

NEW YORK — Tuesday was a bad news/good news day for NBC.

The bad: NBC lost the week to CBS. The good: NBC's *Cheers* was No. 1 for the 13th time in 23 weeks. But that win emphasized how important *Cheers* is to NBC, now in costly negotiations to bring it back for a 10th season. NBC's next-highest rated series was *A Different World*, at No. 12.

More good news: NBC's *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, No. 24, had its best rating ever, and Part 2 of the movie *Love, Lies and Murder* was No. 2 for the week. On the other hand, *The Cosby Show*'s lead over Fox's *The Simpsons* continues to narrow. *The*

Simpsons at No. 24, trailed by just 1.7 ratings points.

At ABC, *America's Funniest People*, No. 9, had the most viewers with 33.7 million, vs. *Cheers*' 33.3 million. Ratings and rankings are based on the households viewing a show, not on the individual viewers.

With seven weeks left in the 30-week season, the race for No. 1 will be tight. NBC leads ABC and CBS by .3 of a ratings point. Fox trails by six points.

In the news race, ABC won the week, followed by CBS and NBC, in third by just .1 of a rating point.

► CBS' coup, 1D



NO. 2: NBC's 'Love, Lies and Murder' with Moira Kelly, left, and Sheryl Lee

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, February 18, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (NBC)	25.5	16.0	24	24
Evening Shade (CBS)	22.0	15.2	23	27
MacGyver (ABC)	20.4	12.8	19	35
8:30 Major Dad (CBS)	25.3	17.1	25	*13
Blossom (NBC)	20.4	13.4	20	33
9:00 Love, Lies and Murder, Pt. 2 (NBC)	29.0	20.3	30	2
Murphy Brown (CBS)	27.3	18.2	26	7
Fire Trapped on 37th Floor (ABC)	17.2	11.2	17	43
9:30 Mary Tyler Moore 20th Anniv. (CBS) (s)	24.9	17.4	26	11

Tuesday, February 19, 1991

8:00 Rescue 911 (CBS)	26.2	16.1	25	*22
Matlock (NBC)	23.2	15.7	24	25
Who's the Boss? (ABC)	22.6	14.9	23	28
8:30 Davis Rules (ABC)	22.0	14.2	21	31
9:00 Roseanne (ABC)	29.4	18.6	28	6
In the Heat of the Night (NBC)	21.7	14.7	22	29
Sins of the Mother (CBS)	20.7	14.5	23	30
9:30 Coach (ABC)	24.3	16.2	24	*20
10:00 thirtysomething (ABC)	17.2	12.5	21	36
Law & Order (NBC)	13.6	9.9	17	51

Wednesday, February 20, 1991

8:00 33rd Grammy Awards (CBS) (s)	29.0	18.8	31	5
Unsolved Mysteries (NBC)	24.7	16.4	25	*18
Doogie Howser, M.D. (ABC)	18.1	12.2	19	40
8:30 Growing Pains (ABC)	16.2	11.1	17	44
9:00 Nostradamus (NBC) (s)	24.6	16.5	24	17
Columbo: Murder-Hazard				
Health (ABC)	16.2	11.8	18	42
10:00 Hunter (NBC)	13.2	9.5	16	*53

Thursday, February 21, 1991

8:00 The Cosby Show (NBC)	27.0	17.1	26	*13
The Simpsons (Fox)	26.8	15.4	24	26
Father Dowling Mysteries (ABC)	14.4	10.1	16	50
Top Cops (CBS)	14.9	9.5	15	*53
8:30 A Different World (NBC)	27.7	17.3	27	12
Babes (Fox)	12.5	7.8	12	65
9:00 Cheers (NBC)	33.3	21.6	33	1
Flash (CBS)	14.7	9.3	15	*55
Gabriel's Fire (ABC)	10.6	7.9	12	*63
Beverly Hills, 90210 (Fox)	10.3	6.8	11	67
9:30 Wings (NBC)	23.9	16.2	26	*20
10:00 L.A. Law (NBC)	22.4	16.1	28	*22
Knots Landing (CBS)	19.1	13.0	22	34
PrimeTime Live (ABC)	12.6	9.3	16	*55

Top 10

- 1 Cheers (NBC)
- 2 Love, Lies and Murder, Pt. 2 (NBC)
- 3 The Sea Will Tell, Pt. 1 (CBS)
- 4 60 Minutes (CBS)
- 5 33rd Grammys (CBS)
- 6 Roseanne (ABC)
- 7 Murphy Brown (CBS)
- 8 Full House (ABC)
- 9 America's Funniest People (ABC)
- * Home Videos (ABC)

Bottom 5

- 70 Cops (Fox)
- 71 World's Greatest Stunts (Fox)
- 72 Totally Hidden Video (Fox)
- 73 Comic Strip Live (Fox)
- 74 Get a Life (Fox)

Network ratings

For the week:

- CBS: 15.1
- NBC: 14.1
- ABC: 11.9
- Fox: 7.5

Season to date:

- NBC: 12.8
- CBS: 12.5
- ABC: 12.5
- Fox: 6.4

Evening news

For the week:

- ABC: 11.9
- CBS: 10.3
- NBC: 10.2

Last week:

- ABC: 12.3
- NBC: 10.2
- CBS: 10.1

Friday, February 22, 1991

	Viewers	Rating	Share	Rank
8:00 Full House (ABC)	29.3	17.8	30	8
The Empire Strikes Back (NBC) (r)	17.8	10.5	18	46
Guns of Paradise (CBS)	14.1	9.6	16	52
America's Most Wanted (Fox)	9.4	6.5	11	*68
8:30 Family Matters (ABC)	29.4	17.0	28	15
9:00 Miss USA Pageant (CBS) (s)	25.2	16.4	28	*18
Perfect Strangers (ABC)	19.6	12.3	21	39
World's Greatest Stunts 2 (Fox) (s)	8.3	5.7	10	71
9:30 Going Places (ABC)	15.3	10.3	17	*48
10:00 20/20 (ABC)	16.7	12.0	21	41

Saturday, February 23, 1991

8:00 Amen (NBC)	16.2	10.6	19	45
War in the Gulf (CBS) (s)	12.9	8.6	15	*58
Young Riders (ABC)	13.5	8.0	14	*61
Totally Hidden Video (Fox)	8.2	5.3	9	72
8:30 Get a Life (Fox) (r)	6.4	4.0	7	74
8:33 Gulf War Coverage (ABC) (s)	15.8	10.3	18	*48
9:00 Cops (Fox)	10.3	6.3	11	70
9:30 Cops (Fox) (r)	11.4	7.1	12	66
10:00 America at War (NBC) (s)	13.4	9.2	16	57

Sunday, February 24, 1991

7:00 60 Minutes (CBS)	27.6	19.0	30	4
True Colors (Fox) (r)	10.2	6.5	11	*68
7:30 Parker Lewis (Fox)	13.7	8.3	13	60
8:00 Home Videos (ABC)	32.6	17.6	26	*9
Murder, She Wrote (CBS)	23.2	16.9	25	16
In Living Color (Fox)	20.8	12.4	18	*37
Exposé (NBC)	11.6	7.9	12	*63
8:30 America's Funniest People (ABC)	33.7	17.6	26	*9
Get a Life (Fox)	14.4	8.6	13	*58
9:00 The Sea Will Tell, Pt. 1 (CBS)	28.6	20.1	31	3
Good Morning, Vietnam (NBC)	22.0	13.9	22	32
Married... With Children (Fox)	20.7	12.4	18	*37
Bull Durham (ABC)	15.6	10.4	16	47
9:30 Cops (Fox)	12.9	8.0	12	*61
10:00 Comic Strip Live (Fox)	7.6	4.8	8	73