

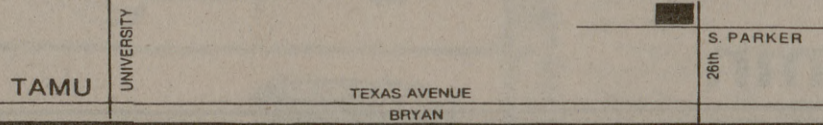
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FCC abused discretion in racial case, courts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Court of Appeals has ruled the Federal Communications Commission "abused its discretion" by renewing a broadcasting license for two Texas radio stations without conducting a hearing on claims the owner discriminated against black employees.

A three-judge panel of the appellate court has ordered an FCC hearing into whether Pyle Communications of Beaumont Inc., owner of KIEZ-AM and KWIC-FM, discriminated against black workers and failed to meet affirmative action obligations required by law.

"It's a very positive ruling," said David Honig, attorney for two black groups who challenged the FCC's decision to grant Pyle Communications a license renewal. "The FCC won't be permitted in the future just to wash out without hearing serious allegations of racial discrimination in broadcasting."

Pyle acquired the two Beaumont stations in 1981 and by 1983, the number of blacks at the two stations fell from 11 to one.

During the period, the stations hired 112 new employees but only three were black, and none stayed on the job longer than two months, the ruling said.

"This was by far the most egregious case of discrimination brought before the FCC in 22 years," Honig said, yet the FCC granted the license renewal based on Pyle's answers to three letters sent by the agency over three years.

Pyle applied for the license renewal in 1983 and the FCC granted it a

short-term renewal in 1987, said Richard Bozzelli, special assistant to the FCC general counsel.

At issue, the court ruled, is why black employment dropped so dramatically after the stations were acquired by Pyle and why blacks were so underrepresented in subsequent hiring by the stations during the period from 1981 to 1983; why the licensee contradicted itself in statements to the FCC about the reasons for the departures of several black employees; and why the stations were unable to maintain an adequate affirmative action program during the years in question, as required by FCC regulations.

"The record evidence in these three areas raises troubling questions that remain unresolved about whether the licensee practiced intentional employment discrimination," the court said.

"The commission acted unreasonably when it pronounced itself satisfied on these points based entirely on the licensee's sketchy and sometimes contradictory explanations."

A documented pattern of intentional discrimination will almost invariably disqualify a broadcaster from obtaining or retaining a license, the court said in its ruling.

Furthermore, stations must show they have an affirmative action plan in place, as part of their federal mandate to serve the public interest.

"We hold that the commission's decision (to renew the license) was not consistent with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934 that the commission hold a hearing

when a 'substantial and important question of fact is presented,' Aug. 19 ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said.

"Under these circumstances, the commission abused its discretion in issuing the license renewal," the court held.

FCC officials said the agency would hold a hearing on the issues raised by the Beaumont Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Black Media Coalition.

Robert W. Healy, attorney for Pyle, said through a spokesman Tuesday that his law firm was against commenting on clients' cases.

Pyle did not return a telephone call Monday and Tuesday from the Associated Press.

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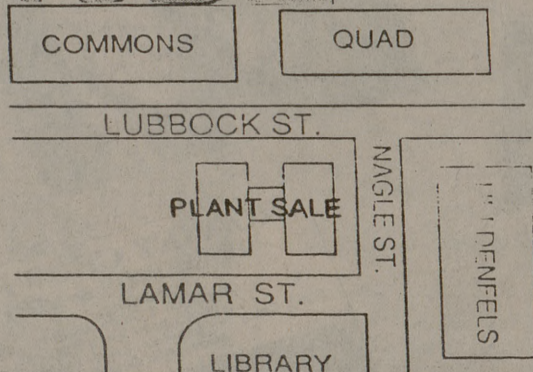
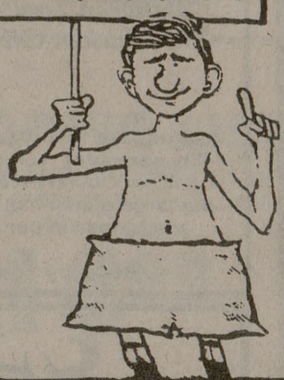
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Sweeney agrees to debate with foe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Mac Sweeney has agreed to debate his Democratic challenger, attorney Greg Laughlin, who lately has sharpened his criticism of the two-term congressman.

"When the House goes out of session, we'll debate as frequently as our schedule allows," Sweeney's administrative assistant, Steve Goldstein said.

Laughlin has been calling on Sweeney to debate him around the sprawling 14th District of Texas, including a face-off on the steps of several courthouses.

Goldstein said the congressman would likely debate Laughlin in a series of radio debates and questioned the call for a courthouse-steps meeting as show over substance.

"Is the purpose of the debate show, or is it to listen to people's views? Obviously, if it is the latter the medium for getting the message out to the greatest number of people in our district would be radio," Goldstein said.

Sweeney said Monday he would debate Laughlin on four to eight occasions before the Nov. 8 election. One radio debate is scheduled for Oct. 10 in El Campo, Goldstein said Tuesday.

Laughlin said he stepped up his attacks on Sweeney's job performance about a month ago, and has issued statements referring to him as "Slippery Sweeney" and saying: "It's time the 14th District had a real congressman for a change."

"I'm out there every day (cam-

paing in the district)," Laughlin said Tuesday.

"I'm hearing a lot of disenchantment with Mr. Sweeney's job performance — of not keeping appointments, returning phone calls and answering letters. I just hear it every day."

The West Columbia attorney challenged Sweeney two years ago, losing by a margin of 52.3 percent to 47.7 percent.

Political observers say Sweeney has the toughest re-election fight of any Texas congressman this year.

He is the first Republican ever elected to Congress from the 22-county district that skirts Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

In calling for the debates, Laughlin said in a statement: "It's time for Mac Sweeney to stand up and be counted. He does one thing and says another. He hides his record. There are important differences between Mac and me."

In Victoria Monday, Sweeney said he welcomed the opportunity to debate his opponent on the issues and the Democratic Party platform, "which endorses gun control, abortion on demand and a homosexual bill of rights; and to hear my opponent's position with regard to the Democratic Party's presidential candidate's policy that grants furloughs to murderers."

Laughlin said he wanted to debate Sweeney on such issues as veterans and the controversy over a proposed toxic waste dump at the Boling salt dome.

Pipe shortage helps increase drillers' costs

HOUSTON (AP) — The plentiful inventory of oil-drill pipe is almost used up, contract drillers who barely have enough business to keep their doors open say they'll be the ones who bear the increasing costs.

Mills that were idle when prices were just a year ago are now being used again.

But the shortage has increased prices and drillers say they are unable to pass along the costs because of tight competition for drilling jobs.

"You really can't pass along any additional cost for anything," Charles Yeargain of Rowan said.

"You just go with the tide and bid what the market will be and you either lose a little or lose a lot. You don't make much."

Drill pipe prices are not as high today as they were before prices came crashing down.

But day rates for drillers are well below what they were then, while pipe costs are rising up.

In 1980, one high-quality grade of 5-inch drilling pipe cost \$40 per foot, according to an oil company with one major drilling company.

A year ago, companies could buy serviceable pipe for as little as \$5 or \$6, but today new pipe tool joints ready for connection cost \$25 to \$30.

"Many drillers fear that a sudden upturn comes, where we get the pipe," one driller in the Houston Chronicle. "Many of us haven't built up a big inventory because of cash flow constraints."

Charles McPhail, president of Texas Steel Conversion Inc., said his volume last month was down about 30 percent from June, an apparent reflection of a shortage in the marketplace.

The year for the firm specializing in the forging and heat treatment of pipe ends had started ahead of 1987 volumes, McPhail said.

"The marketplace is pretty pessimistic," he said.

Already companies are waiting as long as four to six months for pipe deliveries of some grades, Yeargain said.

25-inch-tall man searches for a wife 3 times his size

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — In the narrow and crowded lanes of the old bazaar, a 25-inch-tall man sits in a store selling candy and hoping to find a wife.

"It is a hard life to be a dwarf, and to be the world's shortest living matured man is even harder," Gul Mohammad said in his whispery voice as he counted coins and handed sweets to children much taller than he.

Mohammad is 3.3 inches shorter than the shortest living adult listed by the 1988 Guinness Book of Records, Nelson de la Rosa of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

"No one noticed me before, until a local newspaper reporter had a chance meeting with a friend of mine, who told her about me," Mohammad, 32, said in an interview Tuesday.

He is the eldest of four children of Noor Mohammad and Fatma Begum.

"My first issue were twins, Gul and Zahoor. Both were dwarfs," Fatma said in her one-room home in the Ballimaran district of Old Delhi.

"Zahoor died after four years, but Gul lived to become a man."

Her other children, a boy and a girl, grew to normal size.

Gul, which means flower in the Urdu language, is lonely and wants to get married.

He was 10 when his father died. His mother soon remarried, and Gul was sent to live with his maternal uncle, where he stays today.

"I want to marry someone who is of normal height so that she can carry me around, feed me and give me baths. . . I do not want to live on the charity of my relatives forever," he said.

His arms are so short that his hands "can't reach his head while bathing," said his aunt, Nargis Begum.

Mohammad started his candy business with a investment of about \$35, but he has been robbed twice.

"I could not do anything. I have decided to marry I will ask my wife to sit with me in the store," he said with a broad smile.

Mohammad, whose only vice is smoking, giggles constantly.

"I used to get very upset when people laughed at me but I figured out if I laughed back that fixes them," he said.

"Being the shortest man is not a joke. It is a hardship," Mohammad said.

Walking is difficult for Mohammad, who pays 30 cents a day to teen-agers who piggyback him when he wants to go.

"I can't get onto a rickshaw or sit on a bicycle. It is difficult to balance," he said.

Mohammad's neighbors are fond of him. "He is very, very happy," said Ashraf Rizvi, a travel agent who brought Mohammad to the attention of the New York Herald newspaper.

Mohammad's uncle, Manzoor Hussain, said he once tried to buy him. "I would have gladly agreed to let Mohammad work in the circus but to lose him forever is something impossible."

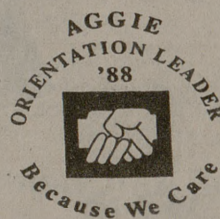
He said the circus offered the equivalent of \$100 for Mohammad, a staggering amount in India where the per capita annual income is \$290.

Hussain hopes Mohammad will find a bride. "But who will marry him? Maybe one day when a famous someone will come and offer him her hand," the uncle said. "But the problem is that Mohammad wants a normal-height woman, not a dwarf like him."

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