

along the top row.
 Network ratings were falling to a holiday low.

The numbers from Niensens were posted with care.

Last week CBS had the highest audience share.

60 Minutes was nestled in No. 1 spot; Connie Chung's chat with Magic earned the 14th slot.

much clutter. Only Cheers and Unsolved Mysteries were near the top of the ladder.

Former top-20 hits fell into the pack; when it comes to new hits, at NBC, there's a lack.

Then what to my wondering eyes did appear but an ABC performance, up from the rear.

Winnie and Ernest teamed up for a

nights.
 The bottom 30 featured shows leaving the air. Variety and dramas, viewers just didn't care.

Off Rosie, off Pros and Carol Burnett. May the second season's tidings be better yet.

Bad ratings aside, 'tis a season of cheer. So Merry Christmas to all, and a happy New Year.

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, December 9, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Evening Shade (CBS)	22.4	15.4	24	18
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC)	24.1	14.9	23	21
MacGyver (ABC) (r)	11.9	8.2	13	*74
Billboard Music Awards (Fox) (s)	11.6	7.5	11	82
8:30 Major Dad (CBS)	24.3	16.5	25	10
Blossom (NBC)	18.4	11.7	18	*41
9:00 Murphy Brown (CBS)	25.7	17.8	26	4
The Story Lady (NBC)	21.5	15.9	24	13
Monday Night Football (ABC)	18.0	13.7	23	*28
9:30 Designing Women (CBS)	23.1	16.7	24	*7
10:00 Northern Exposure (CBS)	21.2	15.5	24	*15

Tuesday, December 10, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Full House (ABC) (r)	25.1	16.2	26	*11
Rescue 911 (CBS)	23.6	15.5	24	*15
I'll Fly Away (NBC)	14.3	10.1	16	*58
8:30 Home Improvement (ABC)	27.3	17.2	26	6
9:00 Roseanne (ABC) (r)	28.2	18.9	29	3
Nightmare in Columbia County (CBS)	20.1	14.0	22	26
In the Heat of the Night (NBC)	20.4	13.8	21	27
9:30 Coach (ABC)	23.8	16.7	25	*7
10:00 Law and Order (NBC)	18.3	12.7	22	*33
Homefront (ABC)	12.8	9.4	16	64

Wednesday, December 11, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)	26.8	17.5	28	5
Dinosaurs (ABC)	20.2	12.2	20	*38
Brooklyn Bridge (CBS)	12.6	9.1	15	*65
8:30 Wonder Years (ABC)	20.2	13.0	21	30
Night Before Christmas (CBS) (r)	15.0	9.1	15	*65
9:00 Jake and the Fatman (CBS)	18.3	12.8	20	32
Doogie Howser, M.D. (ABC)	19.6	12.5	20	35
Seinfeld (NBC)	17.9	12.2	19	*38
9:30 Night Court (NBC)	18.8	12.9	21	31
Anything but Love (ABC)	14.4	9.7	16	61
10:00 Face to Face w/C. Chung (CBS)	20.7	15.7	27	14
Quantum Leap (NBC) (r)	16.0	11.2	19	50
Civil Wars (ABC)	11.2	8.1	14	*77

Thursday, December 12, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC)	23.7	15.5	25	*15
The Simpsons (Fox) (r)	18.0	11.5	19	*44
Top Cops (CBS)	15.3	10.7	17	54
Pros and Cons (ABC)	9.4	6.7	11	84
8:30 A Different World (NBC)	23.7	15.2	24	20
Drexell's Class (Fox)	13.4	9.0	14	68
9:00 Cheers (NBC)	27.5	19.1	29	2
Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox)	18.2	11.8	18	40
Trials of Rosie O'Neill (CBS)	12.0	8.6	13	71
FBI: The Untold Stories (ABC)	11.5	8.2	13	*74
9:30 Wings (NBC)	21.4	15.3	23	19
American Detectives (ABC)	12.5	8.8	13	70
10:00 L.A. Law (NBC)	19.7	14.8	25	22
Knots Landing (CBS)	16.3	11.6	20	43
PrimeTime Live (ABC)	14.6	10.9	18	52

Top 10

1	60 Minutes (CBS)
2	Cheers (NBC)
3	Roseanne (ABC)
4	Murphy Brown (CBS)
5	Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)
6	Home Improvement (ABC)
7	Coach (ABC)
8	Christmas on Division Street (CBS)
9	Designing Women (CBS)
10	Major Dad (CBS)

Network ratings

For the week:	
CBS:	13.0
NBC:	12.4
ABC:	12.0
Fox:	7.6
Season to date:	
CBS:	13.7
NBC:	12.7
ABC:	12.2
Fox:	7.7

Evening news

Bottom 5

88	Sunday Comics (Fox)
89	Hidden Video (Fox)
90	True Colors (Fox)
91	Best of the Worst (Fox)
92	Get a Life (Fox)

For the week:	
ABC:	11.2
CBS:	9.8
NBC:	9.5
Last week:	
ABC:	11.5
CBS:	10.2
NBC:	10.1

Friday, December 13, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Family Matters (ABC) (r)	18.9	12.3	22	37
Matlock (NBC)	16.5	11.5	20	*44
Mickey's Christmas Carol (CBS) (r)	17.1	9.5	17	63
America's Most Wanted (Fox)	8.4	6.0	11	86
8:30 Step by Step (ABC)	17.7	11.4	20	*46
9:00 Perfect Strangers (ABC) (r)	17.3	10.5	19	*55
Dear John (NBC)	11.1	8.1	14	*77
Carol Burnett Show (CBS)	12.6	8.0	14	*79
Hidden Video (Fox) (r)	6.6	4.7	8	89
9:30 Baby Talk (ABC)	16.7	10.1	18	*58
10:00 20/20 (ABC)	19.5	13.7	25	*28
John Denver's Christmas (CBS)	15.1	9.6	17	62
Reasonable Doubts (NBC)	11.9	8.4	15	73
Best of the Worst (Fox)	6.1	4.3	8	91

Saturday, December 14, 1991

8:00 The Golden Girls (NBC)	16.6	11.7	22	*41
Winnie-Pooh & Xmas (ABC) (s)	20.7	10.8	20	53
Hallmark's: Caroline? (CBS) (r)	12.5	8.9	16	69
Cops (Fox)	10.9	7.8	15	81
8:30 Walter and Emily (NBC)	14.1	9.9	18	60
Cops (Fox) (r)	12.0	8.5	15	72
9:00 Ernest Saves Christmas (ABC)	23.8	12.7	23	*33
Empty Nest (NBC)	18.1	12.4	22	36
True Colors (Fox) (r)	6.1	4.4	8	90
9:30 Nurses (NBC)	16.6	11.4	20	*46
Get a Life (Fox)	4.9	3.4	6	92
10:00 Sisters (NBC)	13.9	10.3	19	57
P.S.I. Luv U (CBS)	11.6	8.0	15	*79

Sunday, December 15, 1991

7:00 Life Goes On (ABC)	17.6	11.0	18	51
True Colors (Fox)	9.5	5.8	10	87
7:02 60 Minutes (CBS)	33.1	22.7	37	1
7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox)	9.7	6.2	10	85
8:00 Home Videos (ABC)	25.6	14.4	22	*23
In Living Color (Fox)	17.7	11.3	17	*48
Hot Country Nights (NBC)	12.0	7.2	11	83
8:02 Murder, She Wrote (CBS)	23.0	16.2	25	*11
8:30 America's Funniest People (ABC)	25.5	14.4	22	*23
Roc (Fox)	14.0	9.1	14	*65
9:00 Columbo: Death Hits Jackpot (ABC)	20.5	14.2	22	25
Married With Children (Fox) (r)	17.6	11.3	17	*48
Who's Harry Crumb? (NBC)	17.4	10.5	16	*55
9:02 Christmas on Division Street (CBS)	24.4	16.7	26	*7
9:30 Herman's Head (Fox) (r)	12.0	8.2	12	*74
10:00 Sunday Comics (Fox)	7.9	5.4	9	88