

Had lunch with a very talented young actor the other day named **David Holmes**. He's 17 and a Virgo and he'll be playing the son on the new Dick Van Dyke Show. You won't see much of him in the first 10 episodes because on the show he's away at school, but after that you'll be seeing a lot more of him.

David grew up in France and speaks fluent French, but he's living in Beverly Hills now with his folks. He graduated from Beverly Hills High School this year and spent the summer in San Diego where he appeared as Linus in "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," and did "The King And I" with a local stage group.

He's a very real, sincere, calm, quietly sexy kind of guy—and he personally answers all of his own fan mail. If you'd like to see more of **David** on the Van Dyke show, write to CBS-TV and tell them so.

If you'd like to drop a note to **David**, his address is P.O. Box 5192, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

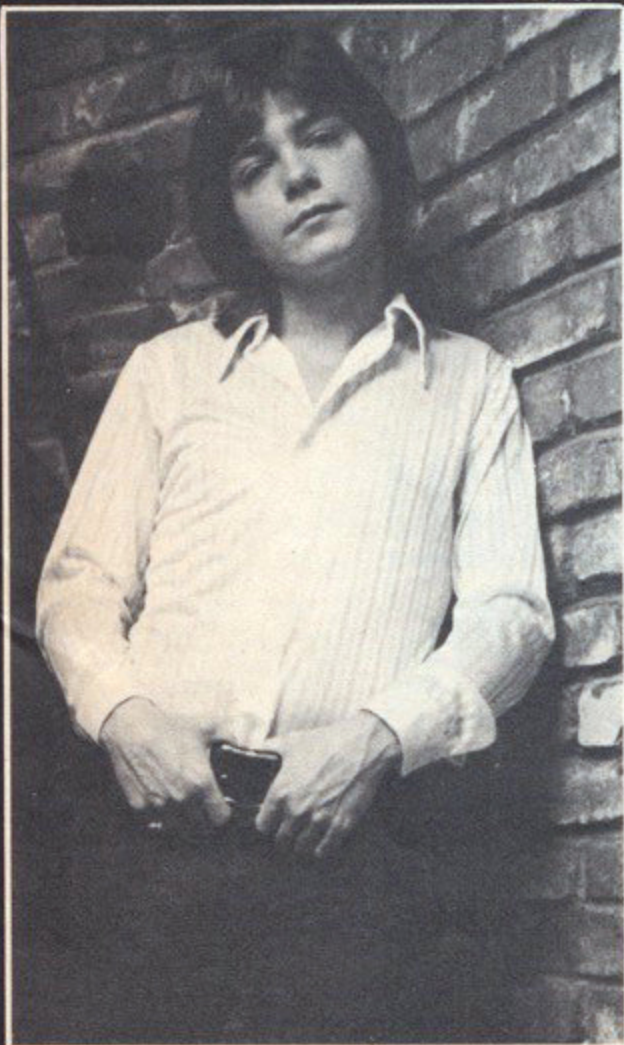
Stuff and Junk—**Robb Royer** has

left **Bread** to concentrate on writing movie and TV screenplays . . . He's been replaced by **Larry Knechtel**, one of Hollywood's greatest session musicians.

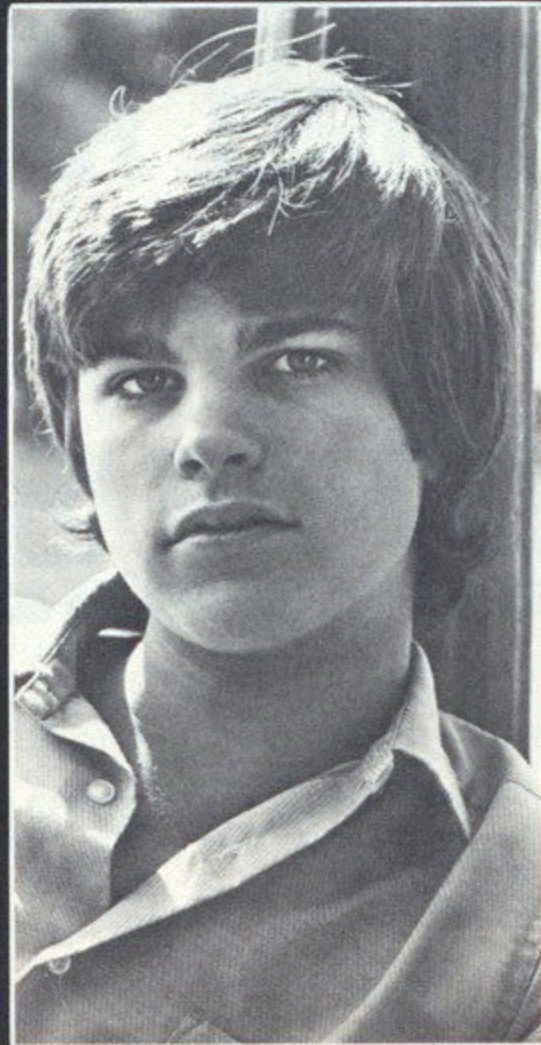
Monkee News—**David Jones** and **Mickey Dolenz**, the only official **Monkees** left, are suing Columbia Pictures and various other companies for \$20 million, which they claim is owed to them from the **Monkee** days. It's a big and very complicated suit and will probably take years to settle. It's the sort of thing that happens often when a group makes it very big, very fast and a lot of money is made. It often takes years to figure out who made what money where. Oh, well.

Hey, can I introduce you to some friends of mine? They're a group called **Crystal Axe** and they're from San Jose, California. The guys' names are **Phil Tracy**, **Jim Harris**, **Jim Bush** and **Tim Todd**, and they're great people. They're in the process of working out recording contracts and all that now. I'll let you know more about them in future issues.

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Been getting some letters lately asking what ever happened to the cast of "The Young Rebels." Well, after the show was canceled, adorable **Rick Ely** had some slow times, but things are looking better now. He's done a "Marcus Welby, M.D." and has a couple of other things in the works, so keep your eye out for him.

Lou Gossett was all set to star in an ABC-TV Movie of the Week when he tore a tendon in his heel while playing basketball. He lost that part and has been wobbling around in a cast up to mid-thigh ever since. He has to go up a flight of stairs to get in or out of his house, which is tricky with that huge cast, so he hasn't been out too much, except to see his mother, who's been ill, too.

But you can see **Lou** now in the movie "Skin Game," in which he co-stars with **James Garner**. It's a funny movie that I think you'll enjoy. He's also doing a Broadway play this fall in New York.

Alex Henteloff, who did a marvelous job playing Henry is a daddy now and has been doing a lot of local theater work. And sexy **Philippe Forquet** did a bit part in "Waterloo," plus those Twice As Nice commercials you've been seeing on TV.

They are all a nice group of people and I hope we get to see a lot more of them in the future.

It's a girl, named **Stella**, for **Paul** and **Linda McCartney**. The baby, their second girl, was born Sept. 13. Maybe the next one will be a boy, **Paul**.

Ah well, I'm off to see the stage production of "Jesus Christ Superstar." I'll tell you about that next month too.

Happy Turkey Day.

Carol



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