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Supreme Court makes cable ruling

► *The 'must carry' rule requires cable companies to broadcast local television stations.*

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government can force cable television systems to carry local broadcast stations, the Supreme Court said Monday in a decision that could serve as a stay of execution for small, independent channels.

The 5-4 ruling rejected cable companies' argument that a 1992 federal "must carry" law violates their free-speech rights by forcing them to carry stations they would rather drop.

The justices said the measure is a lawful effort to preserve broadcast television and ensure public access to information from a variety of sources.

More than 60 percent of American households subscribe to cable TV. The decision means those customers will continue to receive local broadcast stations on their cable systems.

"Broadcast television is an important

source of information to many Americans," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the court. "For decades now it has been an essential part of the national discourse on subjects across the whole broad spectrum of speech, thought and expression."

There is heavy competition for space on cable systems because many new cable networks have been created in recent years.

Cable companies voluntarily carry network-affiliated broadcast stations because of their large viewership. But smaller, independent channels feared that without the must-carry rule, cable systems would drop them. The stations then could lose advertising and face going out of business, the broadcasters contended.

Broadcasters praised the cable TV ruling, while cable TV industry officials were disappointed.

"We're elated the Supreme Court has recognized the historic importance of preserving free over-the-air television for all Americans," said Eddie Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters.

In other action Monday, the court

• Revived the federal government's efforts to return to prison a former Tennessee judge accused of assaulting women. The justices said a lower court used the wrong legal standard when it struck down the judge's criminal conviction. They told the appeals court to restudy its ruling.

• Reinstated a Montana law that requires unmarried girls to notify a parent or get a judge's approval before undergoing an abortion.

• Agreed to decide whether, or to what extent, states' wrongful-death lawsuits alleging that someone died because federal rights were violated

► What's Up?

Tuesday

Men's Lacrosse Club: Practice will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry fields. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. For details, call Todd Hendreks at 764-8561.

Women's Lacrosse: There will be practice from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry fields. Beginners are welcome. For more information, call Monica at 694-6915.

Aggie Toastmasters: Our weekly meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the MSC. Check screens for location.

Woman's Water Polo: There will be women's practice from 8-9 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center. This is a new team, and no experience is necessary. For details, call Kaori at 693-6397.

Roadrunners: There will be a 3-4 mile run for runners of all levels. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum. For more information, call Dao at 260-2441.

Catholic Students Association: A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Contact Gus at 694-2174 for details. Daily mass will be held at 12:05 p.m. at TAMU's All Faiths Chapel.

Texas A&M Fencing Club: There will be practice from 7-11 p.m. in 267 Read. For details, call Bobby Thornton at 691-2296.

TAMU Waterski Team: There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. at Fitzwilly's. For more information, contact Mike Coyle at 260-5926.

Pre-Vet Society: There will be a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 292A MSC with a vet school student panel and officer elections. For more information, call Marcia Homann at 764-6492.

MSC Great Issues: There will be a program entitled "Social In-Security and Medicare: An Economic Perspective" featuring panelists from the Department of Economics at 8:30 p.m. in 212 MSC. For details, call Natalie Berger at 847-8377.

Learning Skills Center: There will be a seminar on Time Management and Procrastination from 10-11 a.m. in the Learning Skills Center at the Student Counseling Service in Henderson Hall. For details, call Lyle Slack at 845-4427, ext. 109.

Biochemistry Society and Genetics Society: We are hosting a faculty/student social from 7-9 p.m. at Sweet Eugene's. All undergraduates, graduates and faculty are welcome.

TAMU Waterski Team: There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder. For more information,

call Mike Coyle at 260-5926.

Youth Fun Day: There will be an informational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Come find out how to be a counselor in a large playday on Sat., April 26. For more information, call Jamie Walker at 847-4966 or Missy Price at 693-1282.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship: There will be a Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 5:30 p.m. at All Faith's Chapel. Contact Stavros Megas at 847-6584 or mazomenos@tamu.edu.

Audubon: There will be a meeting with the new director of the Texas Audubon Societies speaking at 7:30 p.m. at the College Station Conference Center. For more information, call Mike at 845-5158 or 693-9548 or Bert at 694-9850.

Overseas Development Network: Dr. George Bates will be the guest speaker at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

Alpha Phi Omega: We will meet at 3:45 p.m. in the office to leave for our visit to Crestview retirement home. There will be a service meeting at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder.

Psychology Club: There will be a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Rudder. For more information, call Celeste Falcon at 764-9730.

'97 Ring Dance Committee: The '97 Ring Dance Committee is seeking volunteers to staff tables at Ring Dance or to donate black lights for that evening. Ring Dance will be held on April 26 in the MSC/Rudder Complex from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. If you are interested, please call Celeste Falcon at 764-9730.

IL Circolo Italiano Di Tamu (Italian Club): A general meeting for everyone interested in "things Italian" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Contact Rachela for details at 847-2457 or e-mail at italia@tamu.edu.

The Learning Skills Center of the Student Counseling Service: There will be a workshop on Time Management & Procrastination from 10-11 a.m. in 103 Henderson Hall. For more information, contact Student Counseling Service at 845-4427.

Wednesday

American Advertising Federation: There will be a general meeting to discuss "Shadow Day" and have elections at 7:15 p.m. in 130 Wehner. For more information, contact Tanya Kroll at 776-2683.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers: There will be a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry. Free pizza

will be available. For more information, call Robert Carpenter at 862-4709.

Student Y Association: There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder. For more information, call Missy Price at 693-1282.

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TAMU Zoological Society: Dr. Raymond J. Tarpley will speak at 7 p.m. in 100 Butler about "Chasing the Whales in the Arctic." For details, call Casey Barton at 696-2259.

Agnostic and Atheist Student Group: A general meeting on origins will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in 128D Zachry. For more information, contact Jamie at 268-AASG

PreDental Society: Dr. Badger, Pedodontist will discuss HMO's in dentistry at 7 p.m. in 292 B MSC. For more information, call Jenny at 696-2218.

Career Center: "What can I do with a major in..." a Career Day activity for students in search of career options will be held at 1 p.m. in 110 Koldus. There will be a Resume Writing Seminar at 4 p.m. in 410 Rudder. There will be a Co-op Orientation at 4 p.m. in 402 Rudder. There will be a Behavioral Interviewing Workshop at 5:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

Jewish Student Association (Hillel): Holocaust remembrance activities will be held today. "The Holocaust in Western European Literature" will be presented from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in 206 MSC. A Brown Bag Concert will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Rudder Theater. A film "Transportation from Paradise" will be shown from 3:40-4:30 p.m. in 206 MSC. "What We Will Never Understand About the Holocaust" will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in 206 MSC. For details, call Olga M. Cooke at 845-2198 or Joy Sylvester at 845-2194.

Japan Club: There will be a general meeting at Bullwinkles at 8 p.m.

Hispanic Business Student Association: There will be a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 132 Wehner. For more information, contact Clarissa at 694-5179.

Aggie Democrats: There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 110 Koldus.

Thursday

Learning Skills Center: There will be a seminar on Advanced Note-Taking

and Reading Textbooks from 8 a.m. in the Learning Skills Center at the Student Counseling Service in Henderson Hall. For details, call Lyle Slack at 845-4427, ext. 109.

Alpha Phi Omega: There will be an executive meeting at 7 p.m. in 103 Henderson Hall. For details, call Lyle Slack at 845-4427, ext. 109.

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Jewish Student Association: There will be activities in remembrance of the Holocaust today from 9:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m. in 206 MSC. They include "The Holocaust in European Literature," a reading, "The Holocaust in Film: A Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Lustig, Rabbi Peter Tarlow, Professor Jennifer Goodman and Professor Seth Wolitz. Victims' names will be read from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more details and specific times, call Olga Cooke at 845-2198 or Joy Sylvester at 845-2194.

Jewish Student Association: There will be an interfaith service at Faith's Chapel at 7 p.m. For more information, call Olga Cooke at 845-2198 or Joy Sylvester at 845-2194. There will be a theatrical production "Women's Voices of the Holocaust" at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Aggie Speleological Society: There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 132 Wehner. For more information, contact Tina at 847-1612 or Tina at 775-7265.

A&M Cycling Team: We will be discussing the upcoming road mountain bike races this weekend from 8:30 p.m. in 144 Koldus. Brent will make a presentation on why tube tires flat. For more information, call Brent Davis at 693-4134.

Friday

Horseman's Association: The Aggie Mini Circuit Quarter Horse Show will be held all day and night at the arena. For more information, contact Shannon Castle at 696-3381.

What's Up is a Battalion service lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Publication deadlines and notices are events and will not be run in What's Up if you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

1997-98 Student Organization Funding \$\$\$

Applications now available in Student Finance Center (217 MSC) or Student Activities (163 Koldus) for 1997-98 Student Organization Funding.

Applications due Friday April 4 by 5pm

Informational meetings:

March 25	1 pm	144 Koldus
April 1	2 pm	301 Rudder
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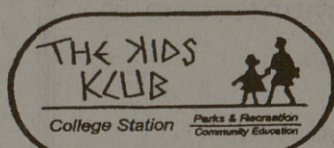
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