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# ABC's Hurricane and fall

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NEW YORK — NBC's *Empty Nest* took into first place last week, largely to the hurt of *Major Dad*, which blew through its night sitcoms. The hurricane story line with *Golden Girls* (No. 3) and *Nurses* (No. 4) sweeps gimmick in-crossover appearances from all three shows, some from the production of Paul Witt, Tony Danza and Susan Harris. *Empty Nest*, which started off the season with sweeps poorly, returned with *Roseanne* at No. 2 and *Part 2 of the Donna Mills False Arrest*. Part 1 of *Empty Nest* placed 48th the week before, but concluded at No. 14.

Friday newsmagazine *48 Hours* had its best performance in eight-week-old season, at No. 22. *The Barbara Walters Special* — usually a top 10 spot — ranked

at No. 3. *60 Minutes* was third for the week. *60 Minutes* was the top-rated show for the second straight week the first time it has done that feat since 1983. Fox continues to gain. The Thursday *The Simpsons* (No. 66) in *Beverly Hills, 90210* (No. 67) won Fox's best rating for its four-year history with a 12.9 average, good for second place to NBC.

Network news, ABC's *News Tonight* was first, followed by *The CBS Evening News*. *The CBS Evening News* snipped NBC *Nightly News*. However, last week was the first time both shows have been in a 10 rating since

## Using this chart

- ▶ Ratings information comes from the A.C. Nielsen Co.
- ▶ A ratings point represents 921,000 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, November 4, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Evening Shade (CBS)	22.9	16.1	24	21
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC)	24.4	15.0	23	29
MacGyver (ABC)	14.6	9.6	15	*61
8:30 Major Dad (CBS)	25.9	17.9	26	7
Blossom (NBC)	20.4	12.7	19	*43
9:00 Murphy Brown (CBS)	26.0	19.0	27	5
Gambler Returns, Pt. 2 (NBC)	25.7	16.6	25	*14
Monday Night Football (ABC)	22.3	16.3	26	*18
9:30 Designing Women (CBS)	23.8	17.8	25	8
10:00 Northern Exposure (CBS)	21.8	16.2	26	20

### Tuesday, November 5, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Full House (ABC)	27.3	17.1	26	11
Rescue 911 (CBS)	22.4	14.5	22	*31
I'll Fly Away (NBC)	15.3	11.0	17	55
8:30 Home Improvement (ABC)	26.3	16.4	24	*16
9:00 Roseanne (ABC)	32.4	20.4	30	2
In the Heat of the Night (NBC)	19.7	13.7	20	*37
Posing: Three Real Stories (CBS)	16.0	11.9	18	*49
9:30 Coach (ABC)	26.5	16.9	25	13
10:00 Barbara Walters (ABC)	21.8	15.5	25	26
Law & Order (NBC)	18.1	12.7	21	*43

### Wednesday, November 6, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)	26.9	17.4	27	9
Dinosaurs (ABC)	21.7	12.7	20	*43
Brooklyn Bridge (CBS)	13.4	9.6	15	*61
8:30 Wonder Years (ABC)	22.8	14.4	22	*33
9:00 False Arrest, Pt. 2 (ABC)	24.7	16.6	27	*14
Night Court (NBC)	20.1	13.7	21	*37
Jake and the Fatman (CBS)	14.2	10.4	16	57
9:30 Seinfeld (NBC)	16.4	11.7	18	*53
10:00 48 Hours (CBS)	16.0	11.8	20	*51
Quantum Leap (NBC)	14.4	10.0	17	*59

### Thursday, November 7, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC)	25.1	16.3	25	*18
The Simpsons (Fox)	23.0	13.0	21	36
Top Cops (CBS)	17.7	12.3	19	47
Pros & Cons (ABC)	10.9	7.4	11	76
8:30 A Different World (NBC)	26.7	17.0	26	12
Drexell's Class (Fox)	14.8	9.1	14	66
9:00 Cheers (NBC)	29.3	19.8	30	4
Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox)	22.3	13.6	21	39
Trials of Rosie O'Neill (CBS)	11.9	9.0	14	*67
FBI: The Untold Stories (ABC)	11.6	8.2	12	73
9:30 Wings (NBC)	22.7	15.9	24	23
American Detective (ABC)	12.4	9.0	14	*67
10:00 L.A. Law (NBC)	20.8	15.3	25	28
Knots Landing (CBS)	15.8	11.7	19	*53
PrimeTime Live (ABC)	13.2	10.0	17	*59

## Top 10

1 60 Minutes (CBS)
2 Roseanne (ABC)
3 Empty Nest (NBC)
4 Cheers (NBC)
5 Murphy Brown (CBS)
6 Nurses (NBC)
7 Major Dad (CBS)
8 Designing Women (CBS)
9 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)
10 Golden Girls (NBC)

## Network ratings

	For the week	Season to date
NBC	13.4	CBS: 14.1
ABC	13.1	NBC: 12.7
CBS	12.4	ABC: 12.1
Fox	8.1	Fox: 7.7

## Evening news

	For the week	Last week
ABC	11.4	ABC: 10.8
CBS	10.1	NBC: 9.3
NBC	10.0	CBS: 9.0

### Friday, November 8, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Family Matters (ABC)	25.4	15.4	27	27
Matlock (NBC)	19.1	13.1	22	*41
America's Most Wanted (Fox)	9.8	6.8	12	*81
Perfect Crimes (CBS)	7.5	5.5	9	86
8:30 Step by Step (ABC)	24.8	14.5	24	*31
9:00 Perfect Strangers (ABC)	21.9	13.3	23	40
Carol Burnett Show (CBS)	13.2	9.2	16	65
Flesh 'N Blood (NBC)	9.7	7.0	12	80
Best of the Worst (Fox)	7.8	4.8	8	*90
9:30 Baby Talk (ABC)	19.6	12.1	21	48
Dear John (NBC)	10.6	7.8	14	75
Totally Hidden Video (Fox)	7.1	4.8	8	*90
10:00 20/20 (ABC)	23.9	16.0	29	22
Reasonable Doubts (NBC)	12.9	8.9	16	70
Connie Chung (CBS) (r)	7.7	5.9	11	85

### Saturday, November 9, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 The Golden Girls (NBC)	24.7	17.2	29	10
Above the Law (CBS)	15.0	9.5	16	64
Who's the Boss? (ABC)	13.7	8.3	14	72
Cops (Fox)	10.5	6.7	12	83
8:30 Growing Pains (ABC)	12.5	7.3	12	77
Cops (Fox) (r)	10.5	6.8	12	*81
9:00 Empty Nest (NBC)	29.7	20.2	34	3
Young Riders (ABC)	10.2	6.3	11	84
Charlie Hoover (Fox)	5.1	3.6	6	92
9:30 Nurses (NBC)	27.0	18.1	31	6
Get a Life (Fox)	4.3	3.0	5	93
10:00 Sisters (NBC)	16.1	11.8	22	*51
P.S.I. Luv U (CBS)	13.3	8.8	17	71
Commish (ABC)	11.4	7.9	15	74

### Sunday, November 10, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
7:00 60 Minutes (CBS)	31.8	21.8	34	1
NFL Football (NBC)	28.9	14.4	25	*33
Life Goes On (ABC)	16.8	10.2	16	58
True Colors (Fox)	10.8	7.1	11	*78
7:07 Mark & Brian (NBC)	8.9	5.3	8	87
7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox)	10.8	7.1	11	*78
Eerie, Indiana (NBC)	8.7	5.2	8	88
8:00 Murder, She Wrote (CBS)	22.8	16.4	24	*16
Home Videos (ABC)	26.3	14.7	22	30
In Living Color (Fox)	19.4	11.9	18	*49
Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)	16.9	10.6	16	56
8:30 Funniest People (ABC)	25.7	14.4	21	*33
Roc (Fox)	14.7	9.0	13	*67
9:00 Wife, Mother, Murderer (ABC)	23.1	15.6	24	*24
My Son Johnny (CBS)	22.2	15.6	24	*24
Married ... With Children (Fox)	19.7	13.1	19	*41
The Return of Eliot Ness (NBC)	19.6	12.7	19	*43
9:30 Herman's Head (Fox)	13.7	9.6	14	*61
10:00 Sunday Comics (Fox)	6.7	4.9	8	89