

...fought season — nearly two rating points. Besides the Academy Awards, ABC had four top 10 shows, including perennial ratings getter, *The Barbara Walters Special*, at No. 4. That overcame the disappointing return of ABC's *Twin Peaks*, No. 77.

ABC's victory may have cemented its second place standing for the season, which means CBS, for the fourth straight year, will likely be third. Still, the season-to-date race is close, with .2 of a ratings point separating first place NBC, ABC and CBS.

CBS, which was third for the week, found

...for the week, giving CBS only its second Saturday night victory all season.

NBC's latest hope for a Friday at 8 hit had a disappointing start. *Black Jack Savage* premiered as a two-hour Sunday movie and tied for No. 55.

And NBC can't buy a thrill Sundays from 7 to 9. Last week, *Peter Pan* wound up in ratings Never Never Land — ranking 81st.

In the weekly news race, ABC remains in first, followed by NBC, then CBS, separated by .2 of a ratings point. For the quarterly news race, ABC was first, and NBC beat CBS by .1 ratings point.



**WALTERS:** Her special helped ABC to No. 1 for the week.

## 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, March 25, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Barbara Walters (ABC) (s)	26.4	18.5	31	4
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC) (r)	19.7	12.4	19	*37
Evening Shade (CBS) (r)	16.1	11.3	18	*42
8:30 Major Dad (CBS) (r)	17.2	11.8	18	41
Blossom (NBC)	16.6	10.6	16	*46
9:00 Academy Awards (ABC) (s)	42.7	28.4	48	1
Murphy Brown (CBS) (r)	16.1	11.3	17	*42
Terror on the Blacktop (NBC) (r)	14.5	9.6	15	*53
9:30 Designing Women (CBS) (r)	14.4	10.6	16	*46
10:00 Trials of Rosie O'Neill (CBS) (r)	7.8	6.3	11	76

### Tuesday, March 26, 1991

8:00 Matlock (NBC)	22.1	15.4	25	*14
Rescue 911 (CBS)	23.7	14.3	23	21
Who's the Boss? (ABC)	20.1	13.8	23	25
8:30 Davis Rules (ABC)	21.0	13.9	22	*23
9:00 Roseanne (ABC)	27.7	18.1	28	5
In the Heat of the Night (NBC)	22.0	14.8	24	17
The Antagonists (CBS)	11.0	8.0	15	*67
9:30 Coach (ABC)	26.0	16.9	28	6
10:00 Law and Order (NBC)	17.4	12.6	24	*34
Eddie Dodd (ABC)	12.7	9.2	18	58

### Wednesday, March 27, 1991

8:00 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)	26.7	16.8	28	7
The Wonder Years (ABC) (r)	18.4	12.6	21	*34
48 Hours (CBS)	10.4	7.8	13	69
8:30 Growing Pains (ABC)	20.5	14.1	23	22
9:00 Doogie Howser, M.D. (ABC) (r)	19.8	13.3	22	*28
Night Court (NBC) (r)	19.4	13.2	22	30
Jake and the Fatman (CBS) (r)	15.7	10.9	19	45
9:30 Anything but Love (ABC)	17.8	12.8	21	33
Dear John (NBC) (r)	16.6	11.1	19	44
10:00 Quantum Leap (NBC)	18.0	12.1	23	40
Equal Justice (ABC)	11.1	8.3	16	*65

### Thursday, March 28, 1991

8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC) (r)	22.5	15.2	26	16
The Simpsons (Fox)	21.2	12.4	21	*37
Father Dowling Mysteries (ABC)	13.1	9.1	16	59
Top Cops (CBS)	13.5	8.8	15	*61
8:30 A Different World (NBC)	25.6	16.6	28	*8
Babes (Fox)	12.3	7.5	13	70
9:00 Cheers (NBC)	30.8	20.6	34	2
The Antagonists (CBS)	12.7	8.6	14	64
Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox)	12.8	8.0	13	*67
Twin Peaks (ABC)	9.2	6.2	10	*77
9:30 Wings (NBC)	23.3	16.2	28	12
10:00 L.A. Law (NBC)	23.4	16.6	30	*8
Knots Landing (CBS)	16.9	12.3	22	39
PrimeTime Live (ABC)	11.8	8.8	16	*61

### Top 10

1 The 63rd Annual Academy Awards (ABC)
2 Cheers (NBC)
3 60 Minutes (CBS)
4 Barbara Walters Special (ABC)
5 Roseanne (ABC)
6 Coach (ABC)
7 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)
8 A Different World (NBC)
9 L.A. Law (NBC)
10 Family Matters (ABC)

### Network ratings

For the week:

ABC: 13.5

NBC: 11.8

CBS: 11.4

Fox: 6.8

Season to date:

NBC: 12.7

ABC: 12.5

CBS: 12.3

Fox: 6.4

### Evening news

For the week:

ABC: 10.7

NBC: 9.3

CBS: 9.1

Last week:

ABC: 11.4

NBC: 9.7

CBS: 9.2

### Bottom 5

81 Peter Pan (NBC)
82 Parker Lewis (Fox)
83 True Colors (Fox)
84 Yearbook (Fox)
85 Against the Law (Fox)

### Friday, March 29, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Full House (ABC)	27.1	16.4	30	11
The Sound of Music (NBC) (r)	16.3	10.4	19	50
Guns of Paradise (CBS)	13.4	8.7	16	63
America's Most Wanted (Fox)	9.9	6.4	12	75
8:30 Family Matters (ABC) (r)	28.0	16.5	29	10
9:00 Perfect Strangers (ABC) (r)	24.2	14.5	26	19
Dallas (CBS)	14.8	10.0	18	51
Against the Law (Fox)	4.8	3.5	6	85
9:30 Baby Talk (ABC)	22.2	13.3	23	*28
10:00 20/20 (ABC)	20.1	13.6	25	27
True Detectives Special (CBS)	14.3	9.4	17	*55

### Saturday, March 30, 1991

8:00 NCAA Basketball (CBS)	19.3	12.5	25	36
Amen (NBC)	14.8	9.6	18	*53
Young Riders (ABC)	13.0	8.3	15	*65
Totally Hidden Video (Fox) (r)	9.2	5.7	11	80
8:17 NCAA Basketball (CBS)	24.5	15.7	29	13
8:30 Down Home (NBC)	14.5	9.7	18	52
Yearbook (Fox)	6.0	3.8	7	84
9:00 The Golden Girls (NBC) (r)	21.1	14.4	26	20
Everybody's Baby (ABC) (r)	14.8	9.4	17	*55
Cops (Fox)	9.4	5.9	11	79
9:30 Empty Nest (NBC) (r)	18.9	13.1	23	31
Cops (Fox) (r)	9.4	6.2	11	*77
10:00 Carol & Company (NBC) (r)	14.8	10.6	20	*46
10:31 Flash Special (CBS)	11.8	7.3	15	71

### Sunday, March 31, 1991

7:00 60 Minutes (CBS)	28.4	19.3	38	3
Life Goes On (ABC)	11.0	7.2	14	*72
Peter Pan (NBC) (r)	10.0	5.6	10	81
True Colors (Fox) (r)	7.1	4.3	9	83
7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox) (r)	8.5	5.2	10	82
8:00 Home Videos (ABC) (r)	27.4	15.4	27	*14
Murder, She Wrote (CBS) (r)	19.2	13.9	24	*23
In Living Color (Fox)	14.6	9.0	16	60
8:30 Funniest People (ABC) (r)	26.9	14.7	25	18
Get a Life (Fox)	11.8	7.1	12	74
9:00 Pale Rider (ABC) (r)	21.8	13.7	25	26
Eyes of a Witness (CBS)	17.8	13.0	23	32
Married...With Children (Fox) (r)	16.8	10.5	18	49
Black Jack Savage (NBC)	15.9	9.4	16	*55
9:30 Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox) (r)	10.4	7.2	13	*72