American Airlines strike into fifth day

Associated Press

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Michael Moser, 24, said he wouldn't hesitate to fly with American Airlines again.

They were called at their hotel before they left for the airport and were told that the flight was canceled. American Airlines said they would be placed on a flight to Honolulu scheduled to leave at 3 p.m., he said.

"They've (American Airlines) been very helpful," Moser said.

At the Veterans Hall in San Luis Obispo on Saturday, blues guitarist Lloyd "Hole Mercy" Jones gives a rousing performance for area blues aficionados. At right, bassist Jimmy Sohberg displays his craft on his Fender guitar. The show was sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Blues Society / Daily photos by Scott Robinson.

Clinton on crime: 'We must do better'

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — President Clinton told a cheering church festival crowd Sunday that new anti-crime laws will help to stem violence sweeping the nation, but he said citizens must work hard to reclaim their neighborhoods.

Clinton told 3,000 people, most of them children, gathered at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in East Los Angeles that "every night when I go to bed in the White House, I think of the children of this country, of their future, of the dangers and the problems, of the hopes in the dreams."

About 40 hours earlier and two miles from where Clinton stood, a 3-year old girl was fatally wounded in a gang showdown.

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Senate approves anti-crime bills

• Brady bill to put age, waiting restrictions on handgun sales

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TV violence foes battle for network regulation

The latest Anti-TV violence crusade could sway in new laws. The public's growing fear of crime and increased belief that violence seen on TV incites more people to do violent crimes makes it likely that some of the measures before Congress may become law. Nine measures have been introduced, designed to regulate violence on television.

By Lynn Elber

LOS ANGELES — Television, so fond of reruns, appears to be the reluctant star of a deja vu drama: the 1990s version of the on-again, off-again outcry against TV violence.

But industry executives, public interest groups and experts say the swelling protest is not merely a repeat of the past. This time, some hope and some fear, it will end with new laws restricting TV programming.

Political realities, the public's growing fear of crime, a changing television industry and savvier activists make the passage likely of at least some of the bills before Congress.

"The issue is not going to just fade away," said William Abbott, president of the Foundation to Improve Television. "The solution this time has to be long-term and set in place."

The networks are lobbying hard against restrictive measures pushed by groups such as Abbott's and by a growing number of lawmakers. But they conceed a gloomy outlook.

"If people continue to ignore the traditions of the First Amendment, they must do better."

See TV VIOLENCE, page 8
**AGENDA NOV. 22**

12 school days remaining in full quarter.

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** Mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of rain; 5 winds to 12 mph.

**Today**

- Grass Room II, donations and volunteer time needed for charity Thanksgiving dinner, San Luis Obispo County Hall, Nov. 23/24 / 544-2333
- Academic Senate meeting, 3 p.m. — U.U. 220
- ASI Outings Committee Leadership workshop, 5-15 p.m. — U.U. 204
- "Be Through with Chew," class to help chewers quit using smokeless tobacco, 600 12th St., Paso Robles, 6:30 p.m. — Nov. 23/ 756-5251
- ASI Outings Committee meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220
- San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting, 8:30 p.m. — Board Chambers, County Government Center
- Sheriff’s Office annual Christmas Bicycle program — donate bicycles, Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 781-4576
- "Light-Up a Life," dedicational tree ornaments hang on memorial trees for $15 contribution to Hospice of San Luis Obispo — 544-1538
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**NEW COURT RULING MAY UNDERMINE 'DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL'**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A court decision against the Pentagon’s ban on gays in the military could undermine the new “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy that President Clinton is about to sign into law, say legal experts on both sides of the issue.

The decision last week by a federal appeals court panel that the U.S. Navy Academy could not expel a midshipman solely on the basis of his homosexual status was “pretty reassuring loss for the government,” said Mary Cheh, a constitutional law scholar at George Washington University.

Cheh and other legal experts say that if upheld on further appeal, the decision undermines the compromise that President Clinton struck with the Pentagon and Congress on the politically sensitive issue.

But they say it is likely that the panel’s ruling would be reversed if reconsidered by the full U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, now dominated by appointees of Presidents Reagan and Bush.

The experts noted that the Supreme Court would also likely be side with the Clinton administration because it has a long history of refusing to second-guess military policy, even when individual rights are at stake.

But Kathleen Sullivan, a Stanford University law professor, wouldn’t rule out an ultimate Supreme Court victory for homosexuals in uniform.

“It is just not inconceivable that the Supreme Court would uphold this ruling,” she said.

Gay rights is “the major unresolved constitutional social issue of our time,” Sullivan said. “The conventional wisdom is that the military is the last place you’d go and start a civil rights revolution — but tell that to Ruth Ginsburg.”

Ginsburg, the high court’s newest justice, won a 1973 Supreme Court decision in a sex discrimination case arguing that the husband of an Air Force officer was entitled to the same dependent benefits as the Pentagon gave wives.

**CLINTON: RIDING HIGH ON HIS VICTORIES, HE TELLS CALIFORNIA ABOUT WAR ON CRIME**

From page 1 of a 22-year-ager in Baltimore who was taking youngsters out trick-or-treating.

The largely Mexican-American audience applauded loudly when Clinton said that America has to crack down on violence “without regard to race or income or region. You deserve as much and we have to do it.”

He said the crime bill and the Brady bill nearing final action in Congress “will make a big step toward making our streets safer,” putting 100,000 more police officers on the streets and imposing a five-day wait on handgun purchases.

After two days of intense international diplomacy with Asian and Pacific leaders in Seattle, Clinton came here on his seventh visit to California as president.

With its 54 electoral votes, California is politically crucial for him, He’ll have to sell the plan to California, now gripped by high unemployment and a sickly economy in the aftermath of big cutbacks in defense spending, and the administration is struggling over how to give the state a boost.

Noting that Monday is the 30th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Clinton proclaimed that Kennedy had reached out to Latin America. “Think how he would have treated the Harris case — the 2-5 per cent of the population are black, so what the government does to them is happening to our young people in this country,” Clinton said.

Recalling the efforts of United Farm Workers leader Chavez, Clinton said, “Think how horrified he would be if we were still here today to pick up the paper and read about the 2-year-old child being killed.”

He said Chavez and Sen. Robert Kennedy marched together “so that those children could have opportunity.”

The president said that fighting crime, alone, is not enough — “We must also give our young people more to say yes to.”

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BRADY GUN BILL: Unregistered guns kill people, too

By Associated Press

BOSTON — Gun control in a long-debated Brady bill may not slow urban violence, according to big city law enforcement officials, because stolen and illegal market weapons will still flow onto city streets.

"The Brady bill is not a panacea," said Joseph Sirica, chief of detectives in Boston, where gun-related mayhem has escalated despite a tough state law mandating background checks on gun purchasers. "It will have a small impact on the guns in the street."

The Boston experience is repeated in cities like New York, Washington and Chicago. Fifteen states require a background check of gun purchasers. Fourteen cities like New York, Washington and Boston have waiting periods ranging from 15 days in California to 48 hours in Nebraska.

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Backers of the Brady bill failed in their first attempt to cut off debate and get a vote on the floor. The Republicans voted four times to close debate, but the measure failed.

In addition to requiring a delay before handgun purchasers can get their weapons, the Brady bill requires checks into the customers' backgrounds.

The proposal bears the name of James Brady, President Reagan's first press secretary. He was severely wounded in a 1981 attack on Reagan. Brady and his wife, Sarah, have long fought for gun control legislation.

By a 56-43 vote, the Senate retained a provision that would phase out the wait. The proposal won 54-45.

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**ON THE SPOT**

What are you not thankful for?

Cesar Vazquez, aeronautical engineering graduate student

"That I'm still confused as to what major I want and that I could be at Cal Poly forever."

Patricia Muk, mathematics junior

"Spinal Meningitis"

Zach Workoout, landscape architecture senior

"Cleaning up afterwards. You'd never see a bigger mess than after Thanksgiving."

Teresa Delva, biochemistry sophomore

"Leftovers for weeks. You could have the same turkey for Christmas."

Chuy Ramirez, mathematics sophomore

"President Baker not allowing cigarettes to be sold on campus."

Elizabeth Tust, biology sophomore

"That my car has broken down so many times this year. That I'm having to make all kinds of special arrangements to get home to my family — which I am thankful for."

Amy Schultz, human development senior

**LETTERS**

*Heard any good lectures lately?*

I urge students to nominate their best professor for the Distinguished Teaching Award. Ballots are posted in bulletin boards in most buildings, as well as in the University Union and library.

Ballots must be submitted by the last day of final exams, Dec. 10. Ballot boxes are located in the lobby of the library and on the University Union information desk.

Full-time, tenure faculty members teaching during this academic year who have not previously won the award are eligible.

This student-initiated award, a Cal Poly tradition for 30 years, is typically presented to three faculty members each year. Previous winners are listed on the back of the ballots.

Carlise Wilfort
Chair, Distinguished Teaching Award Committee

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**REPORTE R'S NOTEBOOK**

**A Thanksgiving gift you'll feel in your toes**

By Brooke Richardson

When was the last time you thought about your left baby toe? I'm serious. Think about it. Unless you have a problem with your foot — maybe a corn or athlete's foot — or unless someone has recently stepped on it, you probably haven't thought about it in a long time.

I know I haven't. Now, anyone who has made it this far is probably wondering: Why does this girl want to know about my left toe? Does she have a foot fetish or something?

Well, the thing is, it's almost Thanksgiving; the time you eat so much turkey and stuff you end up in a food coma; the time you get to watch football and parades on a Thursday with family and friends; the time of great department store sales.

And the time when people should recognize all the things they have to be thankful for.

The thing is, people shouldn't need cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie to remind them that they have a lot to be thankful for. But most people do need them.

Hey, I admit it. I'm one of these people. I don't go around daily saying, "Oh, my life is so wonderful. I have a great family and friends. I'm healthy. I'm at a good school getting a first-rate education."

No. Most of the time I'm probably saying to myself: My relationship with person "A" isn't going the way I want it to. I need to lose 10 pounds. And I can't get the grades in that XYZ class I need with this ____________________

It's my Thanksgiving present to you.

"Take a good long look at your feet and see the good things in life."

Both of them are nice thoughts, but they're maddening as heck. The smiley thing is cheesy and plagiarized from a famous movie/TV message. The reason thing — well, who wants to hear that everything happens for a reason when something they consider lifealtering has happened. Thanks, but no thanks.

So, I'm left with telling you about this foot thing. Keep reading. Please. The toe thing is really practical and true.

And you don't need someone to say it to you to cheer you up. You can use it alone. No supervision required.

Basically, the question is: When was the last time you thought about your left baby toe?

The point is that you probably don't know when it was, because you haven't thought about it in a long time. The reason why? Because there's nothing wrong with it.

It works. People tend to focus on the bad things in life because they draw or demand our attention and take time and energy to try to correct it.

It's natural. It would be nice if we could just ignore these "bad" things. But when we focus on them, we tend to lose track of the things that are going right in our lives.

Like our left toe.

So, when you look at your feet, see all the things in your life that are right. Things you take for granted. And the next time you feel stuck in a rut or just don't feel right, remember this toe thing.

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**TOP STORY**

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Rollins, who managed Republican Christie Whitman's comeback victory over Democratic Gov. Jim Florio, was grilled all day at a Washington office by lawyers for the Democratic Party. Democrats are suing to overturn the Nov. 2 election on the basis of Rollins' original claim.

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**EDUCATION**

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**DIRTY POLITICS?**

**To Day!**

Gubenatorial race

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**JACKSON SAGA**

Jackson family delays special

LOS ANGELES - Michael Jackson's family on Friday postponed the taping of a NBC-Television special next month, saying they wanted to give Jackson time to complete treatment for a drug addiction.

Jackson's brother, Jermaine, said the family decided to reschedule the "Jackson Family Honors" TV special so that the entire family could be together for the event.

"This event was designed to convey to the world the family's joy in coming together in unity and harmony," Jermaine Jackson said in a statement. "In order to do so, our family has concluded that additional time should be allowed for Michael to fully recuperate."

The show was to be taped Dec. 11 at Atlantic City and air on NBC on Jan. 10. It will now be taped Feb. 5 in Las Vegas, the family said.

Asked whether that meant the family expected Jackson to be back in the United States to tape the special, family spokesman John M. McLaughlin replied: "Absolutely correct."
VOLLEYBALL: Mustangs get a taste of next year's AWC competition

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Cummings said the team's recent losses have been difficult for the Mustangs. "The girls have been fighting hard," he said. "The effort has been there."

Andrea Lucadam, team captain and senior outside hitter, said the win on Saturday boosted the team's attitude. "It meant a lot to us," said Lucadam, who knew we could do it.

Cummings said the Mustangs lost the second and third games due to errors. "We made a couple of mistakes," he said. "And they made us pay."

In the fourth game, the Mustangs overcame an eight-point deficit, 4-12, to come back and win. Androvich led the Mustangs with 30 kills and 21 digs.

"Meygan is starting to play like the Meygan we know," Cummings said.

Middle blocker Jennifer Kaylor contributed with 26 kills and 12 blocks.

The Mustangs outblock the Hornets 31-20 — the highest block rejection performance of the season. But it was Cal Poly that was outblocked in Friday's home loss to Cal State Northridge (12-16).

The Matadors rejected 33 spikes compared to the Mustangs 10 to beat Cal Poly in four games 15-8, 15-13, 13-15, 15-8.

The Mustangs managed a win in the third game, but couldn't hold the momentum to win the match.

Lucadam said it was a tough loss. "We weren't ready to go out and play," she said.

Androvich led the team with 20 kills, while Lucadam added 14. Defensive specialist Tiffany MacLennan led the team in digs with 19, while Androvich compiled 14.

The Mustangs fell earlier in the season to Northridge in a four-game match. Northridge has lost five of their last seven matches.

The Mustangs will have another shot at the Matadors, but they will have to wait until next year when the teams compete as foes in the American West Conference.

The Division I conference also aligns Cal Poly with Sacramento State and Southern Utah. The Mustangs currently compete as a Division II independent.

But the season is not quite over for the Mustangs. They end their season with the Nevada Invitational. The Mustangs lost earlier in the season to tournament host Nevada-Reno. The Mustangs also face Baylor and San Diego State for the first time ever at the tournament.

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TV VIOLENCE: Lawmakers, broadcasters engage in touchy tug-of-war as attempt to sanitize the airwaves intensifies

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then I think it's very likely we'll have legislation," said Martin Franks, vice president of CBS in Washington.

"So far, we are not meeting with rip-roaring success" in getting Congress to listen to network arguments, Franks said.

Nine measures have been introduced to regulate violence on television, including a bill to limit the hours when violent programming can be shown and one to make mandatory the now-optional labeling of violence.

The pressure is primarily on the traditional broadcast networks, which use regulated public airwaves for distribution of their programming and are still the most-watched.

Cable channels, which reach 60 percent of U.S. households, are seen as less likely candidates for new restrictions on violence because they are not delivered over public airwaves and are requested by subscribers.

The nine anti-violence bills cap a trend of complaints about TV's role in what many see as an increasingly vulnerable America, where even two buffoonish MTV cartoon figures named Beavis and Butt-head are deemed a peril to public safety.

It is not a novel attack; from its earliest days, critics have questioned television's influence on society.

"Historically, every new medium is treated as if it is going to corrupt the young," said George Gerbner of the annals of the Annenberg School for Communication.

Pulp literature, it was thought, made workers lazy, indolent and violent," Gerbner said. "It created a great cultural debate.

Then came comic strips, then came motion pictures, then came radio.

The potential effect on children is always the most troubling. In the 1950s, psychiatrist Kurt V. Overheim caused a sensation with his argument, detailed in "Seduction of the Innocent," that comic books corrupted youngsters.

The first TV network programming went on the air in 1946; six years later, in 1952, Congress held its first hearings into the impact of TV and radio violence on children — prompted by concerns over increasing juvenile crime.

In the late 1960s, social and political upheaval and a soaring crime rate prompted renewed scrutiny of television. The Boston-based Foundation to Improve Television, focusing solely on TV violence, was formed.

With government funding, social scientists began to delve into TV, a 1969 study for the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence found that violence-dominated TV contributed to social violence.

"It was in the mid-1970s when the controversy reached a high point and the networks decided to have what was called the 'family hour,' " said Gerbner, a longtime researcher into TV violence.

But the crafting of an early evening time block devoted to family programs was short-lived; the courts ruled it represented network collusion in violation of antitrust laws.

The networks gradually seemed to cede the most graphic violence to cable channels.

Betsy Frank, senior vice president of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising in New York, called the current fall prime-time schedule one of the most advertiser-friendly in memory.

"In all honesty, the (broadcast) networks probably have very little violence on them," said Edward Donnerstein, a University of California professor who was co-author of a 1992 report on TV violence for the American Psychological Association.

"Roseanne,' "Home Improvement" and other comedies have displaced action shows such as "The A-Team" and "T.J. Hooker" that once lured viewers. There are about 40 sitcoms this season and some 20 dramas, few of which are action-oriented.

(However, Gerbner contends that broadcasting remains fairly consistent in the amount of violence, with more than 50 percent of characters in prime-time TV involved in serious or comic violence each week. Others note that older network fare continues to air widely in syndication.)

Although many agree the level of violence on broadcast network television has decreased in recent years, public concern over the issue has grown.

A Times Mirror poll conducted earlier this year found Americans are increasingly disturbed by violence on TV entertainment shows.

Fifty-nine percent said they were "personally bothered" by such violence — compared to 64 percent a decade ago.

Marilyn Droz, executive director of the Champaign, Ill.-based Council for See TV VIOLENCE, page 10
Get Brad’s picks for the new head football coach, among them are Charles Manson, Scooby Doo, and Jesus Christ.
TV VIOLENCE: Some lawmakers attribute recent rise in youth crime to shows such as ‘Beavis and Butt-head’

Children’s Television and Media, recalled how hard she had to work in 1980 to interest people in the topic.

“Now, they’re asking ‘How does it affect me and what can I do about it?’ We feel there’s a tremendous change,” she said.

Both she and Abbott said they were unimpressed by the networks’ newfound pacifism, or by their insistence that cable fare is often confused with their programming.

“The network shows this fall are somewhat less violent, but we’ve seen that kind of up-and-down movement in the past,” Abbott said. “In the late ‘70s they were less violent. But they go right up again.”

Also galvanizing activists is the violence that plagues America.

“We’ve never had this level, this intensity of violence in our society,” Drez said. “We never had the concept of the teen-age killer, it was non-existent in the ‘50s. Now, it’s teen-age killers, no big deal.”

Public concern over TV violence mirrors widespread fear about crime, although official figures don’t necessarily reflect a sharp increase.

Last year, the rate of crime — the number of reported crimes per 100,000 U.S. inhabitants — actually dropped 4 percent to 5,660, the lowest level since 1987. The violent crime rate fell 0.1 percent.

But experts were alarmed by an increase in aggravated assaults and rapes, which they attributed to young lawbreakers’ swift advance from petty crime to serious attacks. Homocide, they note, is the No. 2 cause of death for young people.

The link between crime and TV violence, once hard to discern by the TV industry because of lack of sufficient research, is now generally accepted, said Donnerstein and others.

Poverty, drugs and the easy availability of firearms may be major contributors to violence, but TV and other media, such as films, play a role, his report for the American Psychological Association concluded.

“Many factors interact with each other, but the mass media is one of those factors in combination with others,” Donnerstein said. “Everybody’s not affected, but some are.”

There also is a wind of re-regulation blowing through Washington, one that is blowing the flurry of anti-TV violence bills, said George Dessart, professor of television and radio at Brooklyn College of New York’s City University.

American politics is cyclical, Dessart said, and the pendulum swing between deregulation and regulation has been noted by such analysts as Kevin Phillips in his book “The Politics of Rich and Poor.”

“It’s inexorable ... and I see a hard-bringer of that occurring in communications,” Dessart said, noting the cable TV deregulation which took effect recently.

“Given that, I think the House and the Senate are emboldened to believe that they can indeed achieve these legislative ends,” he said. “I think that in every neighborhood, the Congress will really persevere this time.”

Veteran independent TV producer Leonard Hill and the Annenberg School’s Gerbner note what they consider another key factor: the dramatically changing structure of the TV industry.

Hill sees an industry made vulnerable to regulation by its own greed. Under new rules, networks will be allowed a greater financial interest in programs they air. (That represents a blow to independents such as Hill, who expect it to be tougher to sell networks.)

Fear of jeopardizing that profit bonanza by alienating Congress puts them in an awkward position when it comes to the anti-violence bills, he contends.

“They will save easily if they ever sense that what is at risk is paying for their principles with a revisiting of the issue of network structural regulation,” he said.

Richard Cotton, NBC executive vice president, said the network strenuously opposed government regulation of TV content and called the issues unrelated.

Hill and Gerbner both question mergers, such as between Bell Atlantic Corp. and cable operator Tele-Communications Inc., that risk concentrating power in the hands of fewer conglomerates.

As the anti-TV violence bills rolled out one after the other, some in the TV industry accused lawmakers of cynicism: they avoid tackling the tough issues, such as gun control, by going for the big, easy target of TV.

Hill, along with many in the TV industry, contended the proposed legislation is censorship, plain and simple, and is based on a misunderstanding of the medium.

Robert Nathan, a supervising producer for NBC’s “Law & Order,” has formed with other writers in a group, Responsible Americans Against Censorship in Television, aimed at “educating” Washington about the issues and what is at stake.

“Violence is spoken of without regard to context or quality. If you take a program like ‘I’ll Fly Away,’ about the civil rights movement, you are going to have some examples of violence,” he said.

Such shows might fall victim if, for example, Washington forges program label- ing: Nathan said skittish advertisers would be frightened away from even worthwhile efforts.

“We could kill perhaps the best the American popular entertainment has to offer if you start labeling nighttime television,” he said.

There may be yet another bill on tap. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said he will introduce legislation — still being “brainstormed” — if the networks fail by Jan. 1 to begin creation of an industry-sponsored committee to monitor violence.

“If the industry does not move, they are inviting government action,” said Simon. “Right now, I am pessimistic.”

Ultimately, some believe, any legislation regulating TV violence is doomed to fail.

Networks point to a 1991 Roper poll that shows just 10 percent endorsing federal measures against television content.

And Robert Peck, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, flatly calls it a “pipe dream” to believe anti-TV violence legislation would pass Constitutional review by the Supreme Court.
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2. Jesus Christ — Some say he is coming back to Earth soon, so why not ask him to roam the sidelines for a couple of seasons. Christ probably does know some things for the program. He could enable all the players to

play football on the surface of Laguna Lake. He could control playing conditions and He could heal all injuries with a single touch.

3. Ernest Borgnine — In the sixth day he mailed a postcard with his Scrimmage Line picks but it was received too late for publication. He chucked every game correctly, so I suspect he might know something about football.

4. Jerry Glanville — Unfortunately, he may be looking for a new job soon. He may not always get his teams to win, but at least he lets the players have fun.

5. Ross Perot — I could not put up with the pie charts and graphs at postgame interviews. Between the two peas in a pod and small-town farmboy making love to a postcard with his Scrimmage Line picks but it was received too late for publication. He chucked every game correctly, so I suspect he might know something about football.

6. Scooby Doo and Shaggy — They motivated me to look forward to every Saturday when I was growing up.

7. John Madden or Bobby Beathard — What a dream combination! What a sight it would be having Charlie pacing the sideline?

8. Jerry Jones — He seems to need to add something else to his resume.

9. Ali G. — The search is on for a new football head coach and I thought I should throw in my two cents with my top 10 worst candidates.

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Why can’t they do that for the football team?

Holyfield and Riddick Bowe fight — What a sight it would be to see those two in the ring with Charlie pacing the sideline?

The Se. linoles face Florida on Saturday of upsets turned college football’s bowl picture fuzzy.

Just when postseason plans were set in stone, the University of Oklahoma’s 27-21 victory over No. 12 Southern Cal. for sure: No. 15 UCLA will play in the Rose Bowl.

Auburn will play in no bowl, even though the Tigers (11-0) completed a perfect season with a 22-14 victory over Alabama. Either the No. 17 Tennessee (8-1) or Florida (9-1) will represent the Southeastern Conference in the Sugar Bowl.

No. 5 West Virginia and No. 11 Florida State (10-1) defeated North Carolina State 62-3.

The Boston College Eagles led by Tradition favorite Charlie Ward threw for four touchdowns and ran for the winning points.

The Mountaineers stepped squarely into the national championship mix when Robert Walker scored on a 19-yard sweep with 6:08 left for the winning points.

Boston College and West Virginia play Friday. Florida State protected its own interests with a 62-3 battering of North Carolina State to regain the No. 1 spot in the rankings.

In his final home game, Heisman Trophy favorite Charlie Ward threw for four touchdowns and ran for another.

The Se. linoles face Florida on Saturday. That leaves just three teams — Nebraska (10-0), West Virginia (10-0) and Auburn (11-0) — still un

defeated.