

**Email digest sent to city officials by paid minion:**

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 10:04 AM

**Subject:** 10/8 news & chatter

**Monday morning**

AM 790

Rex Andrew spoke with Congressman Neugebauer on several topics, including SCHIP, immigration, & transportation funding issues. Neugebauer voted against the current SCHIP bill, stating he believes it goes beyond health care for poor children. He also agreed that transportation funding problems will be providing challenges for Texas to keep its road system in good shape.

AM 580

Wade Wilkes and Mark Johnston discussed college football, toys made in China, presidential primaries, and America's detention of "enemy combatants" at GITMO. Wilson took the position these detentions are appropriate, Johnston took the opposite view.

AM950

Jim Douglass and Randy Sanders spent the morning discussing the proposed naming of a street for Cesar Chavez. They generally agreed with today's A-J editorial on the topic regarding the need to compromise in finding an appropriate street, though Sanders preferred that street naming be used only for people who lived in Lubbock.

[http://www.lubbockonline.com/stories/100807/edi\\_100807024.shtml](http://www.lubbockonline.com/stories/100807/edi_100807024.shtml)

**Friday afternoon**

Am790

Robert Pratt again criticized the SCHIP bill, vetoed by President Bush. He said, "Finally a sane newspaper & from the Valley!" referencing the Valley Morning Star's Headline: SCHIP: Welfare for middle class

[http://www.valleymorningstar.com/opinion/bill\\_11226\\_article.html/health\\_reform.html](http://www.valleymorningstar.com/opinion/bill_11226_article.html/health_reform.html)

He also pointed to comments by Rep. Mack Thornberry hoping the SCHIP veto will lead to better bill: [http://www.mineralwellsindex.com/local/local\\_story\\_278095721.html](http://www.mineralwellsindex.com/local/local_story_278095721.html)

Pratt continued to promote Ted Parker's position in the City of Lubbock medical insurance disagreement. In the past two weeks, he interviewed Ted Parker, and Parker's attorney live, has placed documents sent to him by Parker's attorney on his web site, and has misinterpreted budget numbers from the City. He has yet to interview anyone from the City's side on this issue.

**Note:**

**After weeks of bashing the City and opining on the Ted Parker v. City issue, AM950's Randy Sanders finally disclosed on air last week that he is being paid by "Ted Parker's attorney." Pratt has not disclosed whether or not he is being paid to shill for Parker.**

[Pratt: The above is exactly how it appeared in the email as it was forwarded to me, no emphasis or color added by Pratt on Texas.]

## Other news

### LUBBOCK

It has been over 4 years since the wheels were set in motion to create a cultural center in the heart of 2 mostly Hispanic neighborhoods; Arnett Benson and Jackson.

<http://www.leditor.com/news.php?nid=910>

### MIDLAND

In order for Midland businesses to attract new workers into the region, prospective employees must be able to find a home they can afford. Candidates for mayor and city council agree there is a problem, but differ on the city's role in addressing it.

[http://www.mywesttexas.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18892465&BRD=2288&PAG=461&dept\\_id=475626&rfi=6](http://www.mywesttexas.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18892465&BRD=2288&PAG=461&dept_id=475626&rfi=6)

### ABILENE

City of Abilene leaders have discussed in the past developing a citywide wireless Internet network -- also known as WiFi -- but the idea appears to be on the back burner for now.

<http://www.reporternews.com/news/2007/oct/05/city-puts-off-pursuit-of-wifi-project/>

### AUSTIN

Wind energy may lead to competition to build Texas lines:

[http://www.quickdfw.com/sharedcontent/dws/bus/stories/DNwindcompetition\\_05bus.ART.State.Edition1.35b6c02.html](http://www.quickdfw.com/sharedcontent/dws/bus/stories/DNwindcompetition_05bus.ART.State.Edition1.35b6c02.html)

This is a daily overview of local talk radio discussions during their prime broadcast hour, as well as news of interest for our clients. Please notify me if you no longer want to receive this email.

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***Randy Sanders' response by email shared with many on the email list, as received by Pratt:***

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 1:25 PM

**Subject:** Response from Randy Sanders

Hello XXXX,

It has been brought to my attention that you have made a couple of untrue comments in the email newsletter below about me and I would like to have the record corrected.

Until last week, I have never made a broadcast comment about Ted Parker's case against the city of Lubbock. When I did, I did point out that I am employed by the attorney representing Mr. Parker. I felt like it was only fair to make this known to my listeners before I discussed the case.

As for my "bashing" the city, unlike yourself who has never had an opinion of your own because you have been for hire by others all of your life, I have been critical of the city and its leadership before I ever met Mr. Parker. My opinions on the radio station are neither for sale nor for rent.

I believe you have smeared me, just as other city employees and leaders have smeared everyone who disagrees with the path that they are leading this community down.

Cheers,

Randy Sanders

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**Robert Pratt's first response upon first seeing the newsletter email:**

Dear XXX,

I've seen your newsletter and am very disturbed that you would, in any way or fashion, imply or suggest that I might be under the employment or pay of Ted Parker or his attorney. Not only is such a thought ridiculous and would lead to the destruction of my credibility, these folks are not even advertisers on the station on which my show appears. Hell, I've only met Ted Parker in person once that I can remember.

I realize that dishonest folk, like those at the City, the money from whom you happily take, think all other people are dishonest or have hidden agendas, but in my case buddy, I call 'em as I see 'em.

By the way, I do NOT work for KFYO either and would appreciate references to my show as Pratt on Texas not AM790 or KFYO. They are an affiliate.

Robert W. Pratt

Pratt on Texas

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***The paid city lackey's response to my first email (shown above):  
(I have edited certain parts to maintain privacy or keep certain legal issues out of  
the public eye.)***

Robert:

Thanks for your email. I would have preferred to have this discussion on the phone, but the station told me you didn't want phone calls and I should contact you by email.

The reason I raised the question regarding the possibility of a Parker relationship with you was because I know he's paying Randy Sanders at AM950, and you have been flogging Parker's legal position on a near daily basis, without making any effort to give the City an equal opportunity to respond. You're even posting communications from his lawyer. It sure looks fishy.

If you can confirm that you are not in any type of financial relationship with Parker, his attorneys, nor any of his various enterprises, then with your permission, I will post your email rebuttal in its entirety (without comment) in tomorrow's communication to my clients.

FYI, I don't have any problems with people in or out of the media who have honest disagreement with me, or with my clients. But I'm disappointed that you've chosen to take such an over-the-top and one-sided approach with your radio show. There are good and bad people in government, just as there are in the private sector. I have refrained putting the most hate-filled comments from your show in my daily reports...such as equating Mayor Miller's supporters with those who saluted Hitler.

*[Pratt: By the way, I don't believe I've equated Miller's supporters with those who saluted Hitler in any direct way unless it was purely humorous – of course we all know Libs have little to no sense of humor generally. Sounds as if the P.R. lackey listens and digests like the Libs at Media Matters.]*

You're better than that and in my opinion, comments such as these do more to destroy your credibility than if you were taking money from people you discuss on air, and not disclosing it.

Just so you know, I am not blind copying anyone with this email, but if you'd like to discuss this further give me a call. You have my mobile number.

Best,  
XX

**Pratt's response as read on-air to the above. I have deleted a few lines dealing with legal issues.**

XX,

As I've pointed out before, I do not work at KFYO and thus do not have a phone there. I have my own office and you have my phone number, it has been the same for about 9 years. I do have email too. I do not take calls during the day as it takes 5 solid hours to be ready for the show.

I am not "flogging" Parker's position. The city has not come forward with any data provided in a usable form. I have said this and invited them so to do and they have not. I have told the audience that Parker's folk are the only people giving me data and everything they've given to me has had source material copies - all from the city. I have said that the city should do the same and invited them so to do on the air. The call-in line is almost always open and the number given at the beginning of each half-hour.

As to your opinion of how I do my radio show, I didn't ask for your advice on how to do my show nor do I care to have it. You call it over the top, I call it telling the truth as I see it and my opinion to which I'm entitled. I've the highest market ratings for 3 solid books now of ANY local issues or news show in Lubbock radio - by a long shot. I'll let the audience decide.

[This section removed.]

The public clearly can hear sponsor advertisements and know who is supporting my show and what money is behind my income - can you say the same for you and your clientele?

Do not think that I will let the know-nothings pass around rumor without response. Everything I do and say is public, for thousands to listen to. No hidden agendas, no saying something other than what I mean. **Only cowards or cheats whisper in the back ground.** Will I make mistakes and errors? Sure. But they will be honest mistakes, not made-up material to pass around the downtown crowd.

I do not care for you to issue a retraction or clarification in your email to your clients. **The very idea that I should somehow respond to a charge that had not even been made to me directly is ridiculous and insulting.** [Sentence removed.] I want a full apology before the Lubbock media immediately.

I will address the issue as I do everything in front of the public, in the open - something the city hall crowd and a few others seem unwilling or unable to do. I wonder what it is they have to hide? Surely there is something or they would not object to an independent court appointed auditor in the health insurance deal.

Sincerely,

Robert Pratt  
Pratt on Texas

P.S. I've not discussed the Parker issue daily, the show is news driven and I cover it when it is in the news. You have now provided a news worthy reason to discuss it again when I had intended to not discuss it for the entire week unless it was in the headlines.