

sweeps remain up in the air. Specials and regular series did the trick for CBS, giving the network a 1.1 point ratings victory over second-place NBC. CBS had five of the top 10 shows. Part 2 of CBS' Valerie Bertinelli mini-series, *In a Child's Name*, was the top show of the week, and *The Very Best of Ed Sullivan 2*, a retrospective special, finished at No. 13.

time in three weeks, still placing second. *Murphy Brown* was No. 3; *Major Dad* was No. 9 and *Designing Women* was No. 10. NBC's new *Hot Country Nights* premiered at No. 61, a marginal improvement over previous time slot occupants *Man of the People* and *Pacific Station*. Last year's top-rated show, *Cheers*, was No. 4 and *The Fresh Prince of Bel-*

and *Roseanne* was No. 7. The network's premiere of Steven Bochco's new Wednesday night series about divorce lawyers, *Civil Wars*, proved a disappointing draw, ranking No. 78. For the second straight week, Fox scored its highest ratings ever, but still remained almost four rating points behind third-place ABC.

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 18, 1991

| | Viewers | Rating | Share | Rank |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 8:00 Evening Shade (CBS) | 23.1 | 16.1 | 25 | *16 |
| Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC) | 25.1 | 15.5 | 24 | *23 |
| MacGyver (ABC) | 15.1 | 10.0 | 16 | *64 |
| 8:30 Major Dad (CBS) | 26.1 | 17.8 | 26 | 9 |
| Blossom (NBC) | 19.9 | 13.1 | 19 | *41 |
| 9:00 Murphy Brown (CBS) | 27.9 | 19.9 | 28 | 3 |
| Monday Night Football (ABC) | 22.1 | 16.3 | 27 | 15 |
| Chance of a Lifetime (NBC) | 19.8 | 14.8 | 22 | 27 |
| 9:30 Designing Women (CBS) | 24.2 | 17.6 | 25 | 10 |
| 10:00 Northern Exposure (CBS) | 20.9 | 15.5 | 25 | *23 |

Tuesday, November 19, 1991

| | Viewers | Rating | Share | Rank |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 8:00 Full House (ABC) | 30.0 | 19.2 | 29 | 5 |
| Rescue 911 (CBS) | 24.1 | 15.9 | 23 | *18 |
| I'll Fly Away (NBC) | 13.9 | 10.0 | 15 | *64 |
| 8:30 Home Improvement (ABC) | 27.5 | 17.3 | 25 | 12 |
| 9:00 In a Child's Name, Pt. 2 (CBS) | 31.1 | 21.9 | 33 | 1 |
| Roseanne (ABC) | 28.5 | 18.6 | 26 | 7 |
| In the Heat of the Night (NBC) | 17.4 | 12.0 | 17 | *47 |
| 9:30 Coach (ABC) | 23.6 | 15.8 | 22 | *20 |
| 10:00 Law & Order (NBC) | 16.0 | 11.4 | 18 | 57 |
| Homefront (ABC) | 12.9 | 9.1 | 15 | *73 |

Wednesday, November 20, 1991

| | Viewers | Rating | Share | Rank |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 8:00 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC) | 25.8 | 16.9 | 27 | 14 |
| Dinosaurs (ABC) | 20.9 | 12.9 | 21 | 44 |
| Brooklyn Bridge (CBS) | 13.4 | 9.5 | 15 | *69 |
| 8:30 Wonder Years (ABC) | 22.5 | 14.1 | 22 | 31 |
| Royal Family (CBS) | 11.8 | 8.3 | 13 | 77 |
| 9:00 Doogie Howser, M.D. (ABC) | 21.3 | 14.0 | 22 | *32 |
| Night Court (NBC) | 18.9 | 13.0 | 20 | 43 |
| Jake and the Fatman (CBS) | 16.8 | 12.1 | 19 | 46 |
| 9:30 Seinfeld (NBC) | 16.3 | 11.8 | 19 | *50 |
| Anything but Love (ABC) | 13.7 | 9.9 | 16 | *67 |
| 10:00 48 Hours (CBS) | 18.4 | 13.7 | 24 | 36 |
| Quantum Leap (NBC) | 16.2 | 11.0 | 19 | *58 |
| Civil Wars (ABC) | 10.5 | 8.2 | 14 | 78 |

Thursday, November 21, 1991

| | Viewers | Rating | Share | Rank |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC) | 24.3 | 15.9 | 25 | *18 |
| The Simpsons (Fox) | 23.9 | 14.4 | 22 | 30 |
| Top Cops (CBS) | 17.2 | 11.8 | 18 | *50 |
| The Entertainers (ABC) | 9.9 | 7.0 | 11 | *82 |
| 8:30 A Different World (NBC) | 28.6 | 18.5 | 29 | 8 |
| Drexell's Class (Fox) | 15.1 | 9.5 | 15 | *69 |
| 9:00 Cheers (NBC) | 29.2 | 19.8 | 29 | 4 |
| Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox) | 28.7 | 13.4 | 20 | *38 |
| 48 Hours (CBS) | 16.5 | 11.6 | 17 | *54 |
| 9:30 Wings (NBC) | 23.3 | 16.1 | 24 | *16 |
| 10:00 L.A. Law (NBC) | 28.2 | 14.6 | 24 | 28 |
| PrimeTime Live (ABC) | 18.8 | 13.9 | 23 | 34 |
| Knotts Landing (CBS) | 19.9 | 13.4 | 22 | *38 |

Top 10

- 1 *In a Child's Name* (CBS)
- 2 *60 Minutes* (CBS)
- 3 *Murphy Brown* (CBS)
- 4 *Cheers* (NBC)
- 5 *Full House* (ABC)
- 6 *Sunday Football* (NBC)
- 7 *Roseanne* (ABC)
- 8 *A Different World* (NBC)
- 9 *Major Dad* (CBS)
- 10 *Designing Women* (CBS)

Network ratings

For the week:
 CBS: 14.1
 NBC: 13.0
 ABC: 12.4
 Fox: 8.5

Season to date:
 CBS: 14.0
 NBC: 12.8
 ABC: 12.2
 Fox: 7.8

Evening news

For the week:
 ABC: 11.4
 CBS: 9.8
 NBC: 9.5

Last week:
 ABC: 11.4
 CBS: 10.1
 NBC: 9.8

Bottom 5

- 88 *True Colors* (Fox)
- 89 *Charlie Hoover* (Fox)
- 90 *Best of the Worst* (Fox)
- * *Totally Hidden Video* (Fox)
- 92 *Get a Life* (Fox)

Friday, November 22, 1991

| | Viewers | Rating | Share | Rank |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 8:00 Family Matters (ABC) | 23.9 | 14.9 | 26 | *25 |
| Rescue 911 (CBS) (r) | 15.6 | 10.4 | 18 | 60 |
| America's Most Wanted (Fox) | 8.6 | 6.3 | 11 | 86 |
| Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC) | 8.8 | 6.1 | 11 | 87 |
| 8:30 Step by Step (ABC) | 22.4 | 14.0 | 23 | *32 |
| Back to the Future, Pt. 3 (NBC)(r) | 16.6 | 10.1 | 17 | *62 |
| 9:00 Perfect Strangers (ABC) | 21.3 | 13.2 | 22 | 40 |
| Carol Burnett Show (CBS) | 12.9 | 9.3 | 16 | 72 |
| Best of the Worst (Fox) | 5.8 | 4.1 | 7 | *90 |
| 9:30 Baby Talk (ABC) | 17.9 | 11.6 | 19 | *54 |
| Totally Hidden Video (Fox) | 6.0 | 4.1 | 7 | *90 |
| 10:00 20/20 (ABC) | 18.8 | 13.1 | 23 | *41 |
| Trials of Rosie O'Neill (CBS) | 11.3 | 8.1 | 14 | 79 |

Saturday, November 23, 1991

| | Viewers | Rating | Share | Rank |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 8:00 The Golden Girls (NBC) | 19.7 | 13.8 | 23 | 35 |
| Who's the Boss? (ABC) | 14.4 | 9.1 | 15 | *73 |
| Cops (Fox) | 12.5 | 8.0 | 14 | 80 |
| Bob Newhart Anniversary (CBS) | 10.6 | 7.3 | 12 | 81 |
| 8:30 Walter and Emily (NBC) | 17.8 | 11.7 | 20 | 53 |
| Cops (Fox) (r) | 14.5 | 9.1 | 15 | *73 |
| Growing Pains (ABC) | 14.6 | 9.0 | 15 | 76 |
| 9:00 Empty Nest (NBC) | 21.5 | 14.9 | 25 | *25 |
| Funny Farm (ABC) | 19.1 | 11.5 | 20 | 56 |
| Party for Richard Pryor (CBS) | 14.6 | 9.4 | 16 | 71 |
| Charlie Hoover (Fox) | 6.9 | 4.4 | 8 | 89 |
| 9:30 Nurses (NBC) | 16.6 | 12.0 | 21 | *47 |
| Get a Life (Fox) | 5.2 | 3.3 | 6 | 92 |
| 10:00 Sisters (NBC) | 14.2 | 11.0 | 20 | *58 |

Sunday, November 24, 1991

| | Viewers | Rating | Share | Rank |
|--|---------|--------|-------|------|
| 7:00 60 Minutes (CBS) | 30.5 | 21.5 | 33 | 2 |
| NFL Football (NBC) | 27.3 | 18.8 | 31 | 6 |
| Life Goes On (ABC) | 15.6 | 10.0 | 15 | *64 |
| True Colors (Fox) (r) | 9.0 | 6.0 | 9 | 88 |
| 7:14 NFL Post-game (NBC) | 16.8 | 12.0 | 20 | *47 |
| 7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox) | 11.0 | 7.0 | 11 | *82 |
| Torkelsons (NBC) | 9.3 | 6.6 | 10 | 85 |
| 8:00 Murder, She Wrote (CBS) | 24.4 | 17.5 | 25 | 11 |
| Home Videos (ABC) | 27.2 | 15.8 | 23 | *20 |
| In Living Color (Fox) | 21.5 | 12.8 | 18 | 45 |
| Hot Country Nights (NBC) | 15.9 | 10.3 | 15 | 61 |
| 8:30 Funniest People (ABC) | 25.3 | 14.5 | 21 | 29 |
| Roc (Fox) | 16.8 | 9.9 | 14 | *67 |
| 9:00 Very Best of Ed Sullivan, 2 (CBS) | 25.8 | 17.1 | 26 | 13 |
| A Mother's Secret (NBC) | 22.3 | 15.6 | 23 | 22 |
| Married... With Children (Fox) | 22.4 | 13.5 | 19 | 37 |
| Dead and Alive (ABC) | 17.8 | 11.8 | 18 | *50 |
| 9:30 Herman's Head (Fox) | 16.0 | 10.1 | 15 | *62 |
| 10:00 Paul Rodriguez (Fox) | 9.8 | 6.7 | 10 | 84 |