

# TELLY TIME

**Richard Thomas**, star of CBS's *The Waltons*, can be seen in your neighborhood movies in a fascinating thriller called *You'll Like My Mother*. Co-starred with Richard is pretty **Patty Duke**—remember her from ABC's *The Patty Duke Show*? Hope ya' caught **Patty's** stellar performance as a vindictive unwed mother on ABC's *Owen Marshall* early in October; **David Soul**—remember him from *Here Come The Brides*?—played the young father. **David** also turned up on a *Streets Of San Francisco* "Hall Of Mirrors" segment, along with **A Martinez** (remember him from the movie *Cowboys*) . . . Magnificent **Mark Spitz** is headed into show biz in a great big way. One of the first deals he's signed is one which will permit a **Mark Spitz** animated cartoon to join ABC's Saturday morning cartoon lineup. The main character of **Mark's** series will be a champion swimmer named "**Mark Spitz**." Natch! And, of course, you caught marvelous **Mark's** guest appearance early in December on *The New Bill Cosby Show*.

At press time the two regular telly shows most likely to be dropped are CBS's *Anna And The King* (which will probably be replaced by the **Jackson 5's** new half-hour variety show in January—oh, goody!); and ABC's *Alias Smith & Jones*—but don't worry, I'm sure that **Roger Davis** and **Ben Murphy** will each turn up in a series of their own faster'n you can switch channels!

Super-talented **Ron Dante** back on the scene again with his groovy Thanksgiving guest appearance on ABC's three-hour special *The Jerry Lucas Super Kids Magic Jamboree* on which he sang and did magic tricks. More of **Ron's** magical powers will be coming your way any minute with the release of his first MGM single and LP—both destined to be super hits . . . **Vince Van Patten**—who knocked you out three Sundays in a row on NBC's *Wonderful World Of Disney*—"High Flying Spy" three-parter—will be featured in the forthcoming full-length Disney movie *Charlie And The Angel*—which incidentally co-stars **Kurt Russell**, **Kathleen Cody** (remember her from *Dark Shadows*?), and **Scott Kolden**. Oh, yes—you can catch **Scott** and adorable **Johnny Whitaker** on January 7 and 14 in *Wonderful World Of Disney's* two-parter "The Mystery In Dracula's Castle!"

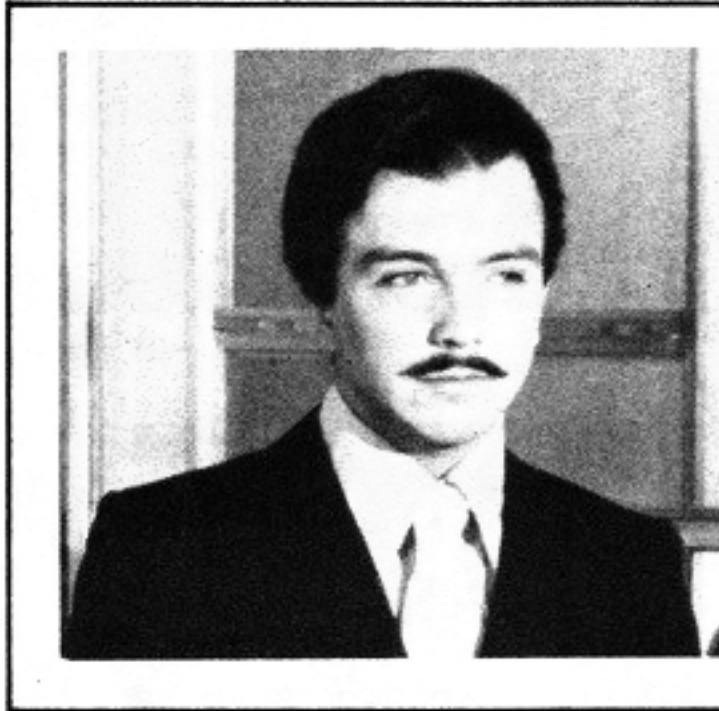
One of **Robert Young's** "daughters" in his ABC MOW "All My Darling Daughters" was none other than pretty **Judy Strangis**, semi-regular on *Room 222* and **David Cassidy's** former steady. Young's "sons-in-law" included two of our regular favorites, **Darrell Larson** and **Bruce Kirby, Jr.** . . . **Michael-James Wixted** popped up in a really super-spectacular performance—on an NBC *Ghost Story* segment called "Alter Ego" in which **Michael** demonstrated his talents as "quite a little devil!" . . . For those of you who came to

know and love talented **Scott Jacoby** after watching his brilliant performance in ABC's MOW "That Certain Summer"—here's good news! You can catch **Scott** on an upcoming *Medical Center* episode called "No Way Out" plus which you can see him nearly every day on TV, for he's a regular on CBS's daily afternoon soap opera *Love Is A Many Splendored Thing* on which he plays "Eddie Samuels." . . . Look for super-star **Neil Diamond** to show up in a series of specials on the NBC section of your telly tube sometime early this spring.

It took six years for handsome **Gary Collins** to develop his show *Sixth Sense*. When times were tough and he thought he wouldn't make it—he just held on cos he truly believed in the extra-sensory-perception-mystical-theme of his show. Of course, it's turned out that he's right. Thank you, **Gary!** . . . Hot Tip Dept.: Don't-

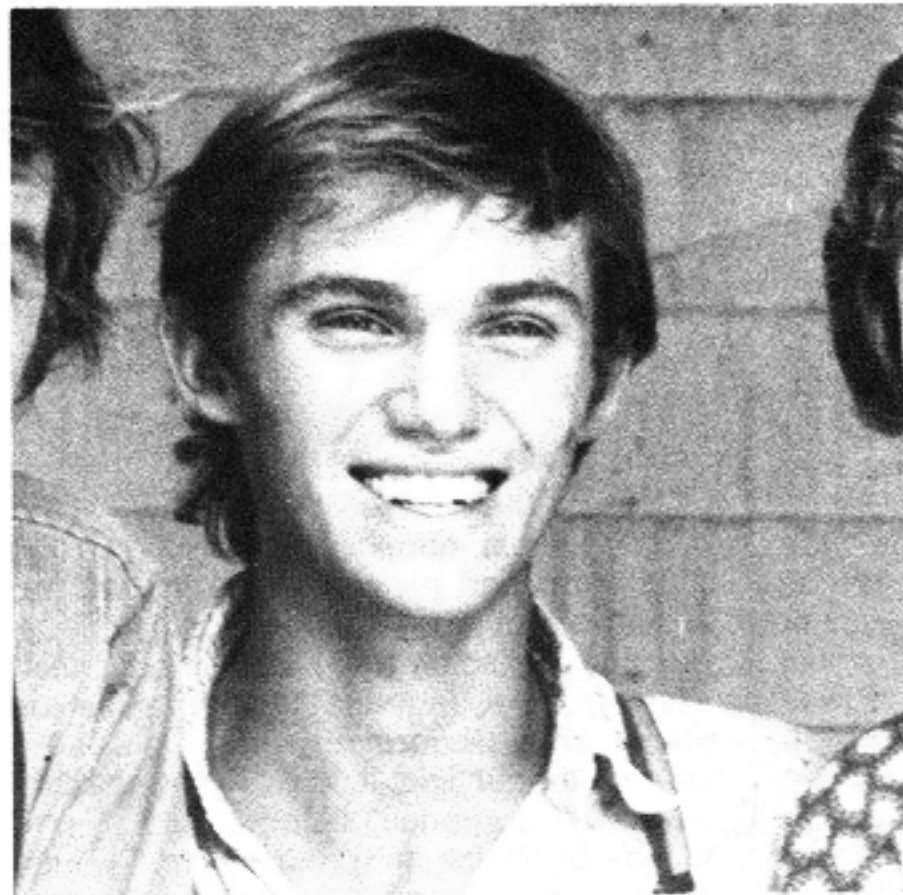
cha dare miss **Simon** "Young Winston" **Ward** in the title role of ABC's January 3 special *William* (as in Shakespeare) at 4:30 P.M. (ET).

Sweet and wonderful **Michael Cole** turned up as a surprise stunt man-entertainer at a fund-raising outing for the Los Angeles Braille Institute For The Blind . . . Not-To-Be-Missed: Starting in mid-January on your local PBS affiliate, the five-part British TV import, *Tom Brown's Schooldays*. A sensation in England, this series features gorgeous young U.K. Records singing star **Simon Turner** in the role of "Ned," plus a brand-new bundle of British beauties for your happy new year! . . . **Sean Kelly** not only popped up on a *Little People* episode and a *Brady Bunch* episode, you'll soon be seeing him in an *Owen Marshall* segment and on NBC's Sunday *Mystery Movie* "Hec Ramsey" (for a pretty pic of **Sean** see page 67).



## MYSTERY STAR:

He's your absolute fav-rave telly star—and here he is as you've never seen him before. Can you guess who he is? Hint: His favorite attire in real life is bell-bottom jeans and casual T-shirts. A full year's subscription to both 16 and SPEC—and a surprise gift—go to the first five readers who send the Mystery Star's correct identity to Telly Time, Mystery Picture, 16 Magazine, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.



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