

ENTERTAINMENT

Jets flying to the top

They've been compared to the Jacksons and the Osmonds — with a little bit of Prince thrown in. Who are they? The Jets.

The Jets are another family of singers who keep cranking out hits. Songs like "You've Got It All," "Curiosity" and "Crush on You" climbed the charts soon after they were released. Their first album, "The Jets," has already sold over 750,000 copies. Their second makes its debut in September.

These eight kids, who range in age from 13 to 21, (they have five other brothers and sisters who don't sing) have come a long way in a short time. Their parents moved to the United States from Tonga, a tiny island west of Hawaii. Over ten years ago, they formed a Polynesian song and dance show with their mother, Vake Wolf-gamm. They toured as "The Polynesian Pearls" for several years, then changed their name to "Quasar" when their mom retired.

They also changed their style. They switched to pop. Don Powell, a member of the audience, liked the new sound. He became their manager and helped them on to stardom.



The Jets — from Polynesian song and dance to top pop hits.

In addition to singing, The Jets work to fight against drug and alcohol abuse. They have made a public service video called "Be Smart, Don't Start" about alcohol abuse. Their latest venture is a concert on May 31 in Portland, Oregon, to benefit the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign.

Out-FOX-ing the other networks



The Baxter family is coming soon to Fox

The Fox Broadcasting Company, the little network that dares to challenge the three big ones — ABC, NBC and CBS — plans on adding four new shows to their summer lineup.

Making their debut in July, the shows

are designed to grab viewers who say they can't find anything new on TV on Saturday nights.

"Werewolf" stars Chuck Connors as Janos Skorzeny, head of a gang of blood-thirsty werewolves who stalk people in the hopes of adding to their numbers. Fox claims the show is filled with enough special effects to scare the wits out of unsuspecting viewers.

"The New Adventures of Beans Baxter" premieres in a special one-hour show. Beans, a 17-year-old played by Jonathan Ward, is a spy for the U.S. government. His father, whom Beans considers "a nerd," also spies for the United States but Beans doesn't know it.

Two other shows will also be coming out — "Karen's Song," starring Patty Duke, and "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," based on the movie by the same title. Both shows will probably be of greater interest to adults, though kids may be tuning too.

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Question answered by Darrel Shaw, Check Processing, Willamette Savings.

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