

Lifestyles



Shower honors bride-elect

A bridal shower was held for Cynthia Charlene Ruiz Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Fellowship of Believers Church. The honoree and John David Rickman plan to wed Saturday. Welcoming guests were, from left, Martha Rickman, the prospective bridegroom's mother; Cynthia Ruiz, the honoree; and Lilia Ruiz, her mother.

Cynthia Ruiz feted with bridal shower

Cynthia Charlene Ruiz, who will marry John David Rickman Saturday, was honored with a bridal shower Oct. 2 in the Fellowship of Believers Church.

Guests were greeted by the honoree; her mother, Lilia Ruiz; her grandmother, Pauline G. Trevino; the prospective bridegroom's mother, Martha Rickman; and his grandmothers, Rachel Henslee and Erma Rickman.

Susan Rickman, the prospective bridegroom's sister, invited guests to register.

Refreshments were served by Amanda and Susan Rickman, the

prospective groom's sisters. Fruit breads, sausage pinwheels, cinnamon rolls, quiche, white grape punch and coffee were served from a table covered with a lace cloth with peach accents. The floral bouquet was created by mums, peach lilies, roses and dwarf lilies.

The honoree was presented with a microwave oven by the hostesses: Barbara Hardin, Denise Teel, Oleta Tisdale, Grace Covington, Janie Young, Bess Williams, Barbara Manning, Linda Block, Merle Clark, June Dearing, Kay Matthews, Sylvia Menius, Bettye Owen, Lina Ruiz and Marlene Watson.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Acclaimed director Robert Altman says he prefers to let others make the crowd-pleasing blockbusters.

"I couldn't do mainstream movies and don't want to do mainstream movies," he said in Sunday's Orange County Register. "I would fail if I tried to make 'The Fugitive.'"

Altman, 68, said he isn't exactly being deluged by studio calls, either.

"The only time anybody ever calls me from the studios is when they can't get a particular project done and they need someone like me to do it," he said.

"If anyone out there thinks of me as this poor guy who can't get a chance to make big-budget commercial movies, forget it. Like I've said before, I wouldn't have it any other way."

Altman's latest work, "Short Cuts," opens in Los Angeles on Friday.

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Dr. Haysom's practice in Houston revolved around primary care for the entire family, and that's the focus he plans for his practice in Hereford. The primary care physician is the first guardian of a family's health, according to Dr. Haysom. It is the family physician who frequently makes the first diagnosis of an illness, and it is his expertise that helps the patient choose the proper specialist, if one is needed.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, Dr. Haysom spent his early years in South Africa, Rhodesia, Luxembourg, and Canada.

Dr. Haysom and his wife Nancy have three children: Derrick, John, and Susan. Mrs. Haysom is a graduate of Louisiana State University & South Texas College of Law.

The couple's leisure time is devoted to gardening and family activities.

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Ask Dr. Lamb

DEAR DR. LAMB: My 22-year-old daughter was put on nifedipine (Procardia) for high blood pressure. Her readings ranged between 175/120 and 160/110. The doctor did not seem too concerned and offered no explanation for such high blood pressure in a young lady.

Should she undergo some other evaluation or testing before continuing to take the medication? Will she ever be able to get off the medication? She said that she will not have her prescription refilled because of some side effects. What is your advice to

her? I am greatly concerned.

DEAR READER: First, if she is having a problem with her medication, she should call her doctor and see if he wants to change her to a different medicine rather than doing nothing. Procardia is a calcium channel blocker, meaning it prevents calcium from entering the muscles in the arteries. That causes the arteries to relax and helps to lower blood pressure. But there are several other types of medicine to lower blood pressure that have an entirely different action that she may tolerate.

I can't emphasize too strongly how important it is to control such high levels of blood pressure. Those levels will increase her risk of a stroke and a heart attack early in life. They will cause her heart to enlarge. High blood pressure can usually be tolerated until the various organs are affected by it, and sometimes that change causes permanent damage.

It is necessary to do a reasonably thorough examination of any patient with high blood pressure, but it is especially important in young people as they are most likely to have additional problems. Your daughter needs an evaluation of her kidney function and other diagnostic studies to be sure she does not have another underlying condition that is responsible for her high blood pressure.

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Square dance lessons set tonight

Members of the Merry Mixers Square Dance Club voted to extend their lesson invitation at 7:30 p.m. today in the Hereford Community Center's ballroom. All interested couples are invited to attend.

Nine local couples recently participated in the Ruidoso Aspenfest. They attended the parade and craft shows and square and round danced on both evenings of the event.

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Sports

Herd starts over with district play

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

Hereford football coach Danny Haney has written the district records of each District 1-4A team on a board in the field house.

"They're all zeroes," he said. "The Herd is treating Friday's district opener against Borger (7:30 at Whiteface Stadium) as the beginning of a new season. The Whitefaces will try to leave behind a non-district schedule which left them 1-4. The one win came from Tascosa's forfeit.

"This sixth week is the start of a new season," Haney said, adding that

the players' attitudes are still good. "We're looking at getting it going in the direction we want to go."

"Our athletes have worked real hard doing the things I've asked them to do."

Borger has one win the same way Hereford does--Tascosa forfeited a 28-21 win from week 2--but they also have two wins on the field: 21-7 over Dodge City (Kan.) and 27-14 over Lubbock High. Their losses are to Monterey, 14-7, and to Perryton, 23-10.

"Borger is a good football team," Haney said. "They've played well all year. They're very talented on

defense. They've got a couple of tackles that are 250 and 290, and the secondary has good speed.

"On offense, they have a great running back in Cornell Jones," Haney said. Jones, a sophomore, has run for 505 yards and eight touchdowns on 86 carries.

"They run a bunch of different formations to try to get you out of position," Haney said. "They depend on making a play with the pass. They try to get you out of position and complete an easy pass for a big play."

Haney said the key to winning is to keep Jones off the field and keep the Hereford offense on it.

"The things we've got to do is improve our execution to the point where we can maintain some sort of

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Hereford picked by 5 over 'Dogs

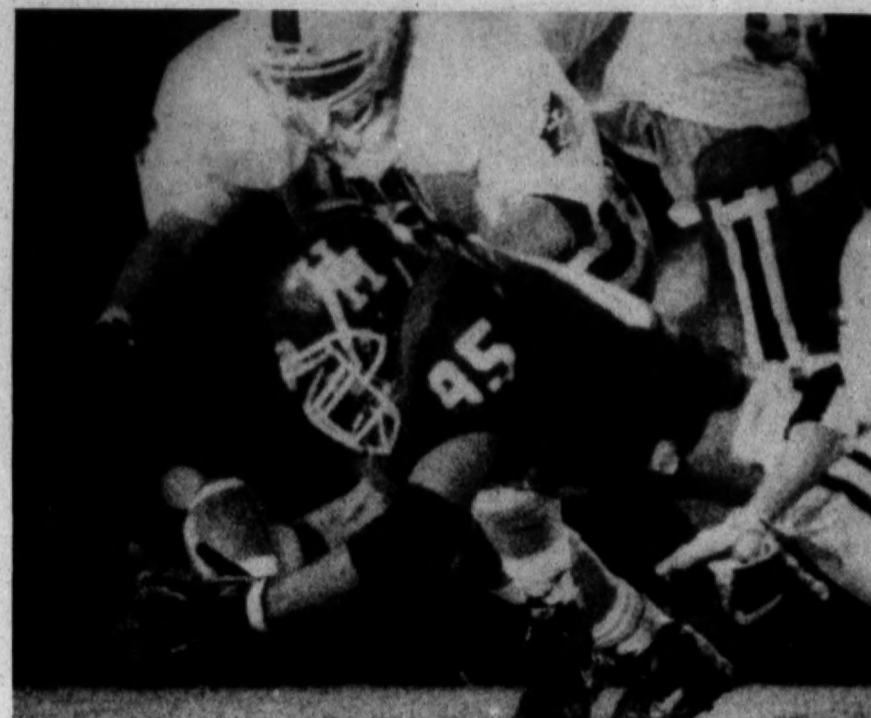
Hereford is favored to win its district opener with Borger by five points, according to Pigskin Prep high school football ranking service.

Hereford is ranked 23rd in Region 1-4A, just ahead of Borger. Hereford's rating is 137.32, while Borger's is 135.56. Hereford gets points for the home field advantage.

Pigskin Prep predicts blowouts in District 1-4A's other two games this weekend: Randall is picked by 29 over Caprock and Pampa is a 16 point favorite over Dumas.

The rankings and ratings for the district teams: Pampa, 6th, 155.95; Randall, 12th, 145.88; Dumas, 16th, 143.22; Caprock, 34th, 113.93.

Caprock is the fourth-lowest rated team in all of Class 4A.



Player of the week

Hereford's Mark Kuper, shown recovering a fumble in Friday's Levelland game, was named the player of the week for both the offense and the defense. The Herd starts District 1-4A play at 7:30 Friday when the Borger Bulldogs come to Hereford.

FEARLESS FORECASTERS



Jay Peden
Sports Editor
Last week: 19-5-1
Season: 82-41-2, .667

Speedy Nieman
Publisher
Last week: 18-5-1
Season: 79-44-2, .642

Fritz Backus
Booster Club President
Last week: 17-7-1
Season: 79-44-2, .642

Rick Castaneda
Press Foreman
Last week: 17-7-1
Season: 84-39-2, .682

Garry Wesner
Managing Editor
Last week: 17-7-1
Season: 76-47-2, .618

Dumas at Pampa
Randall at Caprock
Tascosa at Monterey
Coronado at Palo Duro
Plainview at Frenship
Dimmitt at Littlefield
Frona at Tulia
Happy at Vega
NC St. at Texas Tech
Houston at Texas A&M
Baylor at SMU
TCU at Rice
Texas vs. Oklahoma
Miami at Florida St.
Brigham Young at UCLA
Washington at California
Dallas at Indianapolis
Chicago at Philadelphia
NY Giants at Washington
New England at Phoenix
Cincinnati at Kansas City
Miami at Cleveland
San Diego at Pittsburgh
Denver at Green Bay
NY Jets at LA Raiders

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Kelley to kick before game

Mark Kelley will be the lucky member of the Whiteface Booster Club who will try a field goal for as much as \$500 in Hereford Bucks before Friday's football game between the Herd and Borger at 7:30 at Whiteface Stadium.

Kelley will have three chances at a prize:

- A field goal from the 40-yard line will win the kicker \$500 in Hereford Bucks, provided by Western Ford.
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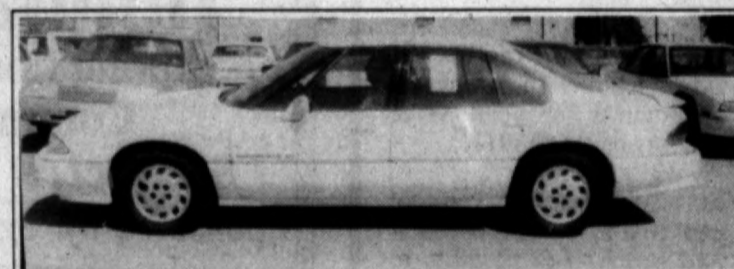
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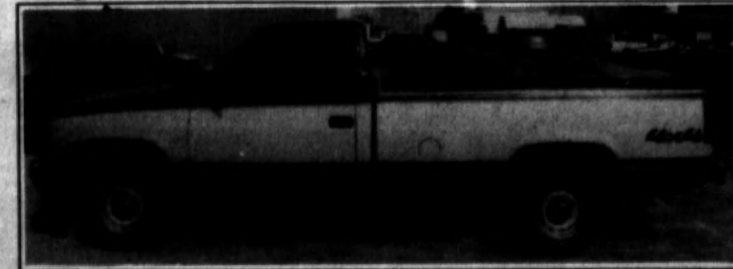
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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Our family has just been through a special kind of hell. I hope you'll find my letter valuable as an example of how a teen's fight for independence can almost destroy a family.

"Dora," our 17-year-old daughter, nearly caused my husband and me to end our 30-year marriage because of the arguments we had about her.

When Dora was in the seventh grade, she was kicked out of her accelerated classes because she refused to do the assignments. She told her father school was boring and didn't "prepare her for life."

In the 10th grade, Dora decided she wanted to go to college like the rest of her new friends. She took a high-school equivalency exam, passed it and enrolled in a nearby university. She signed up for three classes, dropped

two and finished one. The next semester, she quit.

At present, Dora is working 33 hours a week at a music store. Her bedroom looks like the city dump with dirty clothes, CDs, cassette tapes and trash everywhere. She stays out all night with people we've never met. If she turned up missing, the only phone number I have is that of her boyfriend.

Her father thought her lifestyle was just dandy, while I was tearing my hair out, worried sick about her safety, her health and her poor judgment. Then something wonderful happened. A couple we've been close to for many years came to visit. They shared how they, too, had experienced some disagreements over their teen-ager and had come close to divorcing. They encouraged us to get tough and present a united front.

Last week, we announced that we are NOT divorcing and told Dora it was time for her to move out, that we had done as much parenting as she would need. Now she is having second thoughts about having her own place and is behaving in a more civil manner.

We hope our experience will be of value to others who are going through the same thing. Our friends helped us, and now we want to help others...Northern California

DEAR CALIFORNIA: Thanks for letting us know how "Tough Love" worked for you. It happened, of course, when you and your husband got back in the driver's seat, where parents belong. Congratulations.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Twenty years ago, I offered my brother \$1,000 if he would quit smoking. I told "Sam" that he would have to wait five years to collect because I needed time to save the money. I also wanted to make certain he wouldn't start smoking again.

Sam's family and mine traveled together a great deal, and we had young children. His non-stop smoking was more than my wife and I could handle. We were hoping he would accept the offer and were very disappointed when he didn't.

Seven months ago, Sam had a heart attack and bypass surgery. The doctor ordered Sam to quit smoking. He quit cold turkey and now says I owe him \$1,000.

I haven't seen very much of my brother these last few years because he has moved away, and it no longer matters to me if he smokes or not. I don't want to be unfair, however, and will leave the decision in your hands. Do I owe him the \$1,000 or not?—Faithful Reader in Wisconsin

DEAR FAITHFUL: No, you do not owe Sam the \$1,000. Your offer expired a long time ago. He quit because the doctor ordered him to.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.65 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.



BRAD BARRETT

BBA degree awarded to Barrett

Brad Barrett, son of Ed and Millie Barrett of Hereford, recently received his BBA degree with a major in marketing from Texas Tech University.

Barrett currently lives in Irving where he is a trainee in insurance and stocks and bonds with a Dallas firm. He is a graduate of Hereford High School. At Tech, he was a member of the TT Marketing Association, the Phi Gamma Nu business fraternity, and Sigma Chi social fraternity.

Suggestions for auctions

You can find just about anything at auctions from air conditioners and autos to xylophones and stuffed zebras.

Generally you'll pay 80 percent or more below the retail price, but before you go to bid on this pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, there are a few rules you should observe. This is especially true if you're attending your first auction, says college professor Sandra Quinn-Musgrove.

Here are some of Dr. Quinn-Musgrove's tips:

- Decide what you do and do not want to bid on;
- Establish the maximum you want to pay for those items that interest you;
- Guard against the rush of impetuosity known to experts as "auction fever."

Money saving travel tips

When you're away from home, little things can mean a lot—especially if one of those little things is your credit card.

Knowing how to use it can take you far and save you money. For instance:

-Use your credit card at ATM machines, at home and abroad. This is increasingly easy, since so many new machines have been installed around the world. What's more, using the card at an ATM can be a better deal financially. You can get the best

exchange rate offered and you take only the amount you need. This also applies to any over the counter transaction you might make including payment of hotel bills and retail purchases.

-Use your credit card to accrue significant mileage. If you have an affinity card, such as one linked to an airline's frequent flyer program, your card can be especially valuable.

For example, Visa is affiliated with the American Airlines and United Airlines frequent flyer programs among others. For every dollar you spend on a credit card, even including purchasing airline tickets, cardholders get a mile with the airline.

-Always work with a reputable travel agent or tour operator. Make sure they are a member of ASTA or NTA.

-Discounts for demographic groups, such as seniors as children, are often available. Ask when booking hotels, cruises and airfares. Sometimes these discounts require membership in a group such as the American Association of Retired Persons; at other times they do not. Discounts for military, educational personnel and other groups are also widely available, especially at hotels.

-Travel when nobody else travels—that means weekends at big city hotels; weekdays at resorts; off-peak air departures; and counter-seasonal travel.

-Don't take advertised deals at face value—check to see if it's a real deal by comparing other options.

-Check to see if your employer has any kind of "preferred-rate" or corporate rate with a car rental company, hotel, etc.

-Check your Visa statement every month for news of valuable programs. You can make your travel dollars go much further with these value-added services.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I remember reading in your column several years ago that there was a painless drug for having a pet put to sleep. I recall that another drug frequently used does cause suffering for the animal.

Our beloved Irish setter is getting frail and we want to be prepared in case she begins to suffer. —Jacalyn Trautman, Hoskins, Neb.

I know how you're feeling. We had to make the decision to euthanize my little old Chihuahua, Tequila, many years ago. Her kidneys failed and unfortunately there was no hope for recovery. As heartbreaking as it was, I knew it was time.

I chose to be with her, and it was comforting to know that she didn't feel any pain at all. I patted her head and I was the last thing she saw as she simply closed her eyes and fell asleep.

Dr. Tom Vice, our veterinarian, feels no animal should suffer, and I agree. He suggests that if you have to make the same decision, request that your veterinarian sedate your pet with a heavy sedation first, then use a euthanasia pentobarbital solution after your pet is asleep. This will assure that your pet won't feel anything.

It's a very emotional time, and knowing that your beloved pet won't suffer can help. A lot of us know it's hard to let go of a pet who's been part of the family for years, but we have to think of the pet's quality of life.

We are thinking about you and all the others who must face this. A big warm hug. —Heloise

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Before the age of 10, all languages are equally easy to learn by the natural speaking method—listening and imitating. From then on, another language is easy insofar as it resembles our own.

All forms of abuse hurt children, but the effects vary depending on the nature of the act and the age of the child. It is important that children learn to say "no" to unwanted advances and, when abuse does occur, that they tell someone. Also, children should never be made to feel that they are responsible for the abuse.

We should not feel helpless to prevent child abuse and neglect. There are actions individuals can take to support agencies and organizations that are devoted to preventing abuse and neglect and providing help for troubled families.

By becoming part of the national, nonpartisan Children's Campaign, you can make a difference for abused and neglected children. It is a network of citizens from all around the country who do such things as write letters and make calls to legislators to support and work for public policies to benefit children and families. They speak out. They volunteer with local organizations in their communities that assist at-risk children and their families.

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Attendance
In millions

Year	Attendance (millions)
'83	2.5
'84	2.8
'85	3.0
'86	3.5
'87	3.2
'88	3.0
'89	3.2
'90	3.5
'91	3.8
'92	3.5

Livestock Entries
In thousands

Year	Entries (thousands)
'88	7.5
'89	8.0
'90	8.5
'91	9.0
'92	9.5

SOURCES: State Fair of Texas, Economic Research Associates and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Claims for jobless benefits drop again

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of Americans filing first-time claims for jobless benefits fell by 9,000 last week to the lowest level in more than nine months, the government said today.

The Labor Department said new applications for unemployment insurance totaled 320,000, lowest since 317,000 newly laid-off workers filed claims during the week ended last Dec. 26.

It was the second straight decline and the seventh in the last 10 weeks. Many economists had predicted in advance of the report that claims would be down by just 4,000 and remain in a range consistent with moderate job growth.

In fact, many are forecasting that more than 150,000 jobs were created in September, while the unemployment rate remained at 6.7 percent for a second month in a row.

New jobs averaged 150,000 a month during the first half of 1993 and the jobless rate has edged down from 7.1 percent in January.

The Labor Department reports on the September employment situation on Friday.

The less-volatile four-week moving average of jobless claims, which analysts prefer to track because it more accurately reflects the labor situation, also fell.

The average totaled 328,250, down from 328,750 during the period ended Sept. 25.

The report also showed that 25,059 applications were filed under a federal emergency unemployment program during the week ended Sept. 25, down from 26,083 during the previous week.

Thirty-seven states and territories reported decreases in regular claims during the week ended Sept. 25 and 16 recorded increases.

States reporting the biggest declines were Illinois, 9,125; Tennessee, 2,522; New York, 814; Arizona, 739, and Oregon, 720.

States and territories with the largest increases were Delaware, 1,306; California, 843; Maryland, 676; Puerto Rico, 604, and Texas 387.

The emergency claims and individual state figures lag the overall total and the four-week moving average by one week. The national figures are adjusted for seasonal variations, but the individual state figures and the emergency program numbers are not.

U.S. soldier is killed, 12 injured in Somalia

By The Associated Press

A U.S. soldier was killed and 12 others were wounded in Somalia during an attack on the Mogadishu airport, a U.N. spokesman said today.

The spokesman, Maj. David Stockwell, told AP Network News in an interview this morning from Mogadishu that two mortar rounds hit the airport Wednesday night. The soldiers were part of the U.S. quick strike force, primarily from Fort Benning, Ga.

The attack came as President Clinton decided against pulling troops out of Somalia and settled on a plan that will send 1,500 to 2,000 more soldiers there quickly, followed by a certain date for a withdrawal.

It is the first American fatality since clashes on Sunday killed 12 American soldiers and led to the capture of at least one U.S. pilot.

Stockwell said three injured soldiers were in serious condition. They were to be evacuated from Mogadishu later today.

Evacuees from Sunday's attack were airlifted Wednesday to a U.S. base outside Heidelberg, Germany.

Attacks on U.S. troops, which have been blamed on warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid, have led to mounting congressional calls for a faster pullout of U.S. troops. Once numbering 28,000, about 4,700 American soldiers are part of the U.N. force in the east African country.

Administration sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, say Clinton will call for all U.S. forces to be withdrawn by year's end or early next year.

The sources said Clinton is expected to announce that he is sending in 1,500 to 2,000 combat troops and more heavy weaponry to protect them. An additional 650 troops and armored vehicles are being flown there this week.

The U.S. forces originally were sent on a humanitarian mission to Somalia last year to aid in the delivery of food and medicine to the impoverished in the country.

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to make an airplane flight over the North Pole.

The National Park Service was established in 1916 within the Department of the Interior.

Few areas miss TV programs as new cable law goes into effect

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Television viewers had to pull out the rabbit ears in scattered areas of the country after cable TV companies switched off broadcasters in the middle of late-night programming.

Arsenio Hall was spared in Meridian, Miss., by the last-minute intervention of the mayor, but Jay Leno disappeared from cable in much of Maine and David Letterman cut off abruptly in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The shut-offs at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday were required under the new cable law that prohibits any cable company from carrying a broadcast signal free without the station's consent.

Most of the nation experienced no interruptions.

About 90 percent of the compensation deals between the 11,000 cable companies and local affiliates of the ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox networks were finalized or talks extended by the deadline, said Chuck Sherman, senior vice president of the National Association of Broadcasters.

If Meridian Mayor John Robert Smith hadn't asked the cable companies and ABC affiliate WTOK to agree to a one-year extension, Meridian's top-rated station would have been off cable, said Tom Wall, WTOK general manager.

The contentiousness of the talks had been so public that local residents were putting up TV antennas all over town.

Randy Hooper, owner of Hooper Sound Co., said about 100 antenna kits were sold by Sunday and Radio Shack Manager Tony Malone also reported brisk sales.

Wall said Comcast Corp., the fifth-largest cable company in the country, should pay monthly fees for WTOK's signal. But Comcast, like the other nation's other multi-cable system owners, has refused.

The cable companies can't see paying for programming anyone with a television set and rabbit ears can get free. The local stations believe the cable companies should pay for their programming, just as they do cable networks like CNN, ESPN, MTV, USA and the others.

Local affiliates of ABC, CBS and NBC and Fox consistently draw bigger audiences than any cable network and should be valued for that, the local station officials say.

"What they're not telling their subscribers is that whatever they replace us with, they are going to pay for," said Eugene Looper, programming director for KZTV, the CBS affiliate in Corpus Christi.

The Gulf Coast city is the only one in the country where a cable company switched off all three major network affiliates. The cable operator, Tele-Communications Inc., is the nation's largest and obtained more than 400 agreements in about 200 television markets affecting over 1,000 communities.

The agreements typically involve barter arrangements that give broadcasters free promotions or promises that cable operators will carry broadcaster-owned cable programs.

When TCI couldn't reach agreement with the Corpus Christi broadcasters, it accused the stations of holding "tens of thousands of Texas television viewers hostage

Residents protest Meza move to Austin

AUSTIN (AP) - Residents of a southeast Austin neighborhood say they don't want convicted child killer Raul Meza in their area.

"How could a decision be made to put Raul Meza so close to an elementary school, when we know he killed and molested a child?" Mary Ann Schmidt, president of the Dawson Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, asked Wednesday night.

More than 250 people attended the meeting in a small auditorium. Outraged neighbors expressed their fear of Meza to local law enforcement officials and vented their anger at the criminal justice system to lawmakers' representatives.

"I think the best solution is to put him six feet under," said Paula Pickel, who drew a loud round of applause.

But the protesting neighbors were told that the Board of Pardons and Paroles had "no legal means" to keep Meza out of Travis County.

"Legally, we cannot detain this man," said Raven Kazen, a spokeswoman for the pardon and paroles division. "I understand what you're asking, but legally we cannot do that - we would be in violation of the law."

"If the law could be changed to arrange for us to keep him longer, we would," Ms. Kazen said.

Meza pleaded guilty in 1982 to strangling 8-year-old Kendra Page

just two miles from his mother's home near Congress Avenue and Ben White Boulevard, where he is scheduled to move. Ms. Kazen said he could be in Austin Monday or perhaps earlier.

Meza was released on June 21 after serving 11 years of his 30-year sentence. He has been driven from five Texas cities since his release by protesting residents, and efforts to place him out of state have failed, Ms. Kazen said.

A petition alleging that Meza could pose a threat to the people involved in the original case was circulated at the meeting. The petition also says Meza continues to be a threat to children because he never received adequate counseling for his crime.

Ms. Kazen said that a new law allows Meza to live in the county of his conviction. She expressed doubt that the petition could keep Meza out of Austin. "I'm not going to say this petition won't work," she said. "I'm going to say we've done everything we can," she said.

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purely out of greed."

"TCI said it wouldn't pay a red cent, so we said, 'Hey, you're not using our signal,'" said Looper. "We have a good clear signal, even on rabbit ears, throughout the city."

What's more, TCI subscribers are starting to turn to OmniVision, a "wireless" cable company that offers consumers lower rates than TCI and is paying the local stations for their signals.

In Maine, the NBC affiliates also were holding out for cash.

Jay Leno turned to snow in about half of Maine's the cabled homes because the state's only NBC

affiliates, WCSH in Portland and WLZ in Bangor, couldn't reach agreement with many cable companies in the state.

"We are holding out for cash," said Frederic Thompson, president of WCSH, the NBC affiliate in Portland, Maine.

He said viewers were calling the station all day Wednesday.

"About 50 percent are rooting for us," he said. "Many are very frustrated. They don't understand the whole situation and wonder why they have to be caught in the middle."

Many people are simply asking how to hook up antennas, he said.

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