

With Dan Rafter ended its longest losing streak ever Tuesday in a close news race.

Evening News had been in third place for 11 weeks, CBS' longest stint in the ratings basement. But this week, it beat *NBC Nightly News* by 0.4 of a ratings point. NBC's airing of an NBA playoff game forced some *Nightly* pre-emptions, but executive producer Steve Friedman was not blaming basketball.

ABC's *World News Tonight With Peter Jennings* won for the 20th straight week, but suffered from the overall summer viewing

CBS won the week, with the premiere of *Sunday Dinner* tying for the 20th spot. But viewers were more attracted to a repeat of the 20-year-old classic *All in the Family*, which followed *Dinner* and tied for 10th place. The Tony awards ranked a low No. 47.

Second-place ABC was spurred by its Tuesday night lineup, with *Roseanne* and *Coach* the one-two punch at the top of the rankings. The finale of *thirtysomething*, airing days after its controversial cancellation, scored its highest ranking ever at No. 4.



'THIRTYSOMETHING': Ken Olin and Mel Harris at No. 4

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, May 27, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC) (r)	17.0	11.0	21	24
Evening Shade (CBS) (r)	14.2	9.9	19	*33
MacGyver (ABC) (r)	11.9	7.8	15	56
Blood Ties (Fox)	9.6	6.3	11	*67
8:30 Major Dad (CBS) (r)	17.1	11.4	21	*20
Blossom (NBC) (r)	13.4	8.8	16	*48
9:00 Murphy Brown (CBS) (r)	20.8	13.8	24	*5
B.L. Stryker (ABC) (r)	13.7	9.5	17	*41
Three on a Match (NBC) (r)	12.8	8.3	15	53
9:30 Designing Women (CBS) (r)	19.7	13.8	24	*5
10:00 Good Sports (CBS)	12.0	8.6	16	51
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Tuesday, May 28, 1991

8:00 Rescue 911 (CBS)	20.2	13.3	24	8
Who's the Boss? (ABC) (r)	14.4	10.7	20	*25
Matlock (NBC) (r)	14.6	10.7	20	*25
8:30 Head of the Class (ABC)	14.9	10.5	19	*28
9:00 Roseanne (ABC) (r)	24.8	17.2	29	1
Bluegrass, Pt. 2 (CBS) (r)	17.9	12.7	22	13
L.A. Lakers vs Portland (NBC)	14.1	10.1	18	*31
9:30 Coach (ABC) (r)	22.6	15.6	26	2
10:00 thirtysomething (ABC)	18.4	13.9	24	4

Wednesday, May 29, 1991

8:00 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC) (r)	18.4	12.8	24	12
The Wonder Years (ABC) (r)	13.6	9.8	19	*37
Rocky and Bullwinkle (CBS) (r)	9.3	6.1	12	*69
8:30 Growing Pains (ABC) (r)	13.4	9.8	18	*37
Claymation (CBS) (s)	8.4	5.9	11	74
9:00 Doogie Howser, M.D. (ABC) (r)	16.7	11.3	20	22
Jake and the Fatman (CBS) (r)	13.6	10.1	18	*31
Night Court (NBC)	13.8	9.9	18	*33
9:30 Anything but Love (ABC) (r)	14.1	9.6	17	40
Dear John (NBC) (r)	12.6	9.1	16	*44
10:00 48 Hours (CBS)	16.4	11.9	23	16
Quantum Leap (NBC) (r)	13.8	9.1	17	*44
Eddie Dodd (ABC)	9.3	6.8	13	64

Thursday, May 30, 1991

8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC) (r)	15.5	10.6	21	27
The Simpsons (Fox) (r)	15.1	9.7	19	39
Top Cops (CBS) (r)	12.6	8.8	17	*48
Father Dowling				
Mysteries (ABC) (r)	9.8	7.2	14	*60
8:30 Cheers (NBC) (r)	16.3	11.1	21	23
Babes (Fox) (r)	9.3	6.3	12	*67
9:00 Portland vs L.A. Lakers (NBC)	16.7	11.8	22	17
Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox) (r)	12.7	9.1	16	*44
Antagonists (CBS)	12.9	8.8	16	*48
My Life and Times (ABC)	8.9	6.5	12	66
9:30 My Life and Times (ABC)	8.3	6.1	11	*69
10:00 American Story (CBS)	13.2	9.9	18	*33
PrimeTime Live (ABC)	12.5	9.2	17	43

Top 10

- 1 *Roseanne* (ABC)
- 2 *Coach* (ABC)
- 3 *60 Minutes* (CBS)
- 4 *thirtysomething* (ABC)
- 5 *Designing Women* (CBS)
- * *Murphy Brown* (CBS)
- 7 *20/20* (ABC)
- 8 *Rescue 911* (CBS)
- 9 *Family Matters* (ABC)
- 10 *Full House* (ABC)
- * *All in the Family* (CBS)

Network ratings

For the week:

CBS: 9.6

ABC: 9.4

NBC: 9.0

Fox: 6.0

Season to date:

NBC: 12.4

ABC: 12.1

CBS: 12.0

Fox: 6.4

Evening news

For the week:

ABC: 8.6

CBS: 7.6

NBC: 7.2

Last week:

ABC: 8.7

NBC: 7.4

CBS: 7.2

Friday, May 31, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Full House (ABC) (r)	20.1	12.9	28	*10
America's Most Wanted (Fox)	7.9	5.4	12	*79
Guns of Paradise (CBS) (r)	7.9	5.3	11	*80
Hunter (NBC) (r)	7.2	5.1	11	83
8:30 Family Matters (ABC) (r)	20.4	13.2	28	9
9:00 Perfect Strangers (ABC) (r)	18.2	12.1	24	15
Baby Girl Scott (CBS) (r)	10.3	7.2	14	*60
L.A. Law (NBC)	7.3	5.3	10	*80
DEA (Fox) (r)	6.3	4.0	8	88
9:30 Going Places (ABC) (r)	15.6	10.3	20	30
10:00 20/20 (ABC)	19.6	13.6	27	7
Midnight Caller (NBC) (r)	7.7	5.5	11	*76

Saturday, June 1, 1991

8:00 Amen (NBC) (r)	9.1	6.7	17	65
Young Riders (ABC) (r)	7.9	5.4	13	*79
Flash (CBS) (r)	8.0	5.0	12	84
Totally Hidden Video (Fox)	5.5	3.7	9	90
8:30 American Dreamer (NBC)	10.2	7.5	18	58
Yearbook (Fox) (r)	3.8	2.5	6	91
9:00 The Golden Girls (NBC) (r)	13.4	9.9	21	*33
Kiss Shot (CBS) (r)	11.4	7.4	15	59
Rhinestone (ABC) (r)	9.2	6.1	13	*69
Cops (Fox) (r)	7.0	4.5	10	85
9:30 Empty Nest (NBC) (r)	14.4	10.5	21	*28
Cops (Fox) (r)	8.0	5.2	11	82
10:00 Sisters (NBC)	10.2	7.9	16	55

Sunday, June 2, 1991

7:00 60 Minutes (CBS)	21.1	15.2	34	3
Life Goes On (ABC) (r)	8.3	5.6	12	75
Our Shining Moments (NBC)	5.9	4.1	9	87
True Colors (Fox) (r)	5.6	3.8	9	89
7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox) (r)	6.8	4.4	9	86
8:00 Home Videos (ABC) (r)	19.5	11.7	22	18
Sunday Dinner (CBS)	15.5	11.4	22	*20
In Living Color (Fox) (r)	12.4	7.7	15	57
Exposé (NBC)	8.1	6.0	11	*72
8:30 All in the Family (CBS) (r)	18.6	12.9	24	*10
America's Funniest				
People (ABC) (r)	19.8	11.6	21	19
Real Life/Jane Pauley (NBC)	10.1	7.2	13	*60
Get a Life (Fox) (r)	9.7	6.0	11	*72
9:00 Murder in High Places (NBC)	17.9	12.3	22	14
Married... With Children (Fox)(r)	15.2	9.5	17	*41
Tony Awards (CBS)	12.2	8.9	16	47
Baby M, Pt. 1 (ABC)	12.3	8.4	15	52
9:30 Top of the Heap (Fox) (r)	11.9	8.1	14	54
10:00 Sunday Comics (Fox)	8.2	5.5	10	*76