

been receiving a good deal of support, and he expected that the group, which recently incorporated, would be taking on a number of projects in the future. He said there had been some informal contacts with National Public Radio, and the group had received "encouraging signals" from several agencies that may offer financial aid on an ongoing basis.

In addition, DeMartino said, the group had a preliminary plan to get the public involved as members of Public Interest Video, which it was hoped would ease its funding problems.



**About the Duke.** With the death of actor John Wayne last week, all three commercial networks Tuesday, June 12, offered half-hour news specials. CBS News cut into prime-time at 8:30 with Charles Kuralt anchoring. ABC News and NBC News went at 11:30 p.m. with Barbara Walters and Jack Perkins, respectively.

## Rounding up the ratings for 'the season'

**September-through-April tallies rank all the series and specials that ran on the networks; ABC bests other two in both categories**

Comedies led the regular series, and sports topped the specials, in the seven-month period—September 11, 1978, to April 15—that is loosely regarded as the 1978-79 prime-time television season.

The Nielsen rating averages for the period, compiled by ABC-TV researchers, put *Laverne and Shirley* at the top of the regular series, followed by *Three's Company* and *Happy Days*. All three are ABC shows—as are those in fourth, fifth and sixth places: *Mork and Mindy*, introduced last fall, and *Angie* and *The Ropers*, which came in closer to midseason.

The world heavyweight championship fight between Muhammad Ali and Leon Spinks was the top-ranked special.

Among the regular series, ABC had seven of the top 10, 13 of the top 20 and 24 of the top 50. CBS had three of the top 10, six of the top 20 and 19 of the top 50. NBC had one in the top 20 and seven in the top 50.

Among specials, counting ties, ABC and NBC each had five in the top 10 while CBS had one. In the top 20, ABC had 11, NBC seven and CBS two. In the top 50, ABC was ahead with 27 to CBS's 17 and NBC's eight.

### The series

Rank		Rating/Share
1.	Laverne and Shirley (ABC)	30.6 46
2.	Three's Company (ABC)	30.2 45
3.	Happy Days (ABC)	29.1 46
4.	Mork & Mindy (ABC)	28.5 46
5.	Angie (ABC)	27.1 42
6.	Ropers (ABC)	25.6 42
7.	M*A*S*H (CBS)	25.4 37
8.	60 Minutes (CBS)	25.4 41
9.	All in the Family (CBS)	25.2 38
10.	Charlie's Angels (ABC)	25.0 38
11.	Taxi (ABC)	24.9 38
12.	Eight is Enough (ABC)	24.9 39
13.	Alice (CBS)	23.8 36
14.	Little House on the Prairie (NBC)	23.3 35
15.	Barney Miller (ABC)	22.8 36
16.	ABC Sunday Night Movie	22.7 36
17.	Love Boat (ABC)	22.1 38
18.	One Day at a Time (CBS)	21.6 32
19.	Soap (ABC)	21.6 34
20.	Dukes of Hazzard (CBS)	21.1 35
21.	NBC Monday Night Movies	21.0 32
22.	Fantasy Island (ABC)	20.8 38
23.	Vega\$ (ABC)	20.7 35
24.	CBS Sunday Night Movie	20.7 34
25.	Stockard Channing & Friends (CBS)	20.7 32
26.	Barnaby Jones (CBS)	20.5 36
27.	13 Queens Blvd. (ABC)	20.5 36
28.	Centennial (NBC)	20.3 30
29.	CHiPs (NBC)	20.1 36
30.	What's Happening (ABC)	20.1 33
31.	NFL Monday Night Football (ABC)	20.0 33
32.	Different Strokes (NBC)	20.0 34
33.	Lou Grant (CBS)	19.6 31
34.	Battlestar: Galactica (ABC)	19.6 30
35.	WKRP in Cincinnati (CBS)	19.5 29
36.	Starsky and Hutch (ABC)	19.0 32
37.	Waltons (CBS)	19.0 30
38.	ABC Friday Night Movie	19.0 33
39.	Sunday Big Event (NBC)	18.9 29
40.	Dallas (CBS)	18.4 32
41.	Bad News Bears (CBS)	18.4 34
42.	MacKenzie-Paradise Cove (ABC)	18.2 30

Rank		Rating/Share
43.	White Shadow (CBS)	18.1 28
44.	Hawaii Five-O (CBS)	18.0 29
45.	Incredible Hulk (CBS)	18.0 30
46.	Dear Detective (CBS)	18.0 30
47.	How the West Was Won (ABC)	17.9 27
48.	Salvage 1 (ABC)	17.7 26
49.	Jeffersons (CBS)	17.4 28
50.	Quincy (NBC)	17.4 27
51.	CBS Tuesday Night Movies	17.3 27
52.	Family (CBS)	17.1 30
53.	Kaz (CBS)	17.0 28
54.	Mary Tyler Moore Hour (CBS)	17.0 29
55.	Wonderful World of Disney (NBC)	16.9 27
56.	People (CBS)	16.8 25
57.	B.J. and the Bear (NBC)	16.8 29
58.	Rockford-Files (NBC)	16.8 29
59.	Wednesday Movie of the Week (NBC)	16.5 26
60.	Wonder Woman (CBS)	16.5 28
61.	Tuesday Big Event	16.3 26
62.	Donny and Marie (ABC)	16.3 28
63.	CBS Saturday Night Movie	16.2 28
64.	Mary (CBS)	16.1 25
65.	Eddie Capra Mysteries (NBC)	16.0 28
66.	CBS Wednesday Night Movie	15.8 25
67.	Joe & Valerie (NBC)	15.7 24
68.	Hello, Larry (NBC)	15.7 26
69.	Supertrain (NBC)	15.7 25
70.	Carter Country (ABC)	15.6 27
71.	NBC Saturday Night Movies	15.3 29
72.	Dick Clark's Live Wednesday (NBC)	15.3 24
73.	Flatbush (CBS)	15.2 22
74.	In the Beginning (CBS)	15.1 24
75.	Flying High (CBS)	15.1 27
76.	Billy (CBS)	15.0 24
77.	Miss Winslow & Son (CBS)	14.9 24
78.	Welcome Back, Kotter (ABC)	14.8 26
79.	Delta House (ABC)	14.8 26
80.	Osmond Family Show (ABC)	14.5 23
81.	NBC Novels for Television	14.4 24
82.	Mrs. Columbo (NBC)	14.4 26
83.	CBS Friday Night Movie	14.3 23
84.	Duke (NBC)	14.3 25
85.	ABC Monday Night Movie	14.2 24
86.	Doctors Private Lives (ABC)	14.1 26
87.	Grandpa Goes to Washington (NBC)	13.8 22
88.	Operation Petticoat (ABC)	13.7 22
89.	Turnabout (NBC)	13.3 22
90.	Sword of Justice (NBC)	13.2 25
91.	Good Times (CBS)	13.0 23
92.	Hardy Boys Mysteries (ABC)	13.0 21
93.	Brothers and Sisters (NBC)	13.0 22
94.	Cliffhangers (NBC)	12.8 20
95.	Rhoda (CBS)	12.7 24
96.	Lifeline (NBC)	12.6 22
97.	Friends (ABC)	12.5 22
98.	Paper Chase (CBS)	12.4 20
99.	David Cassidy-Undercover (NBC)	12.1 21
100.	Married: The First Year (CBS)	12.0 19
101.	Waverly Wonders (NBC)	11.9 23
102.	Who's Watching the Kids (NBC)	11.9 21
103.	Lucan (ABC)	11.9 18
104.	Makin' It (ABC)	11.9 20
105.	Apple Pie (ABC)	11.8 22
106.	Project U.F.O. (NBC)	11.4 18
107.	American Girls (CBS)	11.0 20
108.	Sweepstakes (NBC)	11.0 19
109.	W.E.B. (NBC)	10.1 18
110.	Weekend (NBC)	10.0 17
111.	Whodunnit (NBC)	10.0 18
112.	Highcliffe Manor (NBC)	9.5 17
113.	Little Women (NBC)	8.9 13
114.	Harris and Company (NBC)	7.6 12

### The specials

Rank		Rating/Share
1.	Ali-Spinks fight (ABC)	37.2 61
2.	Rocky (CBS)	36.9 52
3.	World Series Game Six (NBC)	35.9 54
4.	Academy Awards (ABC)	34.6 63
5.	World Series Game I (NBC)	33.1 51
6.	World Series Game III (NBC)	32.9 54
7.	Roots: Next Generations (ABC)	32.7 50
8.	World Series Game II (NBC)	32.2 50
9.	Roots: Next Generations (ABC)	31.8 48
10.	Super Bowl XIII Post (NBC)	31.7 47
11.	Roots: Next Generations (ABC)	31.7 48
12.	Three's Company (ABC)	30.9 49
13.	Rescue from Gilligan's Island (NBC)	30.2 52
14.	Roots: Next Generations (ABC)	29.5 41
15.	Pearl (ABC)	29.4 47
16.	MacKenzie-Paradise Cove (ABC)	29.4 47
17.	Bob Hope-Salute/World Series (NBC)	29.1 42
18.	Roots: Next Generations (ABC)	28.9 47
19.	Gone With the Wind Part II (CBS)	28.8 40
20.	Roots: Next Generations (ABC)	28.6 40
21.	Delta House (ABC)	28.3 41
22.	Three's Company Special (ABC)	28.2 40
23.	Circus of the Stars (CBS)	28.0 42

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