

ABC won its third straight week for the first time since 1981, ratings out Tuesday show. ABC was bolstered by *The Barbara Walters Special*, tied at No. 8, and its Friday night lineup of *Family Matters*, with its best showing ever (tying *Walters*); *Full House* at No. 11; and *Perfect Strangers*, tied at 21.

since February 1989. But there was a disappointment for ABC: Part two of *Son of the Morning Star* was No. 42.

CBS trotted out four movies and specials, but only one — Sunday's *Lucy and Desi: Before the Laughter* — managed to crack the top 20, tying for No. 17. Cher's special tied at 42, the TV pre-

ferred to continue to weigh down the network. *Dark Shadows*, NBC's midseason hope, performed well demographically but ranked a disappointing No. 68.

In the evening news races, viewership dropped for the second straight week as war news slowed down. ABC remained No. 1, with NBC nipping CBS.

Using this chart

- ▶ Ratings information comes from the A.C. Nielsen Co.
- ▶ A ratings point represents 931,000 TV households; shares are the percentage of sets in use; number of viewers is in millions.
- ▶ (*) indicates a Nielsen ratings tie.
- ▶ (r) indicates a repeat episode.
- ▶ (s) indicates a special broadcast.

Monday, February 4, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC)	20.7	13.5	21	*39
Evening Shade (CBS)	18.8	13.3	21	41
MacGyver (ABC)	19.7	12.3	19	45
8:30 Major Dad (CBS)	23.1	15.5	23	*21
Blossom (NBC)	18.7	12.2	18	46
9:00 Murphy Brown (CBS)	27.3	18.6	28	6
Marla Hanson Story (NBC)	21.3	15.1	24	26
Son of the Morning Star, Pt 2 (ABC)	19.3	12.8	20	*42
9:30 Designing Women (CBS)	26.4	18.5	28	7
10:00 Cher... at the 0 Mirage (CBS) (s)	17.5	12.8	21	*42

Tuesday, February 5, 1991

8:00 Matlock (NBC)	22.7	15.8	24	19
Rescue 911 (CBS)	24.0	15.0	23	27
Who's the Boss? (ABC)	21.3	14.3	22	33
8:30 Davis Rules (ABC)	20.8	13.5	20	*39
9:00 Roseanne (ABC)	28.5	18.8	29	*4
In the Heat of the Night (NBC)	22.6	15.2	23	*24
Sea of Love (CBS)	16.3	12.1	21	*47
9:30 Coach (ABC)	24.1	16.4	26	*17
10:00 Law and Order (NBC)	16.2	11.4	20	*51
thirtysomething (ABC)	14.7	11.2	19	*53

Wednesday, February 6, 1991

8:00 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)	25.7	17.2	27	*14
The Wonder Years (ABC)	22.1	14.1	22	35
48 Hours (CBS)	13.2	9.6	15	64
8:30 Growing Pains (ABC)	22.1	14.2	22	34
9:00 Doogie Howser, M.D. (ABC)	22.3	14.6	22	*29
Night Court (NBC)	19.4	13.6	21	*36
Jake and the Fatman (CBS)	17.4	12.1	19	*47
9:30 Anything but Love (ABC)	21.4	14.6	23	*29
Seinfeld (NBC)	14.8	10.5	17	*55
10:00 Barbara Walters Special (ABC)	26.1	18.3	31	*8
L.A. Law Special (NBC)	12.6	9.9	17	60
Top Cops (CBS) (s)	13.0	9.2	16	*66

Thursday, February 7, 1991

8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC)	24.9	16.8	26	16
The Simpsons (Fox)	26.2	15.2	23	*24
Father Dowling Mysteries (ABC)	14.7	10.5	16	*55
Top Cops (CBS)	11.2	7.9	12	71
8:30 A Different World (NBC)	26.6	17.4	27	*12
Babes (Fox)	15.9	9.8	15	*61
Flash (CBS)	11.5	7.7	12	*72
9:00 Cheers (NBC)	31.5	21.5	33	1
Fantasies (ABC) (s)	10.9	7.6	12	74
Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox)	9.8	6.9	11	*78
9:30 Wings (NBC)	22.7	15.5	24	*21
Good Sports (CBS)	11.4	8.1	13	*69
10:00 L.A. Law (NBC)	21.2	15.7	26	20
Knots Landing (CBS)	17.3	12.7	21	44
PrimeTime Live (ABC)	14.1	10.2	17	*58

Top 10

1 Cheers (NBC)
2 60 Minutes (CBS)
3 Home Videos (ABC)
4 Funniest People (ABC)
* Roseanne (ABC)
6 Murphy Brown (CBS)
7 Designing Women (CBS)
8 Barbara Walters Special (ABC)
* Family Matters (ABC)
10 Golden Girls (NBC)

Network ratings

For the week:
ABC: 12.8
NBC: 12.7
CBS: 12.2
Fox: 7.0
Season to date:
NBC: 12.8
ABC: 12.8
CBS: 12.3
Fox: 6.3

Evening news

For the week:
ABC: 12.4
NBC: 10.0
CBS: 9.9
Last week:
ABC: 12.6
NBC: 10.6
CBS: 9.9

Bottom 5

90 Sunday Best (NBC)
* Jane Pauley (NBC)
92 Parker Lewis (Fox)
93 Comic Strip (Fox)
94 Against the Law (Fox)

Friday, February 8, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Full House (ABC)	27.7	17.5	30	11
Guns of Paradise (CBS)	13.9	9.2	16	*66
Super Bloopers (NBC) (s)	11.3	7.4	13	75
America's Most Wanted (Fox)	10.0	6.9	12	*78
8:30 Family Matters (ABC)	30.9	18.3	31	*8
9:00 Perfect Strangers (ABC)	24.7	15.5	26	*21
Dallas (CBS)	16.1	11.4	19	*51
Dark Shadows (NBC)	13.4	8.3	14	68
Against the Law (Fox)	5.1	3.6	6	94
9:30 Going Places (ABC)	20.5	13.6	23	*36
10:00 20/20 (ABC)	20.5	14.5	27	32
Sons and Daughters (CBS)	10.2	7.7	14	*72
Midnight Caller (NBC)	10.6	7.3	14	76

Saturday, February 9, 1991

8:00 Amen (NBC)	14.6	10.2	18	*58
Young Riders (ABC)	14.8	9.3	17	65
Totally Hidden Video (Fox)	8.3	5.5	10	*85
Uncle Buck (CBS)	7.9	5.4	10	88
8:30 Fanelli Boys (NBC)	15.8	10.4	18	57
Lenny (CBS)	8.0	5.3	9	89
Parker Lewis (Fox) (r)	7.1	4.5	8	92
9:00 The Golden Girls (NBC)	26.4	18.0	30	10
Dirty Dancing (CBS) (r)	14.5	9.8	17	*61
Cops (Fox)	9.4	5.7	10	84
Under Cover (ABC)	7.8	5.5	9	*85
9:30 Empty Nest (NBC)	25.7	17.4	29	*12
Cops (Fox) (r)	9.5	5.8	10	83
10:00 Carol & Company (NBC)	20.0	13.6	24	*36
Twin Peaks (ABC)	8.2	5.5	10	*85
10:30 Dear John (NBC)	16.6	11.6	22	50

Sunday, February 10, 1991

7:00 60 Minutes (CBS)	30.3	21.1	35	2
Life Goes On (ABC)	16.4	9.7	16	63
True Colors (Fox)	10.3	6.6	11	81
Sunday Best (NBC)	6.9	4.7	8	*90
7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox)	10.9	6.8	11	80
8:00 Home Videos (ABC)	35.4	19.2	29	3
Murder, She Wrote (CBS)	24.8	17.2	26	*14
In Living Color (Fox)	18.7	11.2	17	*53
Real Life/Jane Pauley (NBC)	6.7	4.7	7	*90
8:30 Funniest People (ABC)	35.3	18.8	28	*4
Get a Life (Fox)	13.0	8.1	12	*69
Expose (NBC)	9.3	6.5	10	82
9:00 Lucy and Desi (CBS)	23.3	16.4	25	*17
Big (ABC)	23.4	14.8	23	28
The Chase (NBC)	22.2	14.6	23	*29
Married... With Children (Fox)	18.6	11.7	17	49
9:30 Totally Hidden Video (Fox) (rs)	11.1	7.2	11	77
10:00 Comic Strip Live (Fox)	5.4	3.9	6	93