



(Fred Savage) rising from being fully dressed on his first workday. You've seen the joke

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**Corporate comedy:** Fred Savage plays fresh-faced Matt Peysler, who joins the white-collar world in NBC's 'Working.'

ly Good Fellow of So Long, Farewell.

Bizarre, yes. Funny, maybe. If you're thinking *Dilbert*, no doubt NBC did, too. But with Savage at the center, it's more like Dull-bert. That wide-eyed innocence he had on *The Wonder Years* now looks

cut to know if the producers can pull it off again, and if they do, where the show will go.

Given that by all rights ABC's superior comedies own this night, it's also hard to imagine very many will be punching their leisure-time cards to find out.

# NIELSEN RATINGS

Time Program	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank	Last Week
<b>Monday, September 29, 1997</b>					
8:00 <i>Cosby</i> (CBS)	15.8	11.0	18	21	*32
<i>Suddenly Susan</i> (NBC)	11.5	8.2	13	*47	*38
<i>Melrose Place</i> (Fox)	10.6	7.6	12	56	*62
<i>Timecop</i> (ABC)	7.6	5.7	10	*78	*80
<i>7th Heaven</i> (WB)	4.7	3.5	5	92	96
<i>In the House</i> (UPN)	4.0	2.8	5	*101	*105
8:30 <i>Everybody Loves Raymond</i> (CBS)	15.3	10.8	17	*23	*45
<i>Fired Up</i> (NBC)	10.5	7.7	12	55	*43
<i>Malcolm &amp; Eddie</i> (UPN)	4.6	3.2	5	97	103
9:00 <i>NFL Monday Pre-game</i> (ABC)	16.9	12.0	19	*16	
<i>Cybill</i> (CBS)	14.2	10.1	15	*26	59
<i>Caroline in the City</i> (NBC)	13.8	10.0	15	*28	16
<i>Ally McBeal</i> (Fox)	8.9	6.5	10	73	*69
<i>Buffy the Vampire Slayer</i> (WB)	4.9	3.4	5	*93	100
<i>Good News</i> (UPN)	4.9	3.4	5	*93	104
9:07 <i>NFL Monday Night Football</i> (ABC)	19.7	14.2	24	7	9
9:30 <i>George &amp; Leo</i> (CBS)	13.1	9.5	14	*35	*41
<i>Naked Truth</i> (NBC)	11.7	8.6	13	*42	34
<i>Sparks</i> (UPN)	4.4	3.1	5	98	*105
10:00 <i>Dateline NBC</i> (NBC)	14.4	11.2	19	20	*23
<i>Brooklyn South</i> (CBS)	13.6	9.8	17	*30	19

Time Program	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank	Last Week
<b>Tuesday, September 30, 1997</b>					
8:00 <i>Mad About You</i> (NBC)	15.6	11.5	19	19	6
<i>Home Improvement</i> (ABC) (r)	14.4	9.8	17	*30	
<i>JAG</i> (CBS)	13.9	9.5	15	*35	*45
<i>Clueless</i> (UPN)	4.2	3.0	5	*99	101
8:16 <i>Baseball Playoffs</i> (Fox)	9.5	7.4	13	*59	
8:30 <i>Soul Man</i> (ABC)	17.1	11.6	18	18	
<i>NewsRadio</i> (NBC)	12.9	9.4	15	37	20
<i>Moesha</i> (UPN)	5.3	3.4	5	*93	102
9:00 <i>Home Improvement</i> (ABC)	21.5	14.3	22	6	7
<i>Frasier</i> (NBC)	19.6	13.9	21	9	10
<i>Michael Hayes</i> (CBS)	11.9	8.5	13	*44	48
<i>Hitz</i> (UPN)	3.2	2.4	4	107	*110
9:30 <i>Just Shoot Me</i> (NBC)	17.6	12.7	20	13	18
<i>Hiller and Diller</i> (ABC)	14.7	10.0	16	*28	*21
<i>Head Over Heels</i> (UPN)	3.2	2.6	4	104	*110
10:00 <i>Dateline NBC</i> (NBC)	17.8	13.7	23	10	11
<i>NYPD Blue</i> (ABC)	18.1	12.9	22	12	
<i>Dellaventura</i> (CBS)	9.9	7.3	12	*61	40

Time Program	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank	Last Week
<b>Wednesday, October 1, 1997</b>					
8:00 <i>Spin City</i> (ABC)	13.1	9.8	17	*30	*45
<i>The Nanny</i> (CBS)	12.2	9.1	16	*40	
<i>Beverly Hills, 90210</i> (Fox)	11.1	7.8	13	*51	60

## Legend:

- Ratings point = 980,000 TV households
- Share = percentage of sets in use
- Number of viewers in millions
- (\*) = a Nielsen ratings tie
- (r) = a repeat episode
- (s) = a special broadcast
- Source: Nielsen Media Research

## The Top 20

1 <i>ER</i> (NBC)	11 <i>PrimeTime Live</i> (ABC)
2 <i>Seinfeld</i> (NBC)	12 <i>NYPD Blue</i> (ABC)
3 <i>Veronica's Closet</i> (NBC)	13 <i>Just Shoot Me</i> (NBC)
4 <i>Friends</i> (NBC)	14 <i>Ellen</i> (ABC)
5 <i>Union Square</i> (NBC)	* <i>Touched by an Angel</i> (CBS)
6 <i>Home Improvement</i> (ABC)	16 <i>NFL Monday Pre-game</i> (ABC)
7 <i>NFL Monday Night Football</i> (ABC)	* <i>20/20</i> (ABC)
8 <i>The Drew Carey Show</i> (ABC)	18 <i>Soul Man</i> (ABC)
9 <i>Frasier</i> (NBC)	19 <i>Mad About You</i> (NBC)
10 <i>Dateline NBC-Tues.</i> (NBC)	20 <i>Dateline NBC-Mon.</i> (NBC)

## Evening news

For the week:	Last week:
ABC ..... 7.3	NBC ..... 7.8
NBC ..... 6.7	ABC ..... 7.5
CBS ..... 6.5	CBS ..... 6.8

Time Program	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank	Last Week
<i>The Sentinel</i> (UPN)	5.0	3.6	6	91	*97
<i>Sister, Sister</i> (WB)	4.7	3.3	6	96	*97
8:08 <i>Baseball Playoffs</i> (NBC)	10.4	7.8	13	*51	
8:30 <i>Dharma &amp; Greg</i> (ABC)	14.0	10.6	17	25	*21
<i>Murphy Brown</i> (CBS)	12.1	9.3	15	*38	
<i>Smart Guy</i> (WB)	6.2	4.1	7	*88	*97
9:00 <i>The Drew Carey Show</i> (ABC)	20.6	14.0	22	8	28
<i>Party of Five</i> (Fox)	10.7	7.5	12	*57	64
<i>Public Eye/Bryant Gumbel</i> (CBS)	9.2	7.0	11	*68	
* <i>Star Trek: Voyager</i> (UPN)	7.5	5.0	8	*83	*90
<i>The Wayans Bros.</i> (WB)	6.1	4.1	7	*88	*94
9:30 <i>Ellen</i> (ABC)	17.3	12.3	20	*14	*52
<i>The Steve Harvey Show</i> (WB)	5.3	3.8	6	90	*94
10:00 <i>PrimeTime Live</i> (ABC)	17.8	13.4	23	11	*49
<i>Chicago Hope</i> (CBS)	14.5	10.8	19	*23	

## Thursday, October 2, 1997

8:00 <i>Friends</i> (NBC)	25.5	17.6	30	4	4
<i>Promised Land</i> (CBS)	13.1	9.3	15	*38	*23
<i>Nothing Sacred</i> (ABC)	6.8	5.1	8	82	92
8:15 <i>Baseball Playoffs</i> (Fox)	9.7	7.3	13	*61	
8:30 <i>Union Square</i> (NBC)	20.8	14.5	23	5	5
9:00 <i>Seinfeld</i> (NBC)	30.9	21.5	33	2	2
<i>Diagnosis Murder</i> (CBS)	13.9	9.8	15	*30	27
<i>Cracker</i> (ABC)	6.7	5.0	8	*83	89

## Network ratings

For the week:	Fox	NBC	CBS	ABC
NBC ..... 10.1	..... 7.1	..... 10.8	..... 9.7	..... 9.1
CBS ..... 9.1	..... 3.4	..... 9.7	..... 9.1	..... 9.1
ABC ..... 9.1	..... 3.1	..... 9.1	..... 9.1	..... 9.1

## Season to date:

NBC ..... 10.8	Fox ..... 6.8
CBS ..... 9.7	UPN ..... 3.2
ABC ..... 9.1	WB ..... 3.0

Time Program	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank	Last Week
9:30 <i>Veronica's Closet</i> (NBC)	27.2	19.5	30	3	3
10:00 <i>ER</i> (NBC)	32.6	23.3	38	1	1
<i>20/20</i> (ABC)	10.1	7.8	13	*51	*66
<i>48 Hours</i> (CBS)	9.1	7.0	11	*68	68

## Friday, October 3, 1997

8:00 <i>Sabrina the Teenage Witch</i> (ABC)	11.4	7.8	16	*51	52
<i>Family Matters</i> (CBS)	8.6	6.1	12	75	*83
<i>The Visitor</i> (Fox)	9.0	6.0	12	76	*80
8:09 <i>Baseball Playoffs</i> (NBC)	9.8	7.1	14	*64	
8:30 <i>Boy Meets World</i> (ABC)	12.1	8.1	15	49	
<i>Meego</i> (CBS)	8.2	5.7	11	*78	*87
9:00 <i>You Wish</i> (ABC)	10.5	6.9	13	70	*49
<i>Millennium</i> (Fox)	10.1	6.7	12	72	*69
<i>The Gregory Hines Show</i> (CBS)	8.4	5.9	11	77	*75
9:30 <i>Teen Angel</i> (ABC)	10.4	7.1	13	*64	55
<i>Step by Step</i> (CBS)	9.5	6.8	12	71	*72
10:00 <i>20/20</i> (ABC)	16.6	12.0	23	*16	*29
<i>Nash Bridges</i> (CBS)	11.5	7.9	15	50	*57

## Saturday, October 4, 1997

8:00 <i>Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman</i> (CBS)	12.6	8.6	17	*42	*57
<i>C-16</i> (ABC)	6.0	4.4	8	86	77
8:01 <i>Cops</i> (Fox)	7.9	5.4	11	81	*83
8:30 <i>Cop</i> (Fox) (r)	8.7	5.6	11	80	74
9:00 <i>Early Edition</i> (CBS)	13.5	9.1	17	*40	*36
<i>America's Most Wanted</i> (Fox)	9.4	6.4	12	74	*78
<i>Total Security</i> (ABC)	6.4	4.7	9	85	*80
10:00 <i>Walker, Texas Ranger</i> (CBS)	15.4	10.1	19	*26	*32
<i>The Practice</i> (ABC)	10.0	7.1	13	*64	*72
10:47 <i>3rd Rock From the Sun</i> (NBC) (r)	6.0	4.3	8	87	

## Sunday, October 5, 1997

7:00 <i>60 Minutes</i> (CBS)	15.2	10.9	20	22	17
<i>Disney: Toothless</i> (ABC)	13.9	8.4	14	46	
<i>Baseball Pre-game</i> (Fox)	4.2	3.0	6	*99	
<i>Nick Freno</i> (WB)	2.8	2.1	4	*108	114
7:19 <i>Dateline NBC</i> (NBC)	10.1	7.5	14	*57	*62
7:30 <i>The Parent 'Hood</i> (WB)	3.4	2.5	4	*105	*108
7:32 <i>Baseball Playoffs</i> (Fox)	11.7	8.2	14	*47	
8:00 <i>Touched by an Angel</i> (CBS)	18.8	12.3	19	*14	8
<i>Men Behaving Badly</i> (NBC)	9.7	7.1	11	*64	61
<i>The Jamie Foxx Show</i> (WB)	3.9	2.8	5	*101	*108
8:30 <i>Jenny</i> (NBC)	10.1	7.3	11	*61	*49
<i>Unhappily Ever After</i> (WB)	3.9	2.8	4	*101	113
9:00 <i>Heart Full of Rain</i> (CBS)	13.9	9.6	15	34	
<i>Five Desperate Hours</i> (NBC)	12.0	8.5	14	*44	
<i>The Advocate's Devil</i> (ABC)	10.5	7.4	12	*59	
<i>The Tom Show</i> (WB)	3.3	2.5	4	*105	107
9:30 <i>Alright Already</i> (WB)	2.8	2.1	3	*108	*110