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ABC, NBC offer next season lineups

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC, which won the ratings crown this season, aims to do it again with eight new series on its 1995-96 lineup. The esteemed but little-watched *My So-Called Life* officially got the ax.

Absent, as well, are *Sister, Sister*, *Me and the Boys*, *All-American Girl*, *Extreme* and *Thunder Alley*, as well as *The Commish* and *Matlock*.

ABC's new three-hour drama block on Thursday begins at 8 p.m. with *Charlie Grace*. Mark Harmon is a dry-witted LA

policeman turned private eye.

At 9 p.m., *The Monroes* is a soap about the patriarch of a large and powerful family.

Finally, at 10 p.m., *Murder One* is the latest from Steven Bochco.

A resurgent NBC, which already boasts TV's top comedy and drama, hopes to close in on frontrunner ABC next season.

Fans of *Homicide: Life on the Street* will be pleased to learn the show will be returning. But missing from the fall schedule are freshman series *Earth 2*, *The*

Cosby *Mysteries* and *Amazing Grace*, as well as midseason replacement *Pride & Joy*.

Three other midseason replacements — *Hope & Gloria*, *NewsRadio* and *In the House* — will be back.

Caroline in the City, a new sitcom about a comic strip artist (Lea Thompson) in Manhattan, won the network's prime slot — Thursday at 9:30 p.m.

That shifts *Friends* to 8 p.m. The previous occupant of that slot, *Mad About You*, moves to Sunday at the same time.

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played in a variety of cities with a variety of bars. He said the shortage of available bars makes it difficult for bands because of the competition for bookings.

Lisa Lisbin, a University senior, complained about the crowd the WOW Hall can attract.

"It's really irritating when you're trying to dance and a bunch of 12-year-olds are bumping into you," she said.

It can be a hassle sometimes, but at least Eugene has an all-ages concert hall. Perry said Seattle doesn't even have one.

Sometimes, as the saying goes, beggars can't be choosers. For bands like *Cracked Mary*, which is just starting out, it doesn't matter what age the audience is.

"I don't really care who I play for if they're enjoying it," said Tim Oberlander, the bassist for *Cracked Mary*.

So there are just a few gigs to grab, but at least Eugene residents are coming to see those gigs. What are some of the other advantages of coming from a smaller town like Eugene?

"Oh boy, um, I'm trying and I can't think of an advantage," Coey said, laughing.

His bandmate, guitarist/vocalist John Shipe, pointed out that it is easier to disappear in a big city. The small fish in a big pond syndrome. But "It doesn't matter where you come from as long as you get where you're going," Shipe said.

Mike Walker, the Saints' keyboardist, brought up the R.E.M./Athens, Georgia situation.

"Athens got a reputation from those who came from there," he said. "It wasn't R.E.M.'s advantage to come from there," but since they did, Athens received a lot of attention.

Bands looking to get signed to a major label are at a disadvantage because it's nearly impossible to get label representatives to come to a city the size of Eugene. If you can get a

following in Seattle, or even Portland, things become slightly easier. That's how the Saints were signed to River Road Records, based out of Minneapolis.

Or you could take the Cherry Poppin' Daddies or Unshakable Race route — have your own label.

The Daddies started the Space Age Bachelor Pad label (which is also the name of the recording studio) that has Buckhorn and Billy Jack on its roster. Unshakable Race has Covenant Records, actually based in Monterey, Calif., which is "dedicated to promote conscious bands," London said.

Asked if they would consider leaving Eugene to move to a larger city, all the band members seemed to agree that they had no plans to move specifically because of the "scene" here.

Although Eugene may not be the ideal place to start a band right now, there are ways to make it better.

"The only way to improve a scene is to care," Perry said.

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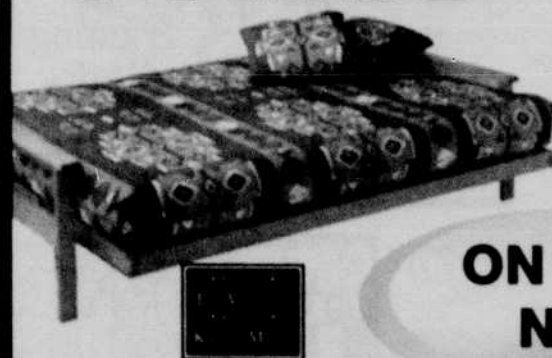
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