

to the **Bonanza** set and ran into one of your super-faves, **MITCH VOGEL**. **MITCH** wasn't in a cheery mood when I bumped into him—his good friend and co-star, **LORNE GREENE** ("Ben Cartwright" on the show), was in the hospital! Yep, **LORNE** was in St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica for what doctors at first thought was a heart attack! But a closer look revealed that **MITCH's** good buddy was only suffering from a "gastric attack"—which is a nice, medical way to say a very severe stomach ache! Poor **MITCH** was worried that he might be losing another **Bonanza** friend—**DAN BLOCKER** ("Hoss") passed away only months ago. But now **LORNE** is back in the saddle again—and that brings a swarm of smiles to **MITCH's** freckled face! . . . If you don't think **JAN-MICHAEL VINCENT**, your fave star in all those Disney flicks, isn't a down-to-earth, back-to-nature-type guy, then you better visit **JAN-MICHAEL** in his sea-side pad! That's what I did a couple days ago when I popped over to **JAN-MICHAEL's** beautiful Malibu home. The handsome blonde star's pad is right on the beach, so you just know **JAN-MICHAEL** has his surf board nearby! Here's what **JAN-MICHAEL** said as he described his groovy home: "I've got a great place in nature and I can go down to the beach and surf. Kids down there don't care. If I told them I was an actor, they'd just accept it. It's not what you do. It's if you're a good person." I know plenty of girls who think you're a really good person, **JAN-MICHAEL**—with or without your surfboard! . . . Forget all those rumors about **DAVID CASIDY** getting fed up with being a teen idol! "I know I'll never stop singing!" **DAVID** buzzed me to chat recently. "Whether I end up selling records next year isn't as important as keeping all my fans happy. I know my voice has grown and matured over the last two years. You know, I'm fairly pleased with it. I think I sing fairly well!" Don't be modest, **DAVID**—I know millions of girls who think you sing **MAGNIFICENTLY!!** . . . Another nice fellow is **DAVID BIRNEY**, the new sensation on TV's **Bridget Loves Bernie**. **DAVID** is one of the happiest guys you'll ever want to meet. With his dark hair and deep brown eyes, **DAVID** has lots of fans already, but

isn't afraid to reveal what he considers to be the ideal girl: "She's got to be a cheerful girl," **DAVID** said. "She doesn't have to be pretty—I think a beautiful personality is much prettier than just good looks! Also, she has got to be interested in checkers! I gotta admit I'm crazy about that game!" Okay, girls, checkers anyone? . . . **KAREN** and **RICHARD CARPENTER** are beaming with smiles these days! What's causing the happy smiles? Simple—**THE CARPENTERS** just got the good news that their hits like **Close to You** and **Goodbye to Love** have sold over 18 million records! More than that, though, **KAREN** has a very special reason to smile these days—she's got a beau! **KAREN** wouldn't tell me his name, but she did admit he's in the music industry. "That way I know he'll be able to understand a crazy girl like me in a crazy business like this!" **KAREN** told me at party last week. Wonder if **KAREN** and her new boyfriend make beautiful music together? . . . That **Summer of 42** and **Class of 44** star **GARY GRIMES** sure knows what he wants to do when he graduates from high school this June! "I'd like to go up to Northern California and study agriculture and forestry at a college," **GARY** says. "I'd like to become a dirt farmer. I've fallen in love with the fields and the land and I'd like to live away from the noise and the lights." Guess that means that if **YOU** want to catch **GARY** nowadays, you better grab your overalls and run! . . . **BOBBY SHERMAN** is not one of those snooty Hollywood stars who consider themselves too "important" to sign autographs or speak with their fans! Matter of fact **BOBBY** says that "those kind of people disguise themselves if they go to the store to get a loaf of bread. They don't want to stop and take the time to talk to their fans. Now me, if I go to the market, I wear no disguises. It takes me a long time to get through that checkstand, but if kids come up to me for autographs, I gladly sign them. If they're taking the time from their schedule, I figure the least I can do is take some from mine." Right on, **BOBBY**! We know you'll NEVER forget your fans. And that's what makes him such a very special person, isn't it? . . . Oops! I hear that phone ringing again! Promise to ring you next month!

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