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LOS ANGELES (AP) – The White House drama "The West Wing" won its third consecutive Emmy as best drama series Sunday and "Friends" was honored as best comedy for the first time in its eight years on the air.

"I'm just as surprised as you are," Aaron Sorkin, creator of "The West Wing," said in accepting the Emmy. The show also produced acting Emmy winners in Allison Janney, John Spencer and Stockard Channing.

In comedy, the Emmys loved "Everybody Loves Raymond" with acting awards going to Ray Romano, Brad Garrett and Doris Roberts.

But "Friends"' entering what is expected to be its final season as the most popular comedy on TV, won best series. Jennifer Aniston won best actress, the ensemble's first major acting award.

"This is so amazing, after eight years and the last three hours and 10 minutes. This is so worth the wait," said David Crane, executive producer of "Friends." In a year when some critics

thought edgy fare would win, only Michael Chiklis' best actor award for FX's "The Shield," broke the mold. HBO's undertaker drama, "Six Feet Under," earned 23 nominations but was nearly shut out, with one directing award.

Janney, who plays the president's press secretary in "The West Wing," won the best actress Emmy after winning the past two years as supporting actress in the same role.

"No way. Thank you to the Emmy voters for this promotion," said Janney.

Spencer, who plays the chief of staff, and Channing, who plays the first lady, won the drama series supporting acting Emmys. When Romano won, he

referred to an earlier comment that his parents said they would visit him each year during the Emmys until he won.

"Mom and dad, we're going right to the airport... I'm kidding, of course. This is only special because you're here tonight," he said as he accepted the award for outstanding lead actor in a comedy series.

Garrett, who plays Romano's brother, and Roberts, who plays Romano's meddling mother, both joked about their awards. The 71-year-old Roberts said, "This is what happens when you're young and sexy."

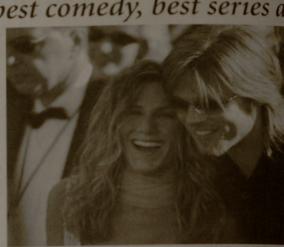


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LOS ANGELES, CA - Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt arrive at Annual Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, September 22. about 20

hope that this award breaks down the door for Jewish people who are trying to get into show business." A puckish Larry Wilmore won

the award for best writing in a comedy series for "Bernie Mac." "I feel like Halle Berry," the black writer said, mimicking Berry's weepy Oscar acceptance speech earlier this year.

Host Conan O'Brien opened the show with dubious help from rocker Ozzy Osbourne and his family, who joined in a skit in which they dressed O'Brien in outrageous Osbourne fashion and rushed him to the awards, only to mistakenly put him on the set of "The Price is Right" instead of the Shrine Auditorium. MTV's "The Osbournes" received the best reality series Emmy at an earlier ceremony. The family, who gathered onstage as presenters, let mom Sharon Osbourne do the talking.

"On a personal note, I want to thank you all for your prayers and encouragement. It means a lot to me," she said. Mrs. Osbourne is undergoing treatment for colon cancer.

Sunday's event contrasted with last year's somber, post-Sept. 11 ceremony, when participants dressed down. The fashion parade of arriving stars showed that glamour and revealing gowns were back this year.

"The Sopranos" was ineligible for awards because it sat out a season, but it managed to have an impact: A new episode aired Sunday on HBO in competition with the Emmys, and O'Brien joked at one point that he would turn the numerous TV sets that decorated the stage to

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