

Is **DAVID CASSIDY** holding his own as the #1 idol of America's teenage girls?

Sure he is! But did you know that a Hollywood columnist was surprised when she personally polled the 12-year-old students at a Beverly Hills school and discovered that the majority of girls still love David but are also raving and waving pictures of **Michael Gray**? Funny thing is, she didn't know who Michael was! So, we'll tell her:

Michael Gray is a groovy actor and singer, age 20, green eyes, dark hair, medium height (5-9) and a Virgo. Maybe his solo single didn't get so high on the pop charts and his TV pilot, "Bobby Jo and the Big Apple Good Time Band," didn't catch a big-time sponsor, but, nevertheless, he won't stop now! He's got faith, fans, followers and backers who believe!

Get this if you can: **Paul McCartney** has written several tunes especially for **Twiggy**.

Bubblegum is a not-nice nine-letter word used by many older people (over 16, that is) to ridicule and put down singers and songs that have heavy ap-



DAVID CASSIDY TOOK off for Hawaii just after the story in that San Francisco pop magazine came out nationwide.

peal for kids in the 8-to-15 age bracket.

"It burns me up!" exploded **Don Everly**. "Why should artists be judged according to the age of themselves and their fans? That's sheer prejudice!"

"Look, they snub and ignore **Donny Osmond** and **Michael Jackson** as 'bubblegum'. That's stupid because both kids are splendid artists regardless of

mented with a few older and non-record performers but they made the program drag!

Gordon Lightfoot may never take to the concert trail again. He continued his last tour to the very end though he suffered painfully with Bell's palsy which paralyzed his facial muscles and affected control of his vocal chords

IT'S HAPPENING IN HOLLYWOOD

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NEW SINGING STAR, Chip Hand, is just 17 years old. You can see him on the **Dick Cavett** show this summer!
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their ages."

"The prejudice works both ways," **Phil Everly** cut in. "Teenagers think the **Everly Brothers** are old folks, almost museum pieces. Ain't so. We've been happening on every level, and we don't intend to stagnate or get locked into one style or trend. My upcoming solo album will be different than anything. Call it 'freefall' music if you must have a tag."

Fashion Memos: Minibikinis have blossomed on the California beaches this summer. Not long ago they'd get you busted for indecent exposure!

Youth-g geared music-song teleshow may be poison to the network biggies who don't know where it's at! It was a syndicated show aired on indie stations, "Rolling On The River," starring **Kenny Rogers** and the **First Edition** that rated No. 1 in the 15-25 age bracket last year and walked off with all honors! It was renewed for a second season by the **Noxell** sponsors!

Good Guy Producer **David Winters** will target the weekly program strictly for youngies next season by booking **Top-40** acts only. Last term he experi-

during the final 10 days.

The title role was so fantastic that **Desi Arnaz, Jr.**, could not say No to a chance to play **Marco Polo** in "Marco," a film musical being made in Japan by a British company bankrolled by American bread. **Desi** made **Liza Minnelli** promise to go with him to the Oriental location. That suited him to a T.

Cute, short **Sally Struthers** is quite a swinger in her spare time when she has any. As soon as her vacation from "All In The Family" started, Sally went to Texas to play in the **Steve McQueen-Ali McGraw** starrer "The Getaway."

Papa Pat Boone and his brood of five or six beautiful teenage daughters will spend most of the summer on a national tour of churches and church-sponsored open-air concerts with their "One Happy Family," stage show.

The demand for plastic surgery to shrink, shorten and reshape noses has dropped off remarkably since big beaks were made so popular by **Cher Bono** and **Barbra Streisand**!

A half to one million children in Bangladesh may owe their lives to **George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Bob**