

September 28, 1990

Mr. Herman Baca
Chairman,
Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc.
710 E. 3rd Street
National City, Ca. 92050

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Thank you for your letter...and your concern.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Myers
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President & General Manager

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Hedgecock's convictions partially overturned

By Anne Krueger
Tribune Staff Writer

The state Supreme Court today reversed former Mayor Roger Hedgecock's 12 perjury convictions, but upheld a conspiracy conviction subject to a Superior Court hearing.

The court ruled, on a 5-2 vote, that Hedgecock's perjury convictions should be reversed because of faulty jury instructions by then-Superior Court Judge William Todd.

The state's high court ruled that a Superior Court judge should decide

whether jurors should be called in to testify about Hedgecock's claim that jurors were improperly influenced by a bailiff.

Deputy Attorney General Robert Foster said the ruling overturning the perjury convictions was based on a precedent set by a decision by former Chief Justice Rose Bird.

"This is an obscene irony of this case, that a man who openly criticized former Chief Justice Rose Bird for using technicalities for letting criminals off is the beneficiary of

one of those very same technicalities," Foster said.

Hedgecock, 44, of Middletown, was convicted in October 1985 of one count of conspiracy and 12 counts of perjury in connection with the illegal funding of his 1983 campaign for mayor. Prosecutors claimed that La Jolla financier J. David Dominelli and colleague Nancy Hoover Hunter funneled more than \$300,000 into Hedgecock's campaign through a political consulting firm operated by Tom Shepard.

In his morning radio show on KSDO-AM today, Hedgecock spoke with his lawyer, Charles Sevilla, on the court's decision.

Hedgecock said he was "confused" by the ruling but added, "It's a relief to me that we got a judgment after

five years of waiting. . . . It's a relief to know we were correct, that that was unfair."

Of the conspiracy charge that remains, Hedgecock said, "I think we will prove correct that jury tampering occurred."

Sevilla said that all the perjury counts were reversed based on defense arguments that material on Hedgecock's campaign statements should have been considered by the jury as an element in the case.

Sevilla said that the perjury counts could be retried.

"But as of this moment, you are unconvicted on all of these counts," he told Hedgecock on the air.

Hedgecock's first trial ended in February 1985 in a mistrial after jurors deadlocked 11-1 in favor of

conviction on all counts.

Hedgecock was sentenced in December 1985 to a year in county jail, three years of probation and a \$1,000 fine. Hedgecock has been working as a radio-talk show host at KSDO-AM since January 1986.

Sevilla, has said that Hedgecock was entitled to a hearing in which jurors would be called to testify, but told Supreme Court justices in oral arguments in June that jurors should not be required to return to court five years after Hedgecock's trial. Prosecutors had opposed a defense request to hold a hearing after the verdict.

After Hedgecock was convicted, two jurors signed affidavits saying they were influenced by bailiff Al
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ROGER HEDGECOCK
Working as talk-show host



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RULING: For Hedgecock

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Burroughs, who supervised jurors while they were sequestered in a Mission Valley hotel. They said Burroughs gave a definition of "reasonable doubt" to the jurors, repeatedly told jurors they should reach a verdict, and supplied beer and vodka to the jury.

Other jurors said in affidavits that Burroughs' definition of reasonable doubt was given within a story they regarded as humorous, and felt no pressure from him to reach a verdict. They said they drank alcohol only after deliberations had ended for the day.

Hedgecock had also challenged his perjury convictions, which were

based on campaign disclosure and financial statement forms that he had signed but that failed to list money he had received from Dominelli and Hunter. Judge Todd, who presided over Hedgecock's trial, told jurors that any omissions on the forms should be considered significant omissions.

In April 1988, the 4th District Court of Appeal ruled that Hedgecock was entitled to a hearing on his claims of jury misconduct. Both sides appealed aspects of the ruling, sending the case to the state Supreme Court.

Tribune staff writers John Lamb and Frank Stone contributed to this report.



Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

September 21, 1990

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KGTV General Manager
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San Diego, CA 92138

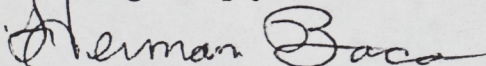
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Awaiting a reply;


Herman Baca, Chairperson

C.C. FCC
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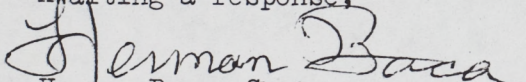
Mr. Robert Meyers
KFMB TV, General Manager
P.O. Box 85888
San Diego, CA 92186

Mr. Meyers:

Question? Has KFMB TV joined the racist Light up the Border "Mexican" bashing movement? Case in point which we make reference to involved the following news cast which was aired on 9/17/90 on your 7:30 a.m. edition. Reporter...A small farmer in San Ysidro (whose livestock was supposedly being stolen by undocumented migrants) does not know if he will be able to continue in business because he does not know if he can deal with the animals...not the 4 legged ones, but the 2 legged ones. Animals? I sincerely doubt that any ethnic group appreciates to be referred to as animals. Further more I doubt that this type of news reporting would qualify as professional, unbiased or responsible journalism.

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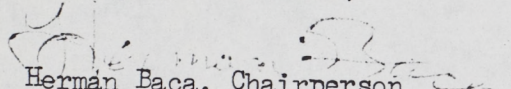
Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

September 24, 1990

Hispanic Advisory Media Committee;

This letter is to inform you that we want our organization and my name taken of the Hispanic Advisory media Committee roster. I do not understand how our name got on your roster, but I can personally state that I have never expressed interest or support, or stated to anyone that I or the organization were interested in involving ourselves with this effort. In fact, I thought that I had communicated our position to Mr. Jamie Castaneda in our intial telephone conversation. Regardless, I am now asking that you take our name of your roster.

Thank you in advance;


Herman Baca, Chairperson



Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

September 25, 1990

San Diego District Attorney
Ed Miller
101 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

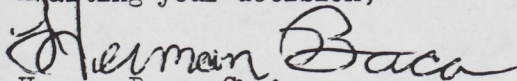
District Attorney Miller:

In the interest of justice our organization urges and calls on your office to re-try convicted felon Roger Hedgecock. Neither money, politics, control of the air waves, nor pressure from Hedgecock's Light up the Border supporters should enter into your judicial decision to once again re-try this convicted felon. It is our organization position that if Nancy Hoover and David J. Dominelli can be made to pay for their crimes (crimes that do not include Hedgecock's more serious violations of violating the trust of the people, and corrupting the political process) that their is no legitimate reason why convicted felon Hedgecock should not pay a similiar penalty of incarceration.

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In concluding, we exhort your office to press forward with the re-trying of convicted felon Roger Hedgecock. Justice and the community deserve no less.

Awaiting your decision;


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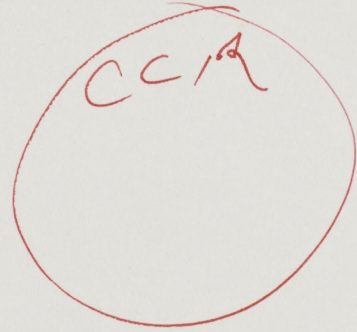
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"Pull The PLUG ON Bigotry"

Roger Hedgecock
IS USING KSDO - 1130 TO INCITE VIOLENCE
AGAINST ALL PERSONS OF MEXICAN
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BOYCOTT KSDO ADVERTISERS
MAKE YOUR FEELINGS KNOWN TO THOSE
WHO PAY FOR THE HEDGECOCK PROGRAM

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"Demand KSDO's
License be Reinstated!"

"The Airways Belong
to the public -
AND NOT TO A
RACIST BIGOTT!"

Your Help is needed to stop this pollution of the Airways
by a Racial Bigott. SEND YOUR DONATION, WHAT EVER YOU
CAN AFFORD TO:

The COMMITTEE ON CHINESE RIGHTS
710 EAST THIRD
NATIONAL CITY, CA. 92050

YES, I WANT TO HELP
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Letters to the Editor

KFMB Apologizes - KGTV-10 Waffles

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Herman Baca
Chairperson

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Mark S. Fowler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
1919 "M" Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Fowler;

I am enclosing recent editorial material which appeared in La Prensa San Diego on March 23 and 30, 1990. As indicated in this news coverage, and as we observed and listened, a radio talk show host, Roger Hedgecock, who broadcasts from 9a. -12p.m. daily over KSDO-AM 1130Kcs, used the public airways to incite violence against persons of Mexican ancestry. For one whole week, Mr. Hedgecock, evidently with the approval of the management and owners of KSDO, orchestrated and played upon the base racist attitudes of his listening audience to incite them to protest against the Undocumented workers seeking access to America to work.

This is not the first time that KSDO has seen fit to use the public airways to attack those whom they dislike. In the past, the Jewish community was the target of racist anti semitic attacks by their talk show host(not Hedgecock).

Our organization is outraged at this abuse of the public's airways. KSDO-AM has been outrageously insensitive to the 400,000 Latinos who reside in the San Diego region and who have to suffer the consequences of their racist diatribes. Ownership and management have a responsibility to the public to use the airways for the public good and not to the detriment of the public. We do not wish equal time, as this organization of Latinos would not presume to use the public airways to attack other members of the society.

As a responsible organization which is concerned over the raising tide of lawlessness, bigotry, discrimination and violence in our area, we strongly request that action be taken by the FCC to deny the ownership of KSDO-AM(Gannett Group, Arlington, Va.) the continued use of 1130KCS in the San Diego region.

Sincerely

Beatrice Estrada, president
League of United Latin American Citizens,
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BOYCOTT KSDO RADIO

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YOU CAN HELP:

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- BOYCOTT KSDO - ^{DON'T LISTEN} TELL A FRIEND
- ~~WRITE~~ TAKE ACTION. WRITE THE ~~FCC~~

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)
MARK S. FOLWER, CHAIRMAN

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WE ^{URGENTLY} URGE THE FCC TO REMOVE,
OR ^{OR} CONTINUE THE LICENSING OF
RADIO STATION KSDO 1130 KES

Pete, regarding your letter of 3/13/90. Read my lips or better yet why don't you re read our letter of 3/6/90. El Comite in that letter requested from the state Hispanic Causus (not the great whi e father Congressman Bates) for a call for immediate full scale investigation, including congressional hearinggs into the activities of para military vigilantes groups along the US/Mexico border and in San Diego county. We addressed this issue to both the state & Federal Hispanic Causus because of the reality that every public official in San Diego (including Congressman Bates) has in the past been either unwilling or unable to address this issue. In fact in numerous instances this same officials (remember Packard, Golding, Romney?) have led the charge in creating the maligent cancer of racism, bigotry, & white Supremacy attitudes that has resulted in increased violence aganist persons of Mexican ancestry along the US/Mexico border and thru out San Diego county. Pete once again, (read my words) we are requesting the California Hispanic Legislator Casus ^{ISSUE A} to call for a full scale investigation ^{INCLUDE} congressional hearings into ^{THE ISSUE OF} para military vigilantes ^{ES} the Causus is ^{EITHER} along the US/Mexico border & in San Diego county. If you ~~are~~ unable or unwilling just ^{STATE} ~~stay~~ so.

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Awaiting your prompt response

Herman Baca

El Informador Stevens

Para su Info.

76-6529 Herman



Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

January 22, 1999

Mike McKinnon, Owner
KUSI/Channel 51
4575 Viewridge Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

Facsimile: (619) 571-4852

Mr. McKinnon:

It is with great interest and amusement that our organization read the SD Union 9/21/99 article, that **KUSI/Channel 51** has placed the "acerbic and voluble" Roger Hedgecock on "hiatus". Mr. Hedgecock was urging viewers to send money to a musician to remove President Clinton. Mr. Hedgecock's gall in hypocritically calling for the removal of President Clinton is truly amusing, and totally absurd when one considers that Roger Hedgecock himself was removed from political office (San Diego Mayor) on criminal charges and that he was almost sent to prison. One can only assume that Mr. Hedgecock is doing this to stop his declining and dismal radio ratings, conveniently choosing to forget (and hoping that every one else has forgotten) why he was removed as Mayor of San Diego.

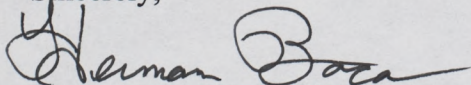
Now that **KUSI** and Mr. Hedgecock have had a falling out, let us remind **KUSI** management that it was they who for six long years, allowed and encouraged Roger Hedgecock (a known racist) to air his anti-Mexican diatribes with total impunity. It was also **KUSI** management who conveniently chose to ignore our organization's just demands for his removal.

It is with amusement and a sense of poetic justice that we now witness the **KUSI** management rightfully reaping what it has sown. In other words, as the old saying states, "if you sleep with dogs, don't complain about the fleas".

Now that Mr. Hedgecock is kicking **KUSI** in the teeth on his two-bit radio talk show (as he has done to our community), maybe you will do yourself, the Chicano/Mexicano community, and the general viewing public a great big favor--"**FIRING**" not only Mr. Hedgecock, but also the geniuses in **KUSI's** management that hired him in the first place! Maybe, just maybe, your station's dismal ratings and standings will begin to inch up.

Waiting to hear the good news of Mr. Roger Hedgecock's firing.

Sincerely,


Herman Baca, President

Cc. News Media

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Commentary has Hedgecock on TV 'hiatus'

Roger Hedgecock says he's been "suspended indefinitely" from doing his twice-weekly commentaries on KUSI/Channel 51.

Gregg Rawdin, Channel 51's interim news director, says the acerbic and voluble Hedgecock has been placed "on hiatus."

Either way, he's not on TV at the moment.

Hedgecock says he had permission from KUSI management to tell viewers to send money to a local musician who's trying to place commercials on radio stations around the country urging the removal of President Clinton from office.

Rawdin, and station owner Mike McKinnon, says he violated their orders not to air the live commentary.

Hedgecock, the former mayor and current radio talk host on KOGO-AM (600), has for the past six years delivered his commentaries on KUSI news shows, and Jan. 12 he delivered a pitch for Steve Vaus' "Dear Mr. President" radio spots. Vaus is the musician who first made a name performing musical parodies on the "Hudson and Bauer" radio show, and now performs the music for Barona Indian casino radio and TV commercials.



Hedgecock has been chatting about his problems at Channel 51 on his radio show (12:15 to 3 p.m. weekdays), and McKinnon thinks "he's using this for his own cause."

"No respectable news guy would act this way," said McKinnon. "He's trying to generate some ratings out of it. He goes on the air and says he got fired and we're trying to censor his freedom of speech and all this kind of stuff."

"If he was trying to do some good in the community, he would try to save this position he had (at Channel 51), because not many have the opportunity to do this commentary. He could do some real good in the community. We'll probably get somebody else more responsible."

Hedgecock, who was paid \$250 for each of his two-minute KUSI commentaries, says he's frequently done fund-raising for local charities in his commentary, but Rawdin responded: "We don't do political fund-raising through our newscast."

Said Hedgecock: "Under my contract, if they don't like a script I've submitted, and this one was submitted, the remedy is not to air it."

"Not only was it approved by the producers, but the production staff assisted in making the (graphic) board which was put on screen which asked for the money."

"They allowed it to be aired, and after the fact, they censored me by putting me on suspension indefinitely because Mike McKinnon didn't like it for some reason."

Which is not the way Rawdin remembers it.

Rawdin says he instructed Hedgecock's representative, Jimmy Valentine, that Hedgecock should not deliver his pitch for Vaus. "He didn't follow our procedure," Rawdin said. "He was told by me not to do that. Then he did it."

"The word 'suspension' was never used. Roger violated . . . explicitly what I did not want (him) to do. Since then, I've put Roger on hiatus while we evaluate his violation of our procedures."

In an interview, Hedgecock was asked if he's been riding his separation from KUSI pretty hard on his radio show, and the suggestion seemed to rile him.

"I don't know whether I've been riding it very hard," he said. "We've been discussing it because people have been talking to me about it. They've been calling and e-mailing me by the hundreds."

"I suppose because it's Roger Hedgecock I won't get an even break here, but at least be accurate on this thing. I'm not riding this hard. I've discussed it because it's an issue. How many times has a political commentator been fired in this town because of what they say?"

"Where are the ACLU tree-hugging liberals now, when it's a conservative? They don't give a (bleep) about the First Amendment when it's a conservative."

Finally, Rawdin was asked whether there might be a plan afoot to return Hedgecock to KUSI sometime in February, amid a bit of fanfare, just in time to boost the station's ratings during the sweeps:

"I would say at this point we have no intention of that happening," said Rawdin. "Not that we have no intention of bringing him back, but not for a ratings stunt by any means. I don't know how long my evaluation will take, but at this point I'm putting him on hiatus until I re-evaluate."

"I couldn't acknowledge that as a ratings stunt."

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