

# EDITOR'S INSIDE STORY

by Liz Dagucon



**MICKY DOLENZ & Michael Lloyd of Starship clown for TBS photographer!**

Hi there! Don't look now but there's a new editor in your midst! Me! The name's Liz Dagucon and making you a happy TBS reader's my game.



Another important announcement is that **Tiger Beat Spectacular** is going **bi-monthly** (meaning that if you have a subscription to TBS you'll be getting a mag delivered every other month instead of every month.) But don't worry—you'll still receive 12 issues. Remember TBS is bi-monthly—but you'll still get 12 magazines—ok?



Know what's so super about being an editor besides meeting all the fabulous faves who make our hearts flip-flop? Getting tickets (FREE) to such super concerts starring Elton John, David Cassidy, and Osmonds, and getting tickets (FREE) to movies, screenings, and shootings. Heavens, I'd PAY to get into some of the things—but this job has certain benefits that no amount of money could buy!

Attended the **Elton John** concert recently and was delighted by his show. **Elton's** a real showman. He sang a duet with his bass player dressed in trench coat and hat to "Singing in the Rain." While they sang, oodles of silver confetti fell on them and a chorus line of tap dancing beauties appeared from nowhere! Then at the end of the song the whole audience was "drenched" in multi-colored confetti. We looked like a mass of people who had a bad case of technicolor dandruff (yuck! what a description!). But no matter what the audience looked like, the show was a gas and everyone had a ball!

Know who else was there? **David**

**Cassidy!** David and Elton are old buddies (they exchange albums all the time). And at the party in the Rainbow Room of the Forum (d'ya suppose that the name of the room is what inspired that colorful confetti—hmmmm?) **David** and **Elton** exchanged record albums again. If you've ever been to these two guys' concerts, you know that they're dynamite on stage!

Speaking of **David**, I've heard from a very good source that **Keith Partridge** is not (repeat not) going to graduate from high school this season. Tsk, tsk, perhaps you wouldn't mind helping old **Keith** with some of his homework? Actually, it's not because **Keith** is doing poorly in school—the decision to keep him in high school stemmed from the fact that the show could come up with cuter situations if he stayed in school. "Stay in school"—that's a catchy phrase—think I could sell it to an interested party?

Went to the **Waltons** set at Warner Brothers Studios and fell in love with a good-looking blonde named **Richard Thomas** who plays **John-Boy** on the show. **Richard** is really handsome and his handsome manners make him perfect. Read more about him on page 29—and I guarantee you'll be glad to know more about him.

Another new-comer is gorgeous **Mike Ontkian** who plays **Willie Gillis** on "The Rookies." Zapped down to 20th Century to watch **Mike** in action and got very nervous when I found myself surrounded by all these blue uniforms, badges, and authoritative-looking gentlemen. I quickly relaxed when I reminded myself that I was on the "Rookies" set and that I should expect to see lots of police uniforms! I'm soooooo dumb sometimes, but my denseness didn't stop me from having a good time!

Had a nice chat with **Mike** and he'll go down in my history book as a real cutie. **Mike** said something that cracked me up. Want to know what his defi-

nition of love is? "Love means having to say you're sorry—every five minutes!" He was just joking...and in between my guffaws and yuk-yuks **Mike** sadly explained, "I can't take credit for that line—I heard **John Lennon** say it on TV." Interested in **Mike**? Get the lowdown on page 24!

**Ex-Monkee Micky Dolenz** has teamed up with the young and talented record producer **Michael Lloyd** (the **Osmonds'** record producer) to form **Starship**. They've got a new single out—"Johnny B. Goode" and is it ever good! Watch out for this new group. **Micky & Michael** came up to the office for a photo session and the office may never be the same again! They had everybody laughing, joking, and getting the general giggles from the moment they stepped off the elevator into the **TBS** offices! Does it seem like I like them?—you're right! I think they're a super duo!

Met **Kenny Rogers and the First Edition** group at Columbia Ranch while they were filming the TV special "Saga of Sonora." It's a western with lots of music and adventure. When I was there, the entire cast and crew was busy setting up the stage coach that was supposed to explode! Verrrry interresting!

Didjaknow that **Kenny** wears a gold ear-ring and that **Terry Williams** of the group is really cute!?! I found those 2 facts to be very true!

Three **delightful** boys called the **De-Francos** came to visit me last week and then their sisters joined us later. The result of that visit is the great story on page 55—it's a don't miss!

Before I go, let me apologize to all of you who took the "How Much Do You Know About Merrill" quiz in the Nov. **TBS**. The answers got all messed up! The correct answers are:

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| 1. true   | 14. true  |
| 2. true   | 15. false |
| 3. true   | 16. false |
| 4. true   | 17. true  |
| 5. true   | 18. false |
| 6. false  | 19. true  |
| 7. true   | 20. true  |
| 8. true   | 21. false |
| 9. true   | 22. true  |
| 10. true  | 23. false |
| 11. false | 24. true  |
| 12. true  | 25. false |
| 13. true  |           |

Until next issue, promise to write to me and keep that happy smile on your face—the world smiles back at those who smile first!

*Love, Liz*