

HAPPENINGS IN HOLLYWOOD

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5. At the age of 13, Timothy Bottoms hitchhiked by himself to Hollywood to satisfy his itch for action in the movie biz. Two years later he'd earned enough bread to send for his family and settle them in romantic Santa Barbara where they all still live.

At 20, Tim's career is rising fast as a scairt duck since his role in the award winning "The Last Picture Show," which crowned his years of summer stock, three movies and a soulful TV drama, "Look Homeward Angel."

6. Although Ronnie Howard is a stage and TV veteran at 18, he's right now hot to trot into the wacky wonderful world of movies. He had a small part in "The Journey," a Deborah Kerr-Yul Brynner starrer, and when ABC dumped "The Smith Family," (he was the middle kid), redheaded Ronnie tried for and won the teenage role in "American Graffiti," filmed in San Francisco...

This resumé is becoming long as a sermon, so we'll merely mention other fledgling screen actors who have the qualities enumerated in paragraph 3 of this illiterate masterpiece, virtues which lift them above the teeming swarms of would-be actors.

Watch these youthful candidates for maxistardom:

Brandon Cruz and Lee Harcourt Montgomery, both 10, David Holmes, Kurt Russell, Michael Gray and Eddie Albert, all 21, Bobby Sherman and Jan-Michael Vincent, both 27-year-old teenage faves.

Not included above are David Cassidy, Del Russel, Mitch Vogel and other gifted actors tied tight into long-running TV shows. By the way whatever happened to Robert Lipton?

Weird are the ways of worshipers at the shrine of their current godlings. Consider the case of David Cassidy whose concerts in 35 cities were usually sell-outs. Even the massive N.Y. Madison Square Garden and the vast N.J. Garden Arts Center did SRO (Screaming Room Only) biz at \$5.50 to \$7.50 per seat. David's records go gold. "I Think I Love You" passed the 3,500,000 sales marks, earning him a platinum plus a gold record.

Then a strange anti-climax to his Summer of '72 tour happened. Ticket sales for the widely-advertised starlight concert at Hollywood Bowl dragged so snail-slow that Bowl promoters and Cassidy staffers chickened out, canceled the performance and refunded the money, \$20,000, to ticket buyers. A take of \$90,000 was expected.

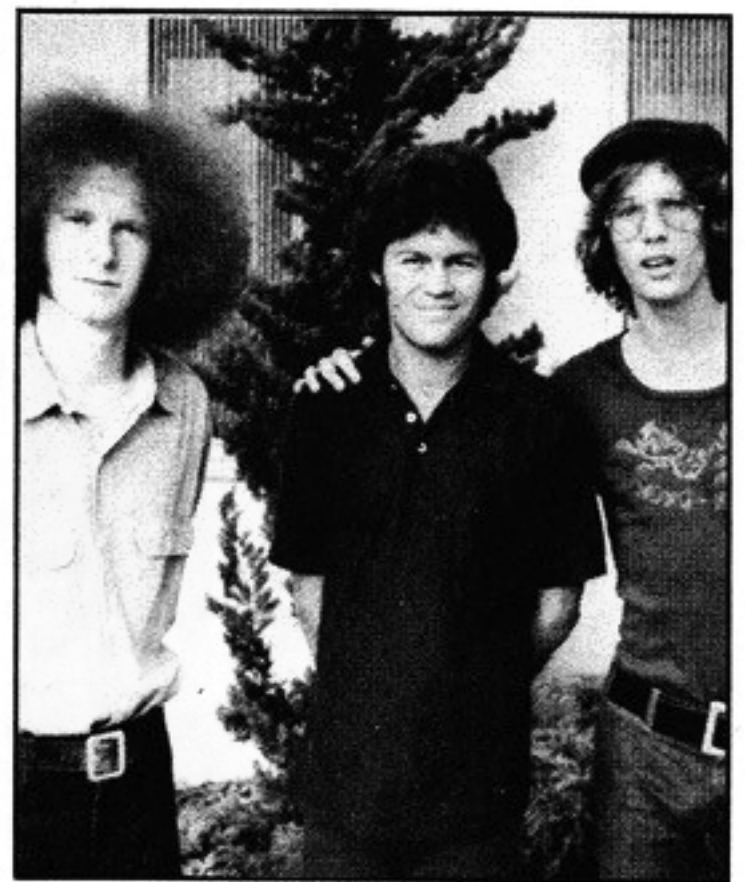
Music moguls claim L.A. audiences are noted for jinxing popstar shows, yet Alice Cooper with Jo Jo Gunne, Rod Stewart and the Faces, Yes, Allman Brothers, Stephen Stills with Manassas filled the Bowl to overflowing. Dear readers, please explain.

The older established movie stars are poison on the TV tube, network masterminds decided after low ratings clobbered the likes of Tony Quinn, Glenn Ford, Tony Curtis, Jimmy Stewart and Henry Fonda last term. No old-timers will decorate the star roster of TV attractions in 1972-73.

Ozzie Nelson, usually the soul of honor, talked through his hat when he told us that NBC had bought his pilot "Ozzie's Girls" for a fall series. The net did not.

Cheech and Chong went to prison for a day. As entertainers, that is to say. Comedy pair performed at Chino State Reformatory, and broke up the inmates. "We couldn't break 'em out," said Cheech or was it Chong?

Not long after Delaney & Bonnie signed a highly profitable and exclusive contract with Columbia, the pair



PALS DAVID Jolliffe, Mickey Dolenz and Del Russell gather for a preview of Mickey's movie, "Ace of Spades."

had a fierce fight, their marriage came undone and their professional partnership fell apart.

Four of the finest and costliest movies of 1972 will be musicals: "Lost Horizon," Ross Hunter's extravaganza of life in faroff Shangra-La (Olivia Hussey is in it); "Jesus Christ, Superstar," being filmed in Israel-By-The-Sea; "Tom Sawyer," musical version of the Mark Twain classic, with ten original songs sung by its junior cast; and "The Little Prince," a Lerner-Lowe original.

Black Oak Arkansas, the freaky family of 15 troubadors, equipment wrasslers and roadies, have a plan: make a lot of bread as fast as possible, sell their 40-acre ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains, buy a mountain in their native Ozarks, build a town from the ground up, call it Heaven, Ark., and live there in perfect bliss forever more.

Reports of riots at Rolling Stone concerts were greatly exaggerated. Disturbances inside the arenas were rare. Some hassles happened outside when ticketless fans tried to crash. In San Diego many bought counterfeit tickets at swollen prices and were naturally riled when turned back at the gates.

The reason he accepted a role in "Bluebeard" at half his usual pay and percentage, Richard Burton explained, was because "My children wanted me to be in a horror film at least once, so I took this job to get them off my back."

Rolling Stone Keith Richards and his ever-loving g.f., Anita Pallenberg became parents, in Switzerland, of a #2 son. Davy Jones is in training as a part-time jockey at the Hollywood Racetrack. Columbia Pix tossed a celeb-press screening of the Mickey Dolenz-starrer, "Ace of Spades." Mickey was runner-up and Dino Martin, Jr., was crowned champion of the Hollywood-Palm Springs Celebrity Tennis Tournaments.



THE OSMONDS WERE THRILLED to receive this beautiful award given by the United Cerebral Palsy Association! The boys were hosts at a luncheon for the teenage contest winners in the agency. The award was for "unselfish service!"