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COME ON GET HAPPY: As if a looming recession and an energy crisis weren't enough, TV is hell-bent on bringing back the '70s with its worst prime-time lineup in decades, and now there's this little shudder-inducing harbinger of things to come — the Partridge Family is coming back.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, NBC has signed on for a remake of the sitcom that ran on ABC from 1970 to 1974, to be written by Jeff Rake, of Cashmere Mafia, Bones and Boston Legal fame. Rake calls himself a fan of the original show, but told the Reporter he intends to "turn the premise on its head."

"In the original, the kids actually recruited their mom to front the band, which I can't see happening in any family on this planet," Take said. "The new version will reflect what seems to me to be the more realistic family band scenario these days: a struggling, sort of well-meaning mom pimping her kids in order to create a wholesome-slash-sexy cash cow."

Sounds edifying. I've been down this road once before, kids, and it only leads to a herpes epidemic and power ballads. Stop the madness now.

TV DINNER: The Food Network has an unusually strong slate of new shows this fall, and the best aren't necessarily helmed by blue chip celebrity chefs.

Their daytime programming has been livened up by the premiere today of Everyday Exotic, starring Toronto chef Roger Mooking. You might remember Mooking as one third of Bass Is Base, the late '90s dance combo, and he hosts the show with an ingratiating energy that will hopefully relax a bit with time.

Daytime cooking shows are a lot more mundane than their prime-time counterparts — there's a

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Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's new show follows his launch of a restaurant in Melbourne, Australia.

some impressive knife skills, he actually features a few really useful techniques and ingredients.

Jamie Oliver isn't as overexposed as Gordon Ramsay over here mostly because he's not on network primetime, but he's adding another addition to his capacious TV brand with Jamie's Kitchen Australia, which follows Oliver — at a considerable distance — as he launches another one of his Fifteen restaurants staffed with marginalized kids in Melbourne. As with the previous incarnation, there's a little bit of cooking and a lot of despairing over the sorry state of youth.

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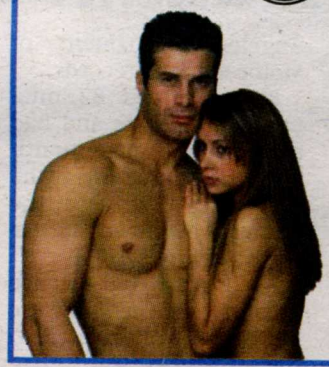

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