

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!

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The Hollywood Scene as seen by Tiger Beat Spectacular's man-about-town, Bobby Bander

No wonder *The Brady Bunch's* SUSAN OLSEN says she's glad to be alive—she almost drowned! That's right—the sweet girl who plays "Cindy" on the show admits that her TV mom, FLORENCE HENDERSON, recently rescued her from drowning! When the show was filming in Hawaii a while back, little SUSAN was in a huge outrigger canoe with FLORENCE and the rest of the Brady brood. All of a sudden a 12-foot wave rocked the canoe—and SUSAN fell out! Thank goodness FLORENCE immediately saw what happened and managed to pluck SUSAN out of the water almost as quickly as she fell in! When I talked with lovely FLORENCE recently, she gave me the full details of the accident: "I was alone with SUSAN in the rear of the canoe while the other kids were up front," FLORENCE revealed. "When a wave came along and threw SUSAN overboard, I managed to grab her with one hand while I tried to steady the canoe with my other hand—which was locked to the edge of the canoe. The frightening thought is that if I hadn't immediately seen



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SUSAN go overboard, it might have been too late. She can't swim! After having worked with the kids on the show for four years, they're like my real family. I react like a true-life mother when I see one of them in danger! In fact, I'm going to see to it that SUSAN takes swimming lessons now. And if that isn't reacting like a mother, I don't know what is! Bet SUSAN's glad she has a TV mom with such a sharp eye—and a quick hand! . . . Fantastic news for all you JACKSON FIVE fans! Looks like your faves might soon have their very own TV show! Yes, CBS is seriously considering putting the jumpin' JACKSONS in their very own comedy-variety show, much like the famous and funny SONNY AND CHER Comedy Hour. When can you expect to see MICHAEL and the rest of the JACKSONS cheering up your TV set? In January—at least that's what CBS is hoping! And so are the millions of JACKSON FIVE fans, right? Right on! . . . What's new, new, new with those fabulous young lovebirds, DESI ARNAZ JR. and MISS LIZA MINELLI? Well, DESI & LIZA just flew up to Las

Vegas to see LIZA's talented sister, LORNA LUFT, perform her new nightclub act there! When LIZA and her beau saw LORNA's exciting show, they just had to join the fun—so LIZA got up on stage and sang-and-danced right alongside her sis! Then DESI got into the act and started beating the drums! Sounds like a swinging trio, doesn't it? The nightclub audience thought so—they gave LORNA & DESI & LIZA three standing ovations! Maybe they got a new act there, right? . . . Also in Las Vegas at the same time was none other than The King himself, ELVIS PRESLEY. No, ELVIS wasn't doing his nightclub act there this time around—he was visiting his old pal, BOBBY DARIN! ELVIS and BOBBY got together and had a marvelous three-hour chat! But guess what BOBBY told me was ELVIS' secret love? Grapes! Yes, you read that right! "ELVIS is like *addicted* to grapes!" BOBBY told me. "He just can't get enough of them—he had his bodyguards stand by with a handful twenty four hours a day!" So now we know why ELVIS' pals have sticky fingers, don't we? . . . Dropped over



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