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watch Gumbel's monotone introduction of pointless short films dedicated to the importance of cameramen.

The rule of thumb regarding the Emmys seems to be "give as many awards as possible in three hours." This year had to be a record with 88 Emmys being handed out. It would have been easier if they had the audience get in line and receive an Emmy, kind of like Communion at church. But then Ellen DeGeneres would have been excommunicated by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The big winners, however, had an element of surprise, as well as a certain amount of monotony, as repeat winners walked up the steps and accepted the ugliest awards, next to the American Music Awards which always invokes flashbacks of high school geometry.

The biggest surprise of the evening came at the end. The winner for Best Drama Series was "Law and Order."

I have been hooked on this series ever since the A&E network put the show on in reruns. "Law and Order" doesn't mess around with the sticky situations of office romances or botched surgeries. It is about good cops and lawyers with actual morals — there's a novelty.
The perpetually boring "Frasier" once

again won Best Comedy Series. The premise itself is boring. Two snobby brothers making Shakespeare jokes while tormenting their crippled father and a small Jack Russell terrier. Oh yeah.

The only other "Cheers" spinoff that could have been more boring would be "Cliff Claven: Il Postino," but not by much.

I will have to give a definite Wayne's World 'schwing" to Kim Delaney, of the vertigo-inspired "NYPD Blue." Her dress kept my attention long after her acceptance speech for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series. I would also like to thank the Emmys organizers for placing the curvaceous Delaney and her braless dress in the front row.

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LEAD ACTRESS

"Mad About You" NBC

"The X-Files" Fox

"NYPD Blue" ABC

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However, I cursed myself for missing Michael Richards win his Emmy for his work as Kramer in "Seinfeld." I am not a true "Seinfeld" guru and must be punished. "No soup

While watching the show, I have determined there was a tie for Most Bizarre Acceptance of an Award. The first one has to go to "The X-Files"

Gillian Anderson. It would have been prefer-

able for the presenters to simply drop the Ba Actress Award in a Drama Series from the sta Anderson's dress was so tight she had to turn sideways to walk up the stairs. To watch the normally graceful Scully trip while walking stage after presenting an award and then on

to the stage to accept one was hypnotic. The second award goes to some guy from "NYPD Blue." He either won the writing or recting award and upon reaching the microphone said, "I just touched Kim Delaney's

Then after winning the support of femin everywhere, he removed the chewing gum from his mouth and placed it on the wings the Emmy. I bet the president of the academ. The university loved that one.

Continuing the soft parade of bizarrem ments, the accountants, from the firm of En Cunningham and Young, in their grand moment of trium on national television decided to do a warp in they had "an e imitation of Puff Daddy onstage to Hadday ission of the issue in the installant in the install dance hit "What is Love." My sincerest and gies go to the children of the accountants next day at school.

In retrospect, the Emmys weren't all that bad. It had its share of bad hairstyles (Alfre Woodard's blond Afro) and bad speeches Lithgow's recognition of his writers by las name only), but it is always gratifying to se looks on the faces of the losers as they realing once again they lost to some overweight, guy just because he showed his ass on the

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must have suffered the taunts and teasest om The Associ The Emmys' greatest moment and great ent of his own.

travesty was not even televised. "The Simp sons" award for Best Animated Program (programming one hour or less) went unr nized. Once again, the best show on televis

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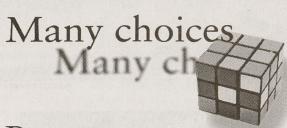
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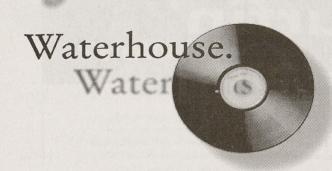


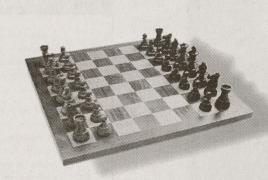
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