Court rules Broadwater cannot seek office until probation ends

ANNAPOLIS, MD. (UPI) — One day after the filing deadline for statewide candidates, Maryland's highest court Tuesday ruled that former state Sen. Tommie Broadwater, Jr., convicted of food-stamp fraud, cannot run for office until his probation ends in 1988.

The Court of Appeals upheld a state law that bars the former Prince George's County Democrat from seeking office because he is not a registered voter. A convicted felon on probation cannot register to vote in Maryland.

Under current law, once Broadwater's probation on his 1983 federal conviction ends in 1988, he may register to vote and could run for office.

The appellate court said current law, enacted in 1984, was constitutional. "We find no constitutional infirmity as applied," the seven - judge panel ruled.

Broadwater, who could not be reached for comment Tuesday, alleged in the suit that his civil rights were violated when the law was amended in 1984 to require anyone wanting to run for office to be registered voter.

Prior to the amendment, the law only applied to Democrats and Republicans. Broadwater was seeking to regain his state Senate seat, now occupied by Sen. Decatur Trotter, D.-Prince George's, as an independent.

Basing his claim on the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause, Broadwater said it was unconstitutional to deny an unregistered voter access to the political arena.

In his suit, Broadwater cited 40 percent of those in Prince George's County and 30 percent of all Marylanders who are 18 years or older were not registered to vote and therefore unable to run for office.

"Broadwater would like to equate the right of an unregistered voter to seek elective office with the right to vote," the court said.

The flamboyant businessman lost his Senate seat he held since 1975 when he was convicted in U.S. District Court of food stamp fraud at a grocery store he operated.

He was sentenced in October 1983 to three years in prison, with all but six months suspended, and fined $20,000. He served four months in prison and has returned to his bail bond business in Glenarden.

Scene at the fundraiser held on Sunday at the 32nd Street Plahza for the 'House of Canes', a senior citizens home. A number of politicians were expected to be present, including Mayor Schaefer and Attorney General Stephen Sachs. Above are Dr. Gus Adair, a candidate for Congress in the Seventh Congressional District, Mrs. Ella Cade and Mrs. Doris Haynes.

Candidates agree hunger is bad

The four gubernatorial candidates may have disagreed on taxes and abortion during their first face - to - face debate, but they found something to agree on during a second public forum — hunger is bad.

"We're all born naked and hungry, but there's no reason we should stay that way," said Del. Thomas Mooney, R-Prince Georges, during a Tuesday afternoon forum sponsored by the Maryland Food Committee.

The forum was held at Paul's Place, a soup kitchen in southwest Baltimore. Each candidate was given five minutes to address the problem of hunger in the state.

Earlier Tuesday, the four candidates took part in a debate in Annapolis sponsored by the Women's Legislative Caucus. The issues discussed at that event ranged from education to the insurance crisis to teen pregnancy.

At the Maryland Food Committee forum, only Attorney General Stephen Sachs and Mayor William Schaefer specifically addressed what they would do to combat hunger in Maryland.

Sachs said he would clean up inefficiency in state management of federal food dollars to allow better outreach and education for those in need.

"The state should help in outreach effort to make (the poor) aware of programs," Sachs said.

"A hungry child can't learn; a hungry adult can't work; a hungry senior citizen can't live by himself and a hungry pregnant woman can't bear a healthy child," Sachs said.

Schaefer, the front runner in the race for governor, stressed the effort his adminnistration had made to help the hungry in Baltimore, including a grant to the Maryland Food Committee.

He recounted a tale of a day when he saw a homeless man on the street.

"I thought, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' " Schaefer said. "My decision was made. I started thinking about what I could do."

Lawrence Freeman, the candidate backed by the reactionary Lyndon LaRouche organization, said the best way to help the hungry was to support the family farm and create higher paying jobs. "We're not just talking about an economic problem, but a moral problem," Freeman said.

At the end of their remarks, the candidates were asked to sign "non-checks," on which they pledged specific action to help the poor if they were elected governor.

"We're not here to offer money to the candidates," said food committee director Jan Houboult. "We're here to ask the candidates to offer assistance to Marylanders in need."

Twilah Scarborough

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VOTER REGISTRATION
"Reach One, Teach One"

The Women Power Inc. is getting ready for you. A very special date is coming and it's all set for you. Voter registration - remember it is our very own and our free privilege. It's always forever free and we should take advantage of it. Voting makes us stand up for our rights! An individual expression of choice is the making of a group decision. Get out. Exercise our political franchise. Voting is right around the corner. We have to get out and exercise our special powers.

The members of the women Power Inc. have great plans for you. On July 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., there will be booths with materials and information for voter registration. The place is Mondawmin Mall. Posters will be displayed along with great artwork by children from various local public schools.

You will have a lot going for you on July 19. The ladies have set aside this great date for you, the public and friends, to get on board with them and help make this election one of the biggest and one of our best turnouts. You know if we don't exercise our rights, who will?

On this particular date you will receive lots of educational materials on your candidates running for office. Everything you need to know on how to register to vote, etc. will be right there at your fingertips. Women Power Inc. reaches out and teaches one. The ladies are deeply involved in your interests, and your community and your beliefs.

Each one proudly presents this July 19 a special day for you and yours and the public. The booths for voter registration will be in the section set up at the Card Mart and the escalators in Mondawmin Mall. The members of The Women Power Inc. will be anxiously waiting to help and assist you in your voter rights. We will see you there. Remember the date July 19 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondawmin Mall.

HANDS ACROSS AMERICA

The Hands Across America has happened and it really happened at the Urban Services Agency's Cherry Hill Day Care Center located at 2490 Giles Rd. The Day Care Center has about 50 enrollments. With the help of the dedicated teachers, volunteers and aides, the children were able to self paint - print their little hands on a large section of the Center's Welcome Wall. Each printed their hands related to the cause - Hands Across America. The teachers, staff and director created their own little Hands Across America.

If you ever drop by the U.S.A. Cherry Hill Day Care Center, one would really be amazed at how the project went off. The big wall and its artwork really show off and its so meaningful. The public is invited to come and visit and see the display.

The Hands Across America had nothing on the Cherry Hill Day Care Center at all. Claudia Harrison, director and her supportive staff, really and truly did a frantastic job on this project. The adjacent wall had its showoffs too.

Charles Tranyhans, a parent, and his child, who is enrolled there, took his hat off to being 25 years old and an employee of the Hyatt Regency, donated his artistic works on the wall in the welcome area. Tray Powell, 19 years old, a staff member's son contributed his splendid art of taste in the same area, and Keith Person, an 18 year old community volunteer, created his artwork and displayed it on the walls. Keith is a 1986 Carver Voc-Tech High School graduate. U.S.A. Cherry Hill Day Care Center and its readers and all who are involved in the Urban Services Agency Family send their biggest congratulations to all of you.

COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN

The Greater Model Outdoor Community Festival is coming around again. Everyone at this time of year is ready to show off and display their great outdoor family festival for you and your families of all ages. Each year the U.S.A. Center No. 19 makes great preparations for their outdoor fun festival. The festival will be held on Tuesday, July 8 through Friday, July 11, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Saturday, July 12 at 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. the place to be is 1051 W. Saratoga St. There will be lots of exhibits, food, plenty of bargains, live entertainment and loads of family fun for all ages.

The festival is sponsored by the Greater Model Community Council and the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Urban Services Agency Center No. 19. The director, Marcus Nole, and his eveready supportive staff, are waiting for you on these dates. For more details on the community festival, just call 396-0111.

YOUTH WEEK

It's that time again! Alice Ebb, criminal justice technician, of the U.S.A. Youth Development Program of 1515 E. North Ave. and Donald Washington, assistant coordinator, of the U.S.A. Cultural Arts Program, will open the doors again on their "Youth Week" workshop. Each year the annual youth week program gets larger and larger with attendance of today's teenagers and young adults. Last year the attendance drew close to 155 teenagers, young adults.

Even though the weather last year was extremely hot the teenagers came from everywhere throughout the city. It was well - attended and everyone was quite interested in the VIP speakers and the topics discussed. This year the Youth Development Program and its steering committee are looking forward to the upcoming dates of July 21 to July 23.

The Youth Week program will include topics on education, criminal justice, drugs, and a film on wasted job skills, unemployment and much more. The Youth Week Seminar is calling its teenagers and young adults to join in with the upcoming dates mentioned above. This is truly a program not to be missed. Cleve Brister is the director of U.S.A. Youth Development Program. Call 396-3229.

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