

PERSONAL LIFE



MARLON BRANDO

As the chief mafioso in "The Godfather," Marlon Brando has had his reputation as the greatest actor of his generation restored. His acting talents bloomed early. Raised in Nebraska, where his mother taught drama, Brando left home at 19 to study acting in N.Y. with Stella Adler. "A Streetcar Named Desire," both the stage and movie versions, established his reputation. But a run of bad films, plus Brando's fiery temper and unconventional life, had some people saying he was washed up. "Godfather" has silenced them. Brando is still battling his ex-wife Anna Kashfi for custody over their son Christian Devi, 13.



JAMES BROLIN

The prognosis for James Brolin who plays Doctor Kiley on "Marcus Welby, M.D." is excellent. Last year Jim earned an Emmy in this role for best supporting actor. Now there's talk that Dr. Kiley may leave "Welby" for a spin-off series of his own. Jim was born in L.A., first studied aeronautical engineering but then switched to acting. In 10 years he has clocked over 5000 hours of studying with acting notables while nurturing his own steady career. Yet there still has been time for his family: wife Jane, sons Josh, 4, and baby Jesse. The Brolins raise Appaloosa horses and are also avid boatniks.



CAROL BURNETT

There are times when Carol's and husband Joe Hamilton's 14-room home is so quiet, Carol thinks she hears a ghostly trumpet—probably left over from the days when the house was owned by Harry James. Rarely is the house that quiet though, what with Carol and Joe's 3 daughters, plus frequent visits from Joe's 8 children by a former marriage. Carol is truly dedicated to her family, career and humanity. She is very ecology-minded, wears an ecology pin and has gifted every member of her cast with one. Born in Texas, the second biggest state in the U.S.A., maybe that's why Carol has such a big heart.



JAMES CAAN

Jim, who was born in the Bronx, always knew that he wanted to be an actor. But to pacify his parents he studied pre-law at Hofstra College. After switching his major from economics to business management to history, Jim finally followed his intuition and left school for an acting career. For a while, he was commuting from the East to the West Coast with jobs on TV and Off-Broadway. Last season Jim won acclaim for his football hero role in "Brian's Song." This season the cheers are even louder for his convincing portrayal of Sonny Corleone in the film "The Godfather."



DAVID CASSIDY

David's big wish is to own enough space to spread out, be alone and free. Obviously the tensions of being the long-standing No. 1 teen idol is catching up with him. Recently with his "Partridge Family" earnings, he has bought a piece of an island in the Pacific to help turn his dream into reality. But it will be a long while before David can enjoy nothing but picking pineapples. Meanwhile he lives frugally on his \$150 a week allowance, dating rarely because he has little time what with his TV series and concerts. Born in NYC on April 12, 1950, David started as a stage actor, came to California and found fame.



MICHAEL COLE

Michael has never been the kind of guy to sit around and wait for things to happen. He pitches right in and participates. While waiting for his big acting break, Mike lived off a variety of jobs including dishwasher in a pizzeria, bartender, book salesman and handyman. Now that he's made it big on "Mod Squad," he still can't sit still. Often he and his bride Paula Kelly will cruise the Hollywood Hills where they live, in their silver gray Jaguar. Somehow Mike always makes time to read, shoot a game of pool with his friends or read scripts for potential movie properties.