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A Lift for CBS's Ratings Gloom?

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The return of some of CBS's top-rated series tonight, including "Rhoda," "All in the Family" and "Kojak," should do a lot to lift the ratings gloom at the network, where president Bob Wussler and his aides have already begun to shift shows and talk about replacements.

Example: "Young Dan'l Boone" will be shifted to Tuesday this week, to see if it does better when it's not opposite "Little House on the Prairie."

But Wussler, who blasted ABC for its "junk" programming and, by the way, lost me when he included "Barney Miller" in his list, said the network will stick to its game plan in spite of the early rating numbers, putting its faith in "The Betty White Show," "Lou Grant" and "Rafferty." So not to worry, if you like those shows. At least for a while.

The CBS series should do well tonight, against lightweight opposition. There's the conclusion of "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald," which sinks tonight (WJLA-7 at 9) in the courtroom and a welter of confusing theories about what really happened, and a made-for-TV movie on NBC, "Just a Little Inconvenience" (WRC-4 at 9), which is interesting mainly because actor James Stacy, who lost an arm and a leg in a motorcycle accident three years ago, is back as the star of a rehabilitation drama (as an embittered war veteran).