

convivial programs gave CBS the victory for the final week of the 30-week TV season, which ended Sunday.

CBS' Sunday movie, *Absolute Strangers*, which had an abortion plot line, placed fifth for the week. The network had another big hit in *48 Hours*, in its new Wednesday at 10 time period. With college spring break the topic, under the title "Sex, Sun and Suds," the news hour ranked No. 12, earning the highest rating in its three-year history.

ABC's executive producer Andrew Heyward attributes the showing to promos and subject. "I'm a parent and I never went on spring break so I was interested to see what went on."

*60 Minutes* at No. 3, a special by magic man David Copperfield at No. 14 and the season premiere of *Northern Exposure* at No. 24 also helped the CBS cause — but it wasn't enough to yank the network out of third-place for the season.

While NBC was last for the week,

Although it had no excitement or interview with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, ABC's *20/20* is still riding high, placing 21st.

ABC was second for the week.

The wedding of Elyn and Billy gave *thirtysomething* its highest rating this season at No. 24.

Viewership for the three evening news programs was down from the previous week. ABC remained in first place, with NBC in second, beating CBS by .1 of a rating point.

## 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, April 8, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Evening Shade (CBS)	17.2	12.3	22	*36
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC) (r)	18.0	11.5	20	*43
MacGyver (ABC)	17.7	11.5	20	*43
8:30 Major Dad (CBS)	21.2	14.6	24	20
Blossom (NBC)	15.7	10.5	17	50
9:00 Murphy Brown (CBS)	24.1	17.1	27	7
Separate but Equal, Part 2 (ABC)	16.4	11.8	19	*40
Girls of Summer (NBC)	16.5	11.5	19	*43
9:30 Designing Women (CBS)	24.6	17.6	28	6
10:00 Northern Exposure (CBS)	19.7	13.9	24	*24

### Tuesday, April 9, 1991

8:00 David Copperfield XIII (CBS)	25.2	15.5	26	*14
In the Heat of the Night (NBC) (r)	18.8	13.3	22	*28
Who's the Boss? (ABC) (r)	16.3	11.7	20	42
8:30 Davis Rules (ABC)	18.4	12.5	20	*34
9:00 Roseanne (ABC) (r)	27.2	17.8	28	4
Another Pair of Aces (CBS)	15.2	9.9	17	*53
9:30 Coach (ABC)	25.8	17.0	27	8
10:00 thirtysomething (ABC)	18.7	13.9	25	*24
Shannon's Deal (NBC)	13.8	9.6	17	*57

### Wednesday, April 10, 1991

8:00 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC) (r)	18.3	12.8	22	31
Rescue 911 (CBS)	19.4	12.7	22	*32
The Wonder Years (ABC)	17.4	11.8	21	*40
8:30 Growing Pains (ABC) (r)	16.6	11.5	20	*43
9:00 Jake and the Fatman (CBS)	21.5	14.9	24	*17
Doogie Howser, M.D. (ABC) (r)	19.7	13.2	22	30
Night Court (NBC) (r)	18.4	12.7	21	*32
9:30 Anything but Love (ABC)	16.0	11.5	19	*43
10:00 48 Hours (CBS)	22.1	15.7	28	12
Quantum Leap (NBC)	15.8	10.9	20	49
Equal Justice (ABC)	11.7	8.8	16	62

### Thursday, April 11, 1991

8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC)	22.1	15.6	27	13
The Simpsons (Fox)	20.6	12.0	21	*38
Top Cops (CBS)	13.5	9.3	16	59
Father Dowling Mysteries (ABC) (r)	10.4	7.6	13	*69
8:30 A Different World (NBC)	28.2	19.0	32	2
Babes (Fox) (r)	9.5	6.2	10	78
9:00 Cheers (NBC) (r)	31.3	21.1	34	1
Antagonists (CBS)	13.9	9.7	16	56
Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox)	11.3	7.4	12	*71
Twin Peaks (ABC)	7.9	5.7	9	*82
9:30 Seinfeld (NBC)	23.3	16.1	26	10
10:00 Knots Landing (CBS)	19.6	14.2	25	23
L.A. Law (NBC) (r)	13.3	10.0	17	*51
Peter Jennings Report (ABC) (r)	12.5	8.9	16	61

### Top 10

1 Cheers (NBC)
2 A Different World (NBC)
3 60 Minutes (CBS)
4 Roseanne (ABC)
5 Absolute Strangers (CBS)
6 Designing Women (CBS)
7 Murphy Brown (CBS)
8 Coach (ABC)
9 America's Funniest People (ABC)
10 Seinfeld (NBC)

### Network ratings

For the week:

CBS: 12.4

ABC: 11.3

NBC: 11.0

Fox: 6.4

Season to date:

NBC: 12.7

ABC: 12.5

CBS: 12.3

Fox: 6.4

### Evening news

For the week:

ABC: 10.0

NBC: 8.6

CBS: 8.5

For the week:

ABC: 10.6

NBC: 9.2

CBS: 8.4

### Bottom 5

85 Comic Strip Live (Fox)
86 True Colors (Fox)
87 Fantasy Park (Fox)
88 Yearbook (Fox)
89 Against the Law (Fox)

### Friday, April 12, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Full House (ABC) (r)	23.0	14.4	28	22
Guns of Paradise (CBS)	12.4	8.3	15	64
Black Jack Savage (NBC)	9.3	6.1	11	*79
America's Most Wanted (Fox)	8.7	5.7	11	*82
8:30 Family Matters (ABC) (r)	25.0	15.0	27	16
9:00 Perfect Strangers (ABC) (r)	20.4	12.5	22	*34
Dallas (CBS)	16.1	11.5	20	*43
Hunter (NBC) (r)	12.3	8.2	14	65
Against the Law (Fox)	3.4	2.3	4	89
9:30 Baby Talk (ABC)	19.8	12.3	21	*36
10:00 20/20 (ABC)	21.1	14.5	27	21
True Detectives (CBS) (s)	13.0	9.0	17	60
Midnight Caller (NBC)	10.8	7.6	14	*69

### Saturday, April 13, 1991

8:00 Amen (NBC)	14.5	9.8	20	55
Young Riders (ABC) (r)	11.8	7.9	16	66
Flash (CBS)	10.8	6.5	13	77
Fantasy Park (Fox)	4.3	3.1	6	87
8:30 Down Home (NBC)	14.7	9.6	19	*57
Yearbook (Fox)	3.6	2.6	5	88
9:00 The Golden Girls (NBC)	23.8	15.5	29	*14
Frank Nitti: The Enforcer (ABC) (r)	11.3	7.8	15	*67
Stroker Ace (CBS) (r)	11.3	6.8	13	*74
Cops (Fox)	8.9	5.8	11	81
9:30 Empty Nest (NBC)	24.0	15.9	29	11
Cops (Fox) (r)	11.1	6.8	12	*74
10:00 Carol & Company (NBC)	17.2	12.0	24	*38

### Sunday, April 14, 1991

7:00 Masters Golf Tournament (CBS)	19.6	13.6	29	27
Life Goes On (ABC) (r)	11.5	7.1	13	73
TV Censored Bloopers (NBC) (r)	10.0	6.6	12	76
True Colors (Fox)	7.2	4.7	9	86
7:08 60 Minutes (CBS)	26.9	18.8	34	3
7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox) (r)	8.4	5.4	10	84
8:00 Home Videos (ABC) (r)	26.9	14.9	25	*17
In Living Color (Fox)	15.6	9.9	16	*53
Expose (NBC)	9.1	6.1	10	*79
8:08 Murder, She Wrote (CBS)	20.7	14.8	24	19
8:30 Funniest People (ABC)	30.2	16.5	26	9
Get a Life (Fox) (r)	12.4	7.8	12	*67
Real Life/Jane Pauley (NBC)	10.5	7.4	12	*71
9:00 USO Salute to Troops (ABC) (s)	22.0	13.7	22	26
Married... With Children (Fox)	21.3	13.3	21	*28
The Great Pretender (NBC)	12.4	8.5	14	63
9:08 Absolute Strangers (CBS)	25.7	17.7	29	5
9:30 Top of the Heap (Fox)	16.2	10.0	16	*51
10:00 Comic Strip Live (Fox)	7.5	5.2	9	85