

# OFF THE RECORD

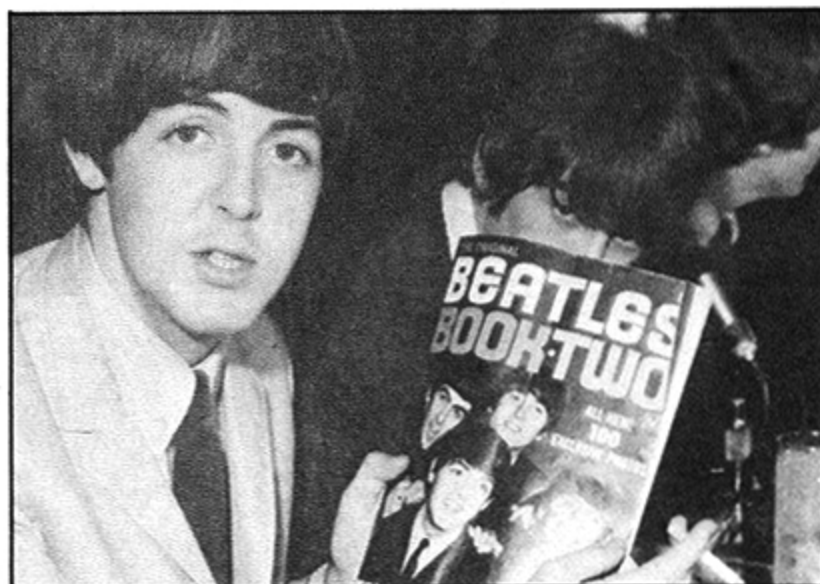
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**H**ELLO GOSSIP FANS! It's always fun to hear gossip, right? Especially about your favorite people... well, we hear a lot of gossip since we're always in touch with your favorites (like **THE DeFRANCOS** and **THE OSMONDS** and **DAVID CASIDY**), so we think it's only fair to pass them on to you—what they're doing, who they're seeing, any romances (hmm!) and just what's happening. So sit back and read on—you might find out some interesting things about say, **TONY DeFRANCO**! And say, while we're talking about **TONY**, you might've noticed the special way he's been looking at his fans—especially lately! **TONY**'s thinking more and more about the ladies in his life and when this spring hit—WHAM! **TONY** was ready to be in love! So if you get a chance to see the **DeFRANCOS** near your town, do! **TONY** might fall in love with YOU! (P.S. **NINO** and **BENNY** have had that thought on their minds for ages already—so don't forget THEM!). . . . And by the way, their new album is just coming out—"Save The Last Dance For Me" (which is the title, too, of their latest single, as if we had to tell you). It's got some great songs and one of our favorites is "Write Me A Letter" (our guys do such crazy things with their voices!). . . . **ANDY** and **DAVID WILLIAMS** are still a little new to show business and they're having a ball—they've been to Holland to entertain the Dutch Royal Family (a UNICEF benefit show their uncle hosted) and traveled to London,

singing their latest single "What's Your Name" and "Say It Again." They'll be performing 'cross the USA later this summer. . . . **ELTON JOHN** is known for his wild dress on stage and off, as well as his good singing. I mean, if you're a guy, how would you feel, going into a store to buy a feather boa??? His newest album is in your record stores by now, and here he goes again—in August—back into the studio to record his next one! Busy man! On his new LP, **TOWER OF POWER** (another great group around these days) is the backup group on several songs—their horn section as well as their keyboard player are featured—be sure to get a copy—it's **ELTON** at his best! . . . **HELEN REDDY**'s latest album is "Love Song for Jeffrey" (who is her husband as well as manager, Jeff Wald). You know, it's a good album, too! It's got some awfully romantic songs on it, unlike her latest hits have been ("I Am Woman," her hit after "I Don't Know How To Love



"Me! A teen idol!" Tony DeFranco would never have guessed a year ago that he and his family would be stars!



Paul McCartney's looks have changed a lot since "I Want To Hold Your Hand," his talents get better each year!

Him," was certainly not romantic—nor were "Ruby Red Dress" and "Keep on Singing"). This style of singing seems to suit her better, we all agree . . . if you've ever seen **HELEN** in person, you'd have noticed she's rather stiff and "impersonal" on stage. But when she sings love songs like these, she softens up and comes across much better—hurray for whoever insisted on them in the album (maybe it was **HELEN** herself?). . . .