



# ALL THE GOSSIP!

Whee! I do love summer! Don't you? All that sun and fun and whatever. I even love dear California's absurdly hot weather.

Some people have to work all summer though—for instance **Three Dog Night**. They're off on a Tour of Tours that's hitting most of the nation's biggest ball parks and auditoriums.

The guys are particularly looking forward to return engagements at the Dallas Cotton Bowl and the Atlanta Braves Stadium on August 19 and 20. It was just before the Cotton Bowl gig last year that **Chuck** had an auto accident and then performed anyway, despite a broken nose and wrist. He hopes to be in much better shape for this concert.

Appearing with **Three Dog Night** will be **The Faces** with **Rod Stewart**—that should be a couple of really fantastic shows.

Before leaving on this tour, the guys completed their eighth album—"Seven Separate Fools"—which has one of the greatest looking album covers I've ever seen. It's got a lot of good music inside too. Do give it a listen.

Notes from the soul world—**Michael Jackson** has been set to sing the title song from the movie *Ben*, which is a sequel to *Willard* . . . **Cindy Birdsong** has left **The Supremes** to be a mommie and has been replaced by **Lynda Lawrence**.

Stuff and junk—Cute **Teddy Neely** has just completed a smash engagement here starring in "Tommy," the rock opera based on the album by **The Who**, and is now set to star as **Jesus** in the Broadway production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* which opens soon here at Universal studios.

Sick Call—**Andy Williams** is down with the measles and it's expected his twin brother **David** will have them soon, too . . . **John Cow-sill** (remember **The Cowsills**?) is down with mononucleosis . . . **John's** the youngest member of the group which now consists of just the four brothers . . . And **Shirley Jones** had to cancel out her White House gig because of a throat infection . . . but she's okay now and busily recording the next *Partridge Family* album with **David**.

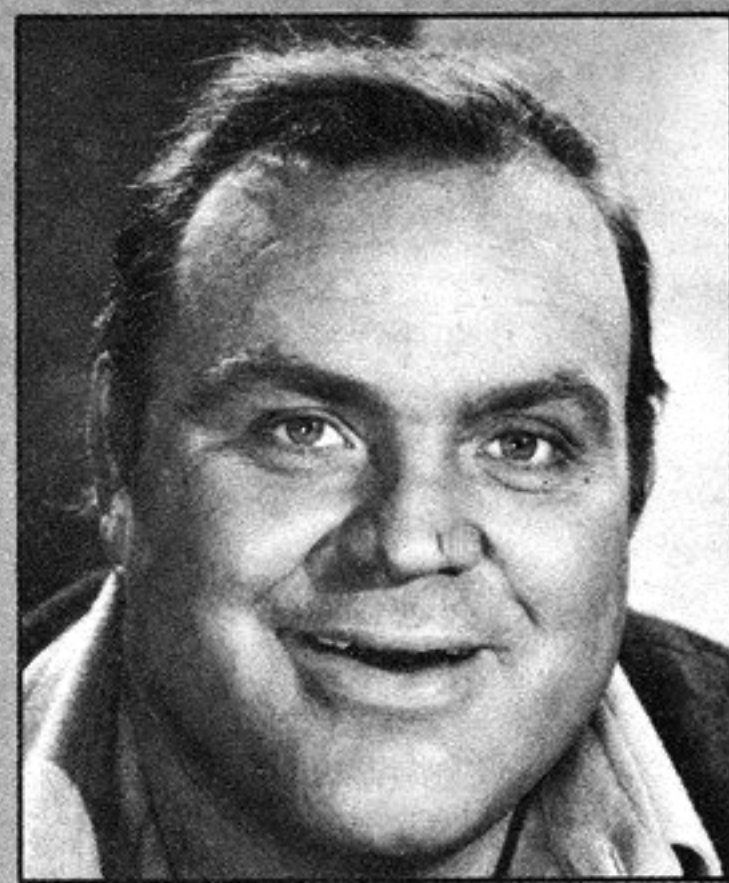
Speaking of **David**—He's agreed to join one of the Concerts for **McGovern** that many celebs are doing to help raise funds for the presidential candidate (That should answer any questions about **David's** politics) . . . **David's** latest investments include land in Hawaii and a radio station . . . And after **Phil Silvers'** comment at the Tony Awards—"The only thing my daughters will ask is 'Was **David Cassidy** there?'"—**David** called **Silvers** and promised him tickets for the girls to his August 4 concert at the Hollywood Bowl—It pays to have a famous daddy!

And in the coming season of *The Partridge Family*, you can look forward to a love interest for Mrs. Partridge. They're even talking about maybe having her marry again and giving all the Partridge kids a step-father. No one's been set for the role of **Shirley's** admirer yet, but suggestions that they try for **Shirley's** estranged husband, **Jack Cassidy**, are being met with growls and frowns.

Sad news this month from my town—**Dan Blocker**, 43, who played Hoss on *Bonanza* for so many years, died here May 13 of a blood clot in his lung. He was a big man—6'4", 300 pounds—and a



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much loved man and he'll be sorely missed. He was buried in Dekalb, Texas next to his father and his sister. He's survived by his wife, Dolphia, and their four children.

There's been no decision made yet as to what will happen on *Bonanza*. The fall season was to have begun with a two parter in which Hoss got married, but all the scripts for the season have now been scrapped and no one knows yet what will happen with the show.

I also saw **Randy Newman** and **Jennifer** at The Troubadour. **Jennifer's** a quiet young thing, but she's interesting . . . and **Randy** writes the most marvelous little ditties. If you get a chance to see him, I think you'll like him. And he's cute too.

More stuff and junk—**Keith Allison** has written a song called "Get Out On The Road," which is on the new **Dillard's** album, "Roots and Branches" . . . *The Mod Squad* cast and crew have moved production from Paramount to 20th Century and **Michael Cole** is now using a dressing room formerly occupied by **Richard Burton** . . . **Neil Diamond** helped pay for the printing of 10,000 posters urging the 18 to 21 year olds to vote.

Oops, almost forgot! Watch for a great-looking guy, **Chris Holland**, who has a great-sounding single, "Help (Get Me Some Help)," out this summer.

Grunk, I'm out of room again, and I was just getting going. Oh well, there's always next month. See ya.

Carol