

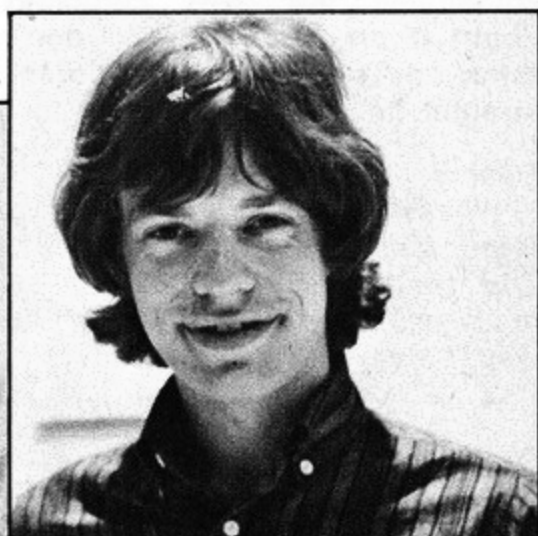
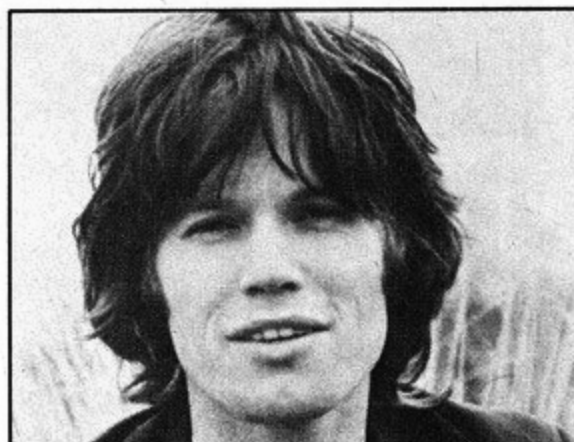


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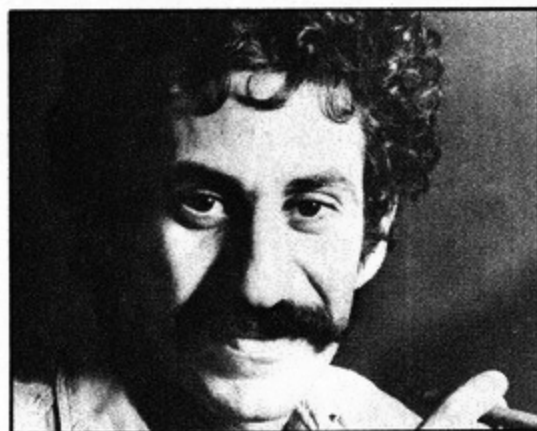
## What's Happening In Music!



**B**INGLE JELLS, BINGLE JELLS—How are your Christmas plans shaping up? Looks like for all your favorites it'll be a great Christmas! **THE OSMONDS** will be home in Utah for Christmas (they like to be together at home, especially at this time of year) and **THE DeFRANCOS** are having an Italian Christmas (all that food! We'd all be fat as pigs, but they stay so slim!)—and the New Year is just around the corner!... **THE DeFRANCOS** have released their second single (after their top ten "Heartbeat")!—They got rave reviews on their first album!... **THE JACKSON FIVE** "Get It To-



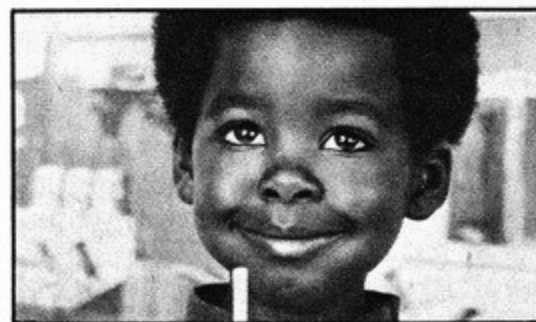
**HERE ARE** two brothers—one of them you recognize right away as Mick Jagger! The guy on the left is Chris, his younger brother! Seems this family has plenty of talent. Chris has his very first album on the shelves now!



**JIM CROCE** was a great talent—we were sorry to hear of his death.

gether" album has been called "a major break lyricwise" for them. Somewhat along the lines of "The Plan" for the **OSMONDS**, since many of the songs have to do with life and reality. "Reflections" is one song on the album that "reflects" this—and listen to "Hum Along and Dance"! They had a party at their home recently (a small one—500 people!) and TV's "Soul Train" showed some filmed portions on the air—looks like it was a great party (wish you could've

been there?!)... Didn't we tell ya' that **DAVID CASSIDY's** next album would be a great one?? It's "Dreams are Nuthin' More Than Wishes" (**DAVID** fills that out by saying "and a wish is just a dream you wish to come true")—he writes the liner notes himself on the inside jacket of the album. Some of our favorites on the album are "Hold On Me," "Summer Days", "Can't Go Home Again" and "Sing Me" (songwriter Tony Romeo wrote this one just for **DAVID**). The album has an adorable pull-out picture called "Pals" (listen to "The Puppy Song"—"I did the hums" **DAVID** tell us). He also



**RODNEY ALLEN Rippey's** new song is cute: "Take Life a Little Easier"!

does "Bali Hai" on the album (what a surprise!)—**DAVID** said "after 20 years of humming it, I thought I should learn the words and record it." If you haven't gotten it yet (what?!?) it's on Bell Records—so be sure to look for it!...

**NOTES: MARIE OSMOND's** album (entitled "Paper Roses"—of course!) is doing super! We love the way she sings "True Love Lasts Forever" and "You're The Only World I Know."... **PAUL WILLIAMS**, songwriter noted for such songs as "We've Only Just Begun" and "Rainy Days and Mondays" (both recorded by The Carpenters, among others), says "I love to write love songs because even though love is corny and old-fashioned, it's still the biggest thing that ever happens to any of us" (love is even bigger than baseball, isn't it, Tony?!?). **MAUREEN "Morning After" McGOVERN** calls Paul "a contemporary Irving Berlin."... Think you'd ever go in for acupuncture?? Acupuncture, you know, is where they insert extra-thin needles at