

Networks make first cut at schedule

By Steve Coe

The TV networks are determining which shows will be given full season renewals and which will fade away after less-than-stellar fall performances. Below is a list of shows that have been given at least 22-episode orders.

Last week NBC made a handful of full-season pickups, but it remains undecided on several others. Possibly its biggest decision is whether to continue

Making the grade— network series renewals

ABC—*Roseanne*, *Hudson Street*, *Home Improvement*, *Coach*, *NYPD Blue*, *Ellen*, *Grace Under Fire*, *Murder One*, *Family Matters*, *Boy Meets World*, *Step By Step*, *Hangin' With Mr. Cooper*, *America's Funniest Home Videos*, *Lois & Clark*.

CBS—*The Nanny*, *Murphy Brown*, *Chicago Hope*, *Bless This House*, *Dave's World*, *Central Park West*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *Picket Fences*, *American Gothic*, *Dr. Quinn*, *Touched By An Angel*, *Walker*, *Texas Ranger*, *Cybill*, *Almost Perfect*.

Fox—*Melrose Place*, *Partners*, *Ned and Stacy*, *Beverly Hills, 90210*, *Living Single*, *The Crew*, *New York Undercover*, *The X-Files*, *Martin*, *Cops*, *America's Most Wanted*, *Space: Above and Beyond*, *The Simpsons*, *Too Something*, *Married...With Children*.

NBC—*Fresh Prince*, *In the House*, *Wings*, *Newsradio*, *Frasier*, *seaQuest*, *Law & Order*, *Friends*, *The Single Guy*, *Seinfeld*, *Caroline In the City*, *ER*, *Unsolved Mysteries*, *Homicide*, *Jag*, *Sisters*, *Mad About You*, *Hope & Gloria*.

UPN—*Star Trek: Voyager*, *Nowhere Man*, *Live Shot*.

The WB—*Sister, Sister*, *Parent Hood*, *The Wayans Bros.*, *Unhappily Ever After*.

with *Pursuit of Happiness*, the lead-out to *Frasier* on Tuesday. The show has dropped a significant portion of its lead-in and the network is considering replacing it with *The John Larroquette Show* or Carsey-Werner's *3rd Rock From the Sun*, which is on the shelf. Other first-year NBC series awaiting word are *The Home Court*, *Brotherly Love*, and *Minor Adjustments*. The network has yet to cancel any shows.

ABC, which pulled *Charlie Grace* and *The Monroes* two weeks ago, has yet to make a decision on *The Drew Carey Show*, *The Naked Truth*, *The Jeff Foxworthy Show* and *Maybe This Time*, although at least a partial pickup is expected for each. Less certain is the future of returning show, *The Marshal*, awaiting a decision expected this week.

Early last week CBS canceled *Dweebs* and pulled *The Bonnie Hunt Show* from the schedule with plans to bring back the latter later this season. The network also gave a partial pickup to *Bonnie* last week. Awaiting word as of late last week were *Can't Hurry Love*, *The Client*, *Courthouse*



'Caroline' is one of several NBC shows picked up last week for the full season.

and *New York News*.

Fox has only two shows on which to decide. First-year series *Strange Luck* and returning *Party of Five* are expected to receive word this week. Thus far the network has canceled *Misery Loves Company* and it's likely *The Preston Episodes* will not get a pickup.

UPN has greenlighted three of its four dramas with *Deadly Games* not expected to be renewed. The WB has ordered four additional episodes of *Kirk* and *First Time Out* and three episodes each to *Simon and Cleghorne!* ■

Kids adopted by Fox, Saban

Joint venture will produce domestic and international

By Steve Coe

Fox Broadcasting and Saban Entertainment have formed a partnership under which the two companies will create children's programming channels and services, develop and distribute programming and build licensing and merchandising opportunities on a global basis. The deal was announced last Thursday by Chase Carey, chairman/CEO of Fox Television; Margaret Loesch, president, Fox Children's Network, and Haim Saban, chairman, Saban Entertainment.

The crux of the deal involves Fox's use of the Saban library of children's programming to program existing international channels and serve as the basis for new overseas channels.

According to Loesch, the deal will allow Fox to expand its programming on several existing channels almost immediately.

Last month, Fox launched a children's service on Australia's FoxTel offering five hours of kids programming daily. "We had plans to expand to 12 hours a day, but we were limited by our library. With this deal we now can expand to a full 12-hour channel," says Loesch, adding that the expansion probably will take place by the end of the year.

The situation is the same on Canal Fox, the Latin America service, where the current kids lineup will be expanded to 12 hours. Loesch suggests that the Saban product also could be used to start children's programming services on "emerging Latin American chan-