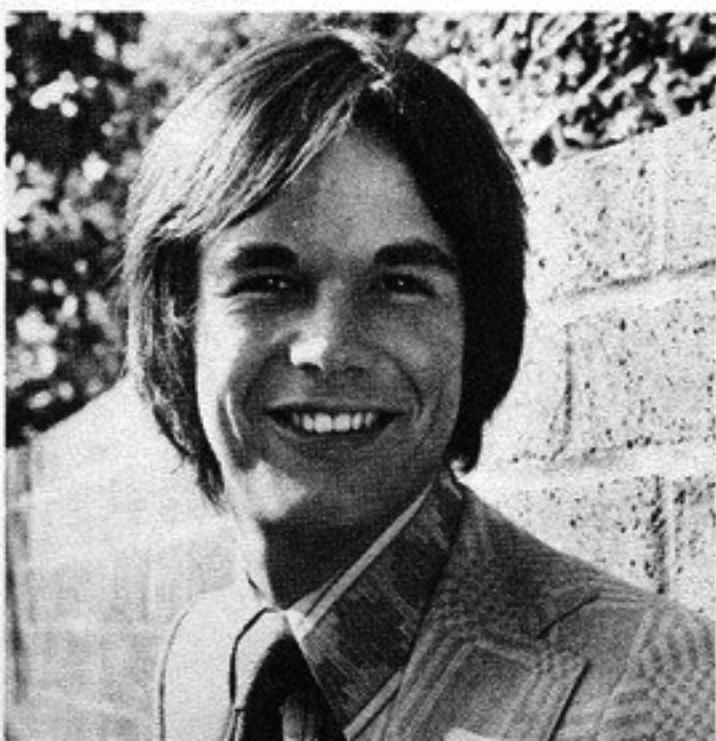


Donny & Michael

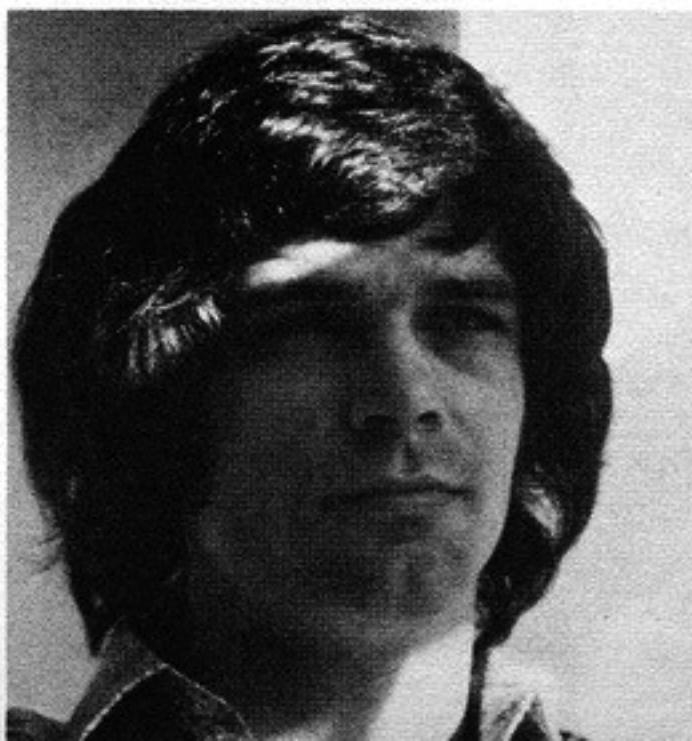


Bob Dylan at Bengla Desh benefit

John David Carson



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Chris Jones

