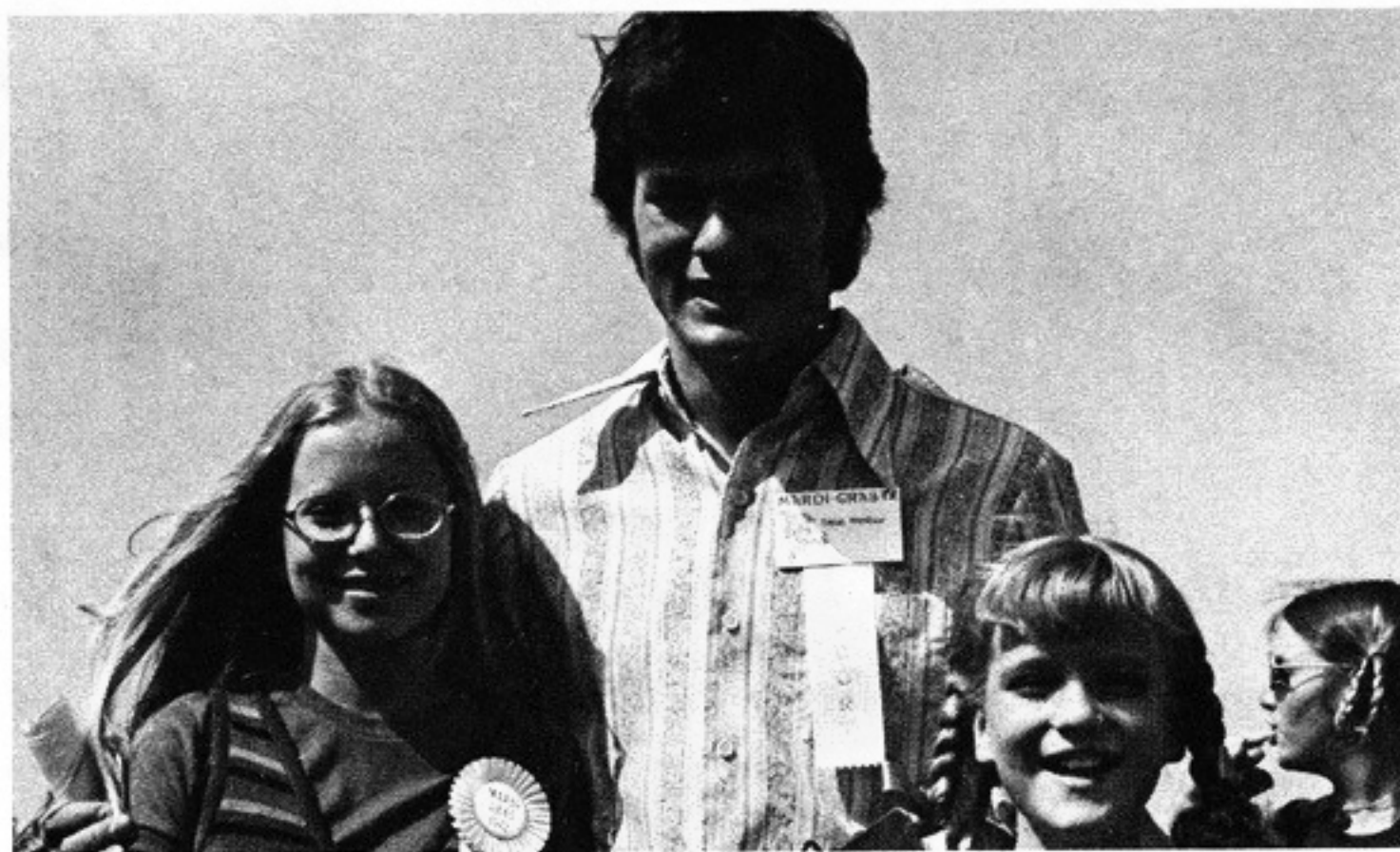




CALIFORNIA CALLING...

Keep up with what's happening out West with our gal, Janey Milstead!



The Brady Kids are always on the go. Here are Eve Plumb and Susan Olsen at Mardi Gras.

OSMOND HAPPENINGS: Our dear DONNY has lived through another of those mishaps which always seem to be happening to boys of his age.

While the family was resting in Utah before their July tour got started, Donny was out in a boat and decided to catch a frog which was bobbing about in the water nearby. That was his first mistake because the frog turned out to be a broken green bottle and Donny wound up with a cut hand that required seven (count 'em) stitches! He recovered, of course, so much that he was already looking for frogs again the next day.

Did you know that the Brothers have bought their own boat? Dunno what kind or how big, but it can pull six water skiers at once. Six famous ones at that. They keep the boat in Utah, which is where they always go to really relax and visit family. (Their brother VIRL, his wife CHRIS, and their baby daughter, GINNY, and sons, AARON and JARED, live in Provo and both their grandmothers live in Salt Lake. So does brother TOMMY and his wife

LYN, who will soon make the Osmonds uncles for the fourth time.)

The group's new single, "Hold Her Tight" is out now and is another family production. ALAN, WAYNE and MERRILL wrote the song and Alan co-produced it.

As you know, their recent appearances on several TV shows in England were smashing successes, and they once again proved themselves to be truly nice guys. No live audience was scheduled for their "Top Of The Pops" appearance, but the boys were concerned about the hundred or so of girls who'd been faithfully following them about and were then camped just outside the telly studio. What they did was make arrangements for the girls to come in and watch the show being filmed. Isn't that the greatest?

SHERMAN ON THE MOVE: BOBBY SHERMAN has completed that much-discussed segment of "Mod Squad" that will open the new 1972-73 season, and is back to working on his movie. Bobby has a van fitted with camera and sound equipment, and

has shot nearly an hour of film he'll use as a presentation to sell his idea to a movie studio or TV network. Bobby luvvers may be sorry to hear he doesn't plan to be in the movie, not definitely anyway. He's more interested in the directing end of things.

Bobby has something of a new look, with slightly shorter hair and a mustache. However, he looks as gorgeous as ever.

ON THE PARTRIDGE SET: In case you'd like to know what the members of the "Partridge Family" do between takes, it goes something like this. DAVID walks around briskly, looking at his script, and often sings to himself and dances a few steps. He does this when the next scene calls for him to be in a peppy, happy mood. If his next scene is just the opposite, he tries to feel his way into that sort of humor. But whether he needs to be dramatic or elated, he chews gum furiously, as do many television and film stars, to keep the face muscles from tensing, and the mouth from getting dry.

SHIRLEY JONES sits and talks with friends, but actually she mostly laughs. In fact, she has one of the most famous laughs in Hollywood. It comes booming and bubbling out of her, and can be heard all over the set! Naturally, it makes everyone else laugh and feel good.

BRIAN FORSTER, besides going to school, has a game going with one of the crew members which involves Brian being able to "borrow" items from the guy's pocket or waist tool kit without him knowing it. The other day Brian made off with a heavy pair of pliers and the guy didn't know it until he needed them!

SUZANNE CROUGH is learning to play tennis and also likes to play around the outside of the big green stage that houses the Partridge activity at the Columbia Ranch in Burbank. Because of