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Cong. Steny H. Hoyer
House Democratic Minority Whip



The Election Assistance Commission

While the embarrassing debacle of the 2000 election may seem like a distant memory to some, the unfortunate reality is an encore may be on our doorstep.

The Election Assistance Commission was created by the bipartisan Help America Vote Act of 2002 in order to avoid a repeat of the disastrous 2000 election, inspired directly by the failure of effective election administration in Florida that year. The only federal agency whose primary mission is to assist states carry out their elections and provide assistance to local election officials, the EAC has succeeded in this capacity beyond even the most optimistic projections. But now, due either to intentional neglect or outright calls for the agency's elimination, the EAC is currently without any commissioners or a permanent executive director. While the agency persists in carrying out its mission, its spirit is sorely bruised.

During the 112th Congress, two Republican-sponsored bills--H.R. 672 and H.R. 3463--were introduced to eliminate the Election Assistance Commission. Not only would they abolish an agency still supported and relied upon by local Republican and Democratic election officials from coast to coast, but they would also transfer the duties of the EAC to the Federal Election Commission, an enforcement agency whose sole responsibility is regulating campaign finance.

The specialized services provided by the EAC are essential to the effective administration of our elections - and to their safety and fairness. By

serving as an information clearinghouse, state and local election officials can turn to the EAC for the support and guidelines needed to run their elections. By providing this service, the EAC saves states considerable time and money, and by performing testing and certification services on voting machine hardware and software, the EAC ensures that ballots are accurately cast and counted. Perhaps most important, the EAC provides voters with confidence that their voices will be heard clearly.

Adding to the need for a strong and effective EAC, we've seen an unprecedented wave of new voting laws passed throughout the country. Lost in the debate over the motivation of these new laws is the question of how states will adapt in a presidential election year if there were no EAC to guide them. By attempting a complete overhaul of modern election law and by neglecting the only agency responsible for making sense of it, we are inviting chaos; a repeat of what occurred in Florida in 2000. But, more important, and most unforgivable, the right to vote is being undermined, and we've come too far to watch that fundamental right slip away.

The Election Assistance Commission is needed now more than ever, and it ought to be strengthened, not abandoned. Instead of attempting to dismantle it piece by piece, Republicans would be better off working across the aisle to ensure it has the leadership and resources it needs to safeguard the free and fair elections our country is counting on.

To Be Equal
Marc Morial, President and CEO
National Urban League



Occupy the Vote – No Bullies at the Polls

“Eligible Americans have a civic duty to vote, and government at the federal, state, and local level has a responsibility to protect voters from illegal interference and intimidation.”

Bullies at the Ballot Box report

Last week, a new report by Common Cause and Demos, entitled “Bullies at the Ballot Box,” took direct aim at Jim Crow-like tactics designed to challenge and intimidate voters at the polls. The report especially notes the campaign of intimidation that is currently being waged by a Tea Party affiliated group called True the Vote which has set a goal of training and deploying as many as one million poll watchers “to challenge and confront other Americans as they go to the polls in November.”

True the Vote has said they want to make the experience of voting “like driving and seeing the police following you.” Earlier this year, we saw what happened when an overzealous citizen decided to follow and confront a teenager with a hoodie whose only “crime” was walking while black. As the new report states, “There is a real danger that voters will face overzealous volunteers who take the law into their own hands to target voters they deem suspect.” These mostly conservative groups claim their purpose is to protect against voter fraud – a solution in search of a problem, since the incidence of voter fraud in America is miniscule. The only fraud is their real intent, which is to gain political advantage for their preferred candidate by disenfranchising, suppressing or bullying progressive voters who tend to be people of color, the elderly, students and people with disabilities.

The Bullies at the Ballot Box report raises awareness about this threat and outlines what is

legal and permissible when it comes to challenging a voter's eligibility both before and on election day. It also assesses the ability of ten key swing states to protect the rights of voters who may face this type of poll-stalking intimidation. According to the report, “In examining the ten states' laws governing challenges to voters' right to vote before Election Day, including the use of voter lists created through caging or other unreliable practices, we find Colorado, Nevada, and Ohio are satisfactory, North Carolina and Texas are mixed, and Florida, Missouri, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Virginia - five out of the ten states - unsatisfactory.”

The intimidation tactics by True the Vote and others, along with new voter ID laws in at least 30 states, and the elimination of early and weekend voting in several others, could seriously impact the outcome of the November election. Stephen Spaulding of Common Cause, a co-author of the report put it this way: “We're concerned about this well-organized, well-funded effort to suppress the vote by challenging voters in the run-up to the elections and on Elections Day, and fostering a climate of intimidation. We're concerned that these techniques are being targeted at voters of color, students and the poor specifically, for partisan reasons. No one wants voter fraud. The issue is their techniques are just throwing up barriers to eligible Americans, who just want to cast their ballot.”

We agree. That's why the National Urban League has devoted this year to removing those barriers through our “Occupy the Vote” campaign. To read the full Bullies at the Ballot Box Report visit: <http://www.demos.org/publication/bullies-ballot-box-protecting-freedom-vote-against-wrongful-challenges-and-intimidation>.



Eight miles downriver from the capital, Fort Foote was considered "a powerful enclosed work" by its chief engineer, "and the most elaborate...of all the defenses of Washington." The long oval earthwork was constructed on Rozier's Bluff from 1863 to 1865 to strengthen the ring of fortifications that encircled Washington, D.C., during the Civil War. Fort Foote was designed to protect the river entrance to the ports of Alexandria, Georgetown, and Washington and replace Fort Washington as the primary river defense. The fort was named for Rear Adm. Andrew H. Foote who died in 1863 from wounds he received in combat the previous year. Over the massive rammed-earth parapets, two 15-inch Rodman guns and four 200-pounder rifled Parrotts had muzzles trained down the Potomac River. With a deafening roar, the Rodman cannon could hurl 440-pound shells for three miles.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Ryanomics Assault on Poor and Hungry Children

*Hungry child,
I didn't make this world for you.
You didn't buy any stock in my railroad.
You didn't invest in my corporation.
Where are your shares in standard oil?
I made the world for the rich
And the will-be-rich
And the have-always-been-rich.
Not for you,
Hungry child.*

*Langston Hughes,
“God to Hungry Child”*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great German Protestant Theologian, who was executed for opposing Hitler's holocaust, believed that the test of the morality of a society is how it treats its children. I agree and am deeply ashamed that the United States of America flunks Bonhoeffer's test every hour of every day as our policies and priorities permit 16.1 million children – more than 1 in 5 – to live in poverty in the richest nation on earth and 7.3 million to live in extreme poverty according to the new Census poverty data. Children under five are our poorest age group with one in four infants, toddlers and preschoolers – who did not choose their parents – poor during their years of greatest brain development. The U.S. Agriculture Department recently reported that a record number of families in America are struggling to put enough food on the table and that one in five children live in a food insecure household. Millions of Americans, many of them hard working parents, have only food stamps to keep the wolves of hunger from their door.

Yet the Ryan budget passed by the House of Representatives not only would do nothing to help or decrease epidemic poverty, hunger and homelessness during this time of economic downturn and parental joblessness, it would increase their struggles by taking away food and other essential supports. Ryanomics is an

all out assault on our poorest children while asking not a dime of sacrifice from the richest two percent of Americans or from wealthy corporations. Ryanomics slashes hundreds of millions of dollars from child and family nutrition, health, child care, education, and child protection services, in order to extend and add to the massive Bush tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires at a taxpayer cost of \$5 trillion over 10 years. On top of making the Bush tax cuts permanent, the top income bracket would get an additional 10 percent tax cut. Millionaires and billionaires would on average keep at least an additional quarter of a million dollars each year and possibly as much as \$400,000 a year according to the Citizens for Tax Justice.

The Ryan budget does not name or touch any of the many expensive tax incentives, tax loopholes or tax subsidies that help the powerful and the wealthy. It doesn't close tax loopholes or rein in incentives to corporations investing or taking jobs overseas several of which alone could generate \$129 billion over ten years. It doesn't touch the tax advantage for private equity partners

which now provides a \$15 billion windfall over ten years or the tax preferences for oil and gas companies that cost about \$40 billion a year.

Ryanomics widens the already huge wealth and income chasm in our nation and only benefits the richest Americans and powerful corporations while ripping apart already porous safety nets for vulnerable children. Ryanomics masquerades as a fiscally responsible deficit-reducing budget plan to preserve our children's future; in reality it is Robin Hood in reverse, stealing from babies to benefit billionaires and increasing the deficit.

To come up with a portion of the Ryan budget's savings requirements, the House Agriculture committee chose to cut more than \$33 billion from food stamps but left subsidies to large profitable corporate farms intact. By reducing benefits and changing food stamp eligibility rules nearly two million children would lose benefits, about 22 million children would be in households with reduced benefits, and 280,000

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BUSINESS

Small Business Spotlight

By Senator Benjamin Cardin

Hoyer, Porcari Announce Grant for Maryland Airport

INDIAN HEAD, MD — Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) joined U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary John Porcari at Maryland Airport to announce a \$2,795,664 Department of Transportation grant for phase three of runway and taxiway expansion at the Airport in Indian Head.

"Congratulations to Maryland Airport on receiving this grant, which will support expansion of a runway and taxiway, improve the safety of the airport, and boost our economic competitiveness in Charles County," stated Congressman Hoyer. "Making strategic investments in our infrastructure helps support the flow of local commerce and spurs economic growth and job creation in our communities. That's why I have made investments in infrastructure a key component of the Make It In America plan, a jobs initiative I'm leading in Congress. By improving our infrastructure, we can attract new businesses to Maryland and help put more people back to work in well-paying jobs. I thank the Department of Transportation for recognizing this important investment in our community, and will continue to fight for additional funding so Maryland businesses and families can Make It In America."

"This grant will help improve the Maryland Airport's infrastructure and will keep aircraft — and their passengers — moving safely and efficiently through Maryland and the Washington metro area," said Deputy Secretary Porcari. "Investments such as this not only improve safety, capacity and environmental stewardship, but economic growth as well, making this a win-win scenario for the state."

"Our regional airports play a key role in maintaining Maryland's robust economy," said Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), a senior member of the Appropriations Committee which funds DOT. "These funds in the federal checkbook for runway and taxiway expansion will help Maryland Airport operate safely and efficiently while keeping Marylanders on the go."

"The Airport at Indian Head provides an important economic and travel hub for residents and businesses in Southern Maryland," stated Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD). "This DoT grant will provide jobs for Marylanders and important resources to expand and upgrade the airport's runways, which will help ensure the safety of passengers and airport workers."

"My father built this airport in 1944, and this expansion has been a vision of mine for 19 years. It's going to be complete in just one more year," said Gil Bauserman, Owner Operator of Maryland Airport. "This will be the closest General Aviation airport to Washington, DC that will accommodate businesses, and I suspect it's going to be a boom to Southern Maryland and Southern Prince George's County."

Congressman Hoyer and Deputy Secretary John Porcari were joined by Charles County Commissioners Debra Davis, Rueben Collins and Ken Robinson and Charles County Chamber of Commerce President Carlos Montague at the event.

Phase three of the expansion at Maryland Airport will include grading and paving of the runway and taxiway, as well as grading to prepare for phase four of the expansion. Phase four, which is expected to be completed in 2014, includes completion of the taxiways, an apron with parking for 70 aircraft, and final grading. The new runway will be 4300 feet long with the potential to extend to 5000 feet. This project has been in progress for well over a decade, beginning in 1993. Once completed, it will improve the safety of the airport and the surrounding community by moving approach and departure routes away from the schools and other developed areas.

Agency Opens Application Period for Community Development Block Grants

By ALEXIS REVIS YEOMAN
Department of Housing and Community Development

Largo, MD --- The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Planning and Development Division opened its application period for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The closing date for applications is Monday, October 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The CDBG application and instructions can be downloaded on the county's website:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/HCD/index.asp> or copies may be e-mailed to interested parties by contacting M. Huff at MAHuff@co.pg.md.us or L. Taylor at LTaylor@co.pg.md.us.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at the US Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The

CDBG program provides annual grants to local and state governments. Prince George's County disperses its CDBG grants through an application process.

The Community Development Block Grant is an entitlement program used to benefit low and moderate income populations, prevent or eliminate neighborhood blight and meet other urgent community needs. Specifically, funds are used to support workforce/affordable housing, economic development, jobs, public services and public infrastructure.

"In our last program year, the Prince George's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) received approximately \$4.2 million in CDBG program funding. This year the funding is dependent on what the US Congress ultimately appropriates to HUD, however we expect this year's funding will be at least that amount," said Eric C. Brown, Director of DHCD.

For more information about applying for CDBG funding, please visit the above Prince George's County government website or call (301) 883-5531.

University of Maryland Extension Ask the Plant and Pest Professor

Question #1: Looks like grubs have destroyed a section of my lawn this summer. What do I do now and what should I do to avoid the problem next year?

Answer#1: First of all check to make sure that the area actually has grubs. Your lawn could have died from drought. Grub damage is not evident until the end of summer through fall. To check for grubs dig up a square foot section of the damaged area. It is normal to find some grubs but unless you are seeing about 6-10 grubs in that area the grass died for another reason. If grubs are the culprit prevent problems next year by applying a grub control product that contains either acelepryn or imidacloprid in June through mid-July. To repair the lawn now, rake the area to remove dead grass and as many of the grubs as you can and reseed with tall fescue seed. See publication HG 78 The Japanese Beetle found on our website for more information on grub control and also HG 102 Lawn Establishment, Renovation and Overseeding for tips on repair-

ing your lawn.

Question #2: This has been another disappointing year for my lima beans. For the past 2 years, I have planted Dr. Martin lima beans with little success. The vines looked very healthy and blossomed all summer, but did not produce pods or if the formed they quickly dropped from the vine. Can you shed some light on what is going on? I have been growing limas for years now.

Answer #2: We have been contacted by many homeowners this past summer with the same concern as yours. There are many contributing factors to the poor performance of lima beans: weather, lack of pollinators, and in some areas stink bug activity. It has been determined that stink bugs like to feed on lima beans. They usually damage the beans as they develop in the pod but some people think that stink bugs may actually be feeding on the flowers in the early part of the season. Certainly our summers have become hotter the in the past few years. We had record

breaking temperatures for a significant portion of the summer. Anytime that we get daytime temps in the 90's and evening temperatures in the 60's or above for several days the plants grow well, but drop flowers and small pods. Actually smaller seeded Carolina or Sieva types are more heat tolerant than Dr. Martin or King of the Garden large-seeded types. Bush types may also be better suited. Changing what you plant next season certainly is worth trying.

Question #3: Recently I cleared a small section in the woods on my property of invasive weeds. I am looking for information on native perennials that would do well in the shade with little care. They also have to be deer resistant. Do you have any ideas?

Answer #3: After clearing an area of invasive plants it is important to cover the ground as soon as possible to prevent regrowth. Planting shade loving perennials will take time to fill in, so in the meantime cover the area with leaves or mulch.

There are many native perennials for you to consider. Native ferns such as lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), leatherwood fern (*Dryopteris marginalis*), and Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) are excellent choices. Allegheny spurge (*Pachysandra procumbens*), Jacob's ladder (*Polemonium*), foam flower (*Tiarella*), and the shrub fothergilla, which can handle partial shade, are plants to consider. Even though these plants are supposedly deer resistant you should still spray them with a deer repellent for at least the first year after they are planted.

"Ask the Plant and Pest Professor" is compiled from phone and email questions asked the Home and Garden Information Center (HGIC), part of University of Maryland Extension, an educational outreach of the University of Maryland.

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Pit Bull from A1

and Armistead Homes Corp., the company that manages the neighborhood where Weigel lives, said Charles H. Edwards IV, a lawyer representing Weigel.

The suit challenges the law's constitutionality and enforceability because, he said, it violates residents' 14th Amendment due process property rights and fails to define "pit bull" or "pit bull mix."

Almost immediately after the court ruling, Armistead Homes Corp. required all residents to get rid of their pit bulls and pit bull mixes or be evicted, Edwards said.

Although the initial April ruling was amended in August to exclude pit bull mixes, "it comes down to what is a mix, what is this, what is that?" Edwards said. "You don't know. It's undefined."

Other Maryland residents, concerned their landlords will change their leases to ban pit bulls and pit bull mixes because of the ruling, have already contacted the Humane Society's helpline with questions, Theisen said.

Joe Mayer rents a house in Annapolis with his pit bull, Princess. For now, his landlord hasn't asked him to get rid of Princess, but he worries about finding a place that takes pit bulls when his lease ends.

The adoption rate at Jasmine's House Inc., a Maryland-based pit bull and pit bull mix rescue that opened in 2010, has dropped, while the number of surrendered

pit bulls has jumped two-thirds, said Heather Cole, the rescue's adoption and foster care coordinator. Before the ruling, the rescue averaged one adoption per week, but now up to three weeks will go by without adoption requests.

Jasmine's House is trying to adopt pit bulls from overcrowded Maryland shelters out to homes in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, where landlords cannot be held liable for pit bull attacks, Cole said. The rescue is also reaching out to more pit bull "foster parents," people who take dogs in temporarily until they're adopted.

The SPCA of Anne Arundel County doesn't DNA test dogs, but at least a quarter of those now at the shelter are considered pit bulls or pit bull mixes, said SPCA volunteer coordinator Kim Teter. Most of them are longer-term residents.

Mali, a 2-year-old pit-bull mix, has been at the shelter since Christmas.

Jasmine's House DNA tests each pit bull, costing \$50 per dog, to provide potential owners with proof of breed, Cole said.

Callers to the Humane Society hotline are reminded the ruling does not include pit bull mixes, Theisen said, and urged to get breed documentation for their dogs since "pit bull" is a generic term, and "there really is no such thing as a true pit bull."

However, canine DNA testing is "notorious for being incorrect," said Edwards, Weigel's attorney.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY SOPHIE PETIT

Diesel (left), 4, is the SPCA's "Pit of Week," earning a blue ribbon for good behavior. He was brought to the shelter in March because his owner(s) didn't have enough time for him. Ciya (right), 8 months, was given to the shelter in July because she was too much to handle for her owner(s), SPCA records said.

It's much more complex than DNA testing a human, which makes defining a pit bull an "I-know-it-if-I-see-it issue."

Theisen said the ruling is unsound because "it falls to a property manager to determine from physical appearance what a dog's genetic history is."

Helpline callers are also advised to get their dogs behaviorally assessed, Theisen said, and, ideally, should introduce them to their landlords to show they don't pose a threat.

Behavior assessment should be based on the individual dog, not the breed, she said. "All breeds bite."

For the first time, the SPCA created Pit Bull Appreciation Month, in which pit bulls and pit bull mixes are 50 percent off in September.

The sale may help break stereotypes and encourage adoption by getting people to consider dogs they may not have even looked at before, Teter said.

Theisen said she hopes shelters will refer pit bull foster parents and adopters to the helpline with any concerns about having a pit bull in Maryland.

To contact the helpline call 1-855-633-6471 and visit www.humanesociety.org/protect-mddogs.

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ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

"Sleepwalk with Me,"

"SLEEPWALK WITH ME"
B+
Not rated; probably PG-13 for
some profanity.
1 hr., 30 min.

One of the highest compliments I can give to "Sleepwalk with Me," Mike Birbiglia's good-natured autobiographical comedy, is that it made me want to seek out more of his work as a comedian and writer.

His lightly fictionalized alter ego, Matt Pandamiglio, is a struggling comedian whose failure to maturely address his stagnant relationship with his girlfriend (Lauren Ambrose) or his unfocused career goals manifests itself in anxiety-produced sleepwalking incidents. Often breaking from the story to speak directly to the audience (a holdover from the film's origins as a one-man stage play, no doubt), Birbiglia

comes across as endearing and affable, the sort of hapless buffoon you're eager to root for as he struggles to become a responsible adult.

That character arc is awfully common in movies about men in their late 20s, but "Sleepwalk with Me" — based on fact and given the Ira Glass "This American Life" seal of approval — feels authentic rather than contrived. (His development as a comedian, finding his voice and figuring out how the business works, is especially full of vivid details.)

Aided by Lauren Ambrose's sharp performance as the girlfriend (whom Ambrose refuses to turn into a cliché), and with Carol Kane and James Rebhorn scoring as his dotty parents, Birbiglia humbly finds gold in his unassuming story.



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"I'm going to tell you a story, and it's true....I always have to tell people that." So asserts comedian-turned-playwright-turned-filmmaker Mike Birbiglia directly to the viewer at the outset of his autobiographically inspired, fictional feature debut. Birbiglia wears his incisive wit on his sleeve while portraying a cinematic surrogate. We are thrust into the tale of a burgeoning stand-up comedian struggling with the stress of a stalled career, a stale relationship threatening to race out of his control, and the wild spurts of severe sleepwalking he is desperate to ignore. Based on the successful one-man show, Sleepwalk With Me engages in the kind of passionate and personal storytelling that transfigures intimate anguish into comic art. — (C) IFC

Edsall's Unexpected Departure Could Motivate UConnecticut Against Terps

Former University of Connecticut Coach Faces His Old Team

By CONNOR LETOURNEAU
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK - Jordan Todman was in an Arizona hotel room when he learned Randy Edsall would become the newest coach of the University of Maryland football program.

The All-Big East running back's legal guardian, Steve Cruz, was surfing the Internet on his laptop while Todman prepared to meet with NFL agents.

"Hey, Coach Edsall's leaving," Cruz said, seconds after stumbling upon an online news report.

Todman was shocked. Less than 24 hours earlier, the junior had stood before his Connecticut teammates after a 48-20 Fiesta Bowl loss to Oklahoma and announced his decision to turn pro.

Now, the man who asked him to make that public address was gone. Edsall was in College Park, preparing to take his "dream job."

"I didn't see it coming at all," Todman said Wednesday. "I was kind of at a loss for words." Tomorrow's UConn-Maryland game will mark the first time many of Edsall's former players will see their old coach since that fateful day in January 2010.

Will the Huskies use the sudden spurning as motivation? Or will they let bygones be bygones, and appreciate him for his contributions to their university?

After all, Edsall essentially built the UConn program. He led the Huskies through a transition from the former Division I-AA, shepherded them into a new stadium (40,000-seat Rentschler Field) and took them to five bowl games in 12 years.

Todman, who is on the Minnesota Vikings' practice squad and still speaks regularly with many of the current Huskies, said he believes he knows how his former teammates will react.



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Head Coach Edsall gets ready to take on UConn. Maryland finished 2-10 in Edsall's first season, losing the last eight games in a row. And seven of the losses were by double digits.

"I don't think (the wounds) healed," he said. "The players who are at UConn and were able to be coached by Coach Edsall, they're definitely going to have a grudge and a chip on their shoulder."

Ryan Griffin, though, isn't so sure. The Huskies' senior tight end said Tuesday he feels the team has moved forward. He said the team has embraced new coach Paul Pasqualoni, and is solely focused on bouncing back from a disappointing 10-7 loss to N.C. State last week.

"Other than seeing his face on a couple pictures around here, I wouldn't say we talk about him," Griffin said. "It's business as usual around here."

Edsall has taken a similar approach to the reunion. Although he said earlier this week he regretted leaving before telling UConn players about the Maryland job, Edsall has downplayed his connections to the Huskies.

"To me, this is the third game on the schedule," Edsall said. "It just happens to be against Connecticut."

It's an understandable approach. After all, tomorrow's contest will be significant to Edsall for far more than the opportunity to see familiar

faces.

The Terps have already matched last year's win total, and are now hoping to go 3-0 for the first time since their 2001 ACC Championship run. Coming off a 2-10 debacle in his debut season, Edsall has a chance to experience real momentum for the first time with Maryland.

To do that, though, he'll likely need to figure out a way to penetrate UConn's loaded defensive line. Comprised of five of Edsall's former players — Trevardo Williams, Sio Moore, Blidi Wreh-Wilson, Dwayne Gratz and Jesse Joseph — the unit is the heart of a defense that ranks third nationally in total defense and No. 1 against the run (28.5 yards per game).

"The only thing (Edsall) said is the defense is going to be coming hard," Terps defensive end A.J. Francis said. "He knows they have some athletes on defense and they're going to try their best to make plays against our offense."

And UConn likely won't need any added motivation. Edsall ensured as much when he chose to board a plane to Maryland instead of flying back to Connecticut with his team after that Fiesta Bowl.

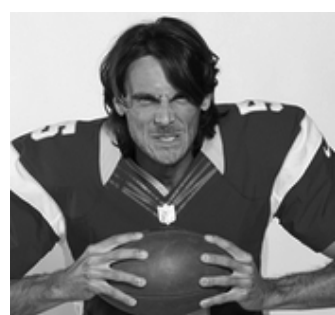
"When they get on the field, I'm pretty sure it almost turns into a rivalry game," Todman said. "We had no history with Maryland, and the fact that our coach is there, they feel like they have something to prove."

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Chris Kluwe and the Greatest Political Statement by Any Athlete

Speaking out always holds the risk of a backlash: especially for pro athletes and especially when standing up for LGBT equality. The Baltimore Ravens' Brendan Ayanbadejo experienced that reality this week. For years, the 36-year-old Ayanbadejo has been outspoken in support of Marriage Equality and LGBT rights. Now, Ayanbadejo is publicly supporting a November ballot initiative for Maryland to join the states that recognize same-sex marriage. This was too much for Baltimore County state delegate Emmett Burns. Burns, a Democrat, sent a formal letter to Ravens team owner Steve Biscotti writing, among other things, "I find it inconceivable that one of your players, Mr. Brendon Ayanbadejo would publicly endorse same-sex marriage, specifically as a Raven Football player.... I believe Mr. Ayanbadejo should concentrate on football and steer clear of dividing the fan base." Then Burns went even farther and requested that Biscotti, "take the necessary action, as a National Football League Owner, to inhibit such expressions from your employees and that he be ordered to cease and desist such injurious actions. I know of no other NFL player who has done what Mr. Ayanbadejo is doing." Yes, you read that correctly. Burns is calling on Ayanbadejo's boss to coerce him to shut up.



It's worth noting that this last statement just isn't true. Players such as Scott Fujita, NFL Hall of Famer Michael Irvin, the San Francisco 49ers team and even Sports Illustrated NFL preview coverboy Rob Gronkowski have all spoken out for LGBT rights. Ayanbadejo responded to Burns forcefully, defending his own freedom of expression and then saying to USA Today, "It's an equality issue. I see the big picture. There was a time when women didn't have rights. Black people didn't have rights. Right now, gay rights is a big issue and it's been for a long time. We're slowly chopping down the barriers to equality."

But the greatest response to Burns and perhaps to anything in the history of everything was made by Minnesota Vikings punter Chris Kluwe. Kluwe also happens to believe in LGBT rights as well as the rights of athletes to be able to speak their minds. The punter sat down at his computer and produced the greatest political statement by any athlete ever... or at least since Muhammad Ali told the US government that "the real enemy of my people is here." Perhaps that's hyperbole. Certainly it's arguable. But what's undeniable is the greatness of Kluwe's rant. I quote my favorite parts below, but I strongly encourage people to read it in its entirety here at deadspin. Warning that it's brilliantly profane, or profanely brilliant, so you might not want to print it out at work and leave it lying around. Then again, if you work in a place with NFL fans prone to homophobic slurs, you might want to leave it everywhere.

Kluwe begins by calling out Burns for his "vitriolic hatred and bigotry." He then schools Burns on the constitution, the First Amendment and the history of racism and segregation in the NFL. But the coup de grâce was his defense of LGBT equality.

Kluwe writes,

I can assure you that gay people getting married will have zero effect on your life. They won't come into your house and steal your children. They won't magically turn you into a lustful c—kmonster. They won't even overthrow the government in an orgy of hedonistic debauchery because all of a sudden they have the same legal rights as the other 90 percent of our population—rights like Social Security benefits, child care tax credits, Family and Medical Leave to take care of loved ones, and COBRA healthcare for spouses and children. You know what having these rights will make gays? Full-fledged American citizens just like everyone else, with the freedom to pursue happiness and all that entails. Do the civil-rights struggles of the past 200 years mean absolutely nothing to you? In closing, I would like to say that I hope this letter, in some small way, causes you to reflect upon the magnitude of the colossal foot in mouth clusterf—ck you so brazenly unleashed on a man whose only crime was speaking out for something he believed in. Best of luck in the next election; I'm fairly certain you might need it.

Sincerely,
Chris Kluwe

Kluwe then ends by writing, "P.S. I've also been vocal as hell about the issue of gay marriage so you can take your 'I know of no other NFL player who has done what Mr. Ayanbadejo is doing' and shove it in your close-minded, totally lacking in empathy piehole and choke on it. A—hole."

For the first time in football history, a punter is truly leading the way. Thank you Chis Kluwe, for the greatest political statement made by any athlete in decades. The fact that it happens to be about LGBT rights only shows how far we've traveled, in the streets and in the locker rooms.

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Contact: Carletha McGriff at 301-504-1776 or carletha.mcgriff@usda.gov

Laurel Farmers Market

Date and Time: Thursdays, June 7-October 25, 9 am-4 pm
Description: FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted
Location: 300 block of Main Street, Laurel 20708
Contact: Gail Reinhardt at 301-483-0838 or grr1054@aol.com

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Date and Time: Thursdays through November 15, 3-7 pm
Description: FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted
Location: Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park 20737 (MARC station parking lot)
Contact: Jim Coleman at 301-586-5973
www.rpfarmersmarket.org

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Contact: Phil Miller at 301-399-5485 or smmiller64@aol.com

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THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

P.O. Box 1729
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In The Estate Of:

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This hearing may be transferred or postponed to a subsequent time. Further information may be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the Office of the Register of Wills.

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104438 (9-27,10-4)

NOTICE

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al.,
Substitute Trustees

Plaintiffs

vs.

Candace C Atkins

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CIVIL NO. CAE 12-03587

ORDERED, this 21st day of September, 2012 by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, that the sale of the property at 5602 Sunbury Court, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743 mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$85,500.00.

Marilynn M. Bland
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Md.
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104421 (9-27,10-4,10-11)

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Kolbe Tayler Murphy

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Kobe Taylor-Murphy

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 12-29369

A Petition has been filed to change the name of (Minor Child) Kolbe Tayler Murphy to Kobe Taylor-Murphy.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is October 19, 2012.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland

104429 (9-27)

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Natalia Yaneth Perez Gomez

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Natalia Yaneth Chacon

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 12-29392

A Petition has been filed to change the name of (Minor Child) Natalia Yaneth Perez Gomez to Natalia Yaneth Chacon.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is October 19, 2012.

Marilynn M. Bland
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland

104430 (9-27)

Olympians from A1

after watching Holley Mangold, or do a few more crunches after watching Michael Phelps and the other swimmers," joked Obama. "Somehow, it didn't work quite on me."

Phelps tweeted a thank you to the president, writing, "Thank you to Mr. President @BarackObama for having us all at the #whitehouse today!!!"

Katie O'Donnell, a University of Maryland field hockey alumna and Olympian, also thanked the president on Twitter, and said next time she hopes to meet Bo, the presidential pup.

Michelle Obama started the ceremony by discussing the perseverance of Bradley Snyder, a

Ballot from A1

roughly the same as in 2010. Compared to the 2006 election, total turnout in 2010 stayed flat, with one in two Marylanders voting, though about 6 percent of those voters cast their ballots before Election Day, according to data from the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Michael Cain, a professor of political science at St. Mary's College of Maryland, said the presidential election and controversial referendums on same-sex marriage and in-state tuition for some undocumented immigrants will likely lead to more people taking advantage of early voting this year.

"Competitiveness matters to turnout," Cain said.

This fall, any registered voter can skip Election Day lines by voting between Oct. 27 and Nov. 1. Maryland offers no-excuse early voting, meaning a voter does not need to give a reason for missing Election Day.

But even with increased turnout, some Republicans said the law -- which locates early voting centers based on the number of registered voters in each county -- could give Democratic candidates an edge.

Frederick County is geographically the largest in the state, but with slightly fewer than 150,000 registered voters, it's only allowed to run one early voting center. Howard County, which passes the cutoff point of 150,000 registered voters, gets three centers spread across an area one-third the size of

Navy lieutenant, who was blinded a year ago in Afghanistan by an improvised bomb. Snyder, of Baltimore, took home two gold medals and a silver medal at the Paralympics. Snyder presented the president with an American flag during the ceremony.

President Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and the first lady stayed for more than a half hour after remarks concluded, shaking hands with each athlete and exchanging a few words.

Capital News Service photo by Sophie Petit.

Gisele has been at the Anne Arundel County's SPCA since August when she was given up by her owner(s) who couldn't keep her outside in a kennel anymore, according to SPCA records.



Frederick County.

The populous and traditionally Democratic counties abutting Baltimore and Washington, D.C., will all have the maximum of five centers, cutting down on both lines and travel times.

Delegate Michael Hough, a Republican whose district covers parts of Frederick and Washington counties, said the law limits the number of early voting centers in counties where Republican voters are in the majority.

"It would be like if Ohio only had early voting in Cleveland and Cincinnati. Of course it would help the Democrats," Hough said. "If somebody lives up in Emmitsburg on the Pennsylvania border, they're not going to drive a half-hour down to the city of Frederick to vote."

A bipartisan group of state senators, led by Sen. Ronald N. Young, D-Frederick, introduced a bill in 2011 to allow counties with fewer than 150,000 registered voters to run up to three early voting centers. The bill was never brought to a vote.

"If the leadership in Annapolis is serious about increasing turnout, they should allow for more voting locations," Hough said. "Why not let the county decide how many early voting locations to have?"

Delegate Jon Cardin, D-Baltimore County, who introduced the original early voting bill along with three other Democratic delegates, called Hough's comments "legitimate criticism."

"While we have invested in early voting, we can't make it so

LEGALS

NOTICE

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al.,
Substitute Trustees

Plaintiffs

vs.

Vincent L Paris

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CIVIL NO. CAE 12-09925

ORDERED, this 21st day of September, 2012 by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, that the sale of the property at 4917 Gully Court, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745 mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$217,530.40.

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104422 (9-27,10-4,10-11)

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Jeimy Andrea Lazano-Rivas

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Jeimy Andrea Lozano-Rivas

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 12-30177

A Petition has been filed to change the name of (Minor Child) Jeimy Andrea Lazano-Rivas to Jeimy Andrea Lozano-Rivas.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is October 19, 2012.

Marilynn M. Bland
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland

104433 (9-27)

NOTICE

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al.,
Substitute Trustees

Plaintiffs

vs.

Rosetta M Evans

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CIVIL NO. CAE 12-02556

ORDERED, this 20th day of September, 2012 by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, that the sale of the property at 17811 Barney Drive, Accokeek, Maryland 20607 mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$273,000.00.

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104420 (9-27,10-4,10-11)

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Mario Ernesto Sanchez Diaz

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Mario Ernesto Diaz

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 12-30164

A Petition has been filed to change the name of (Minor Child) Mario Ernesto Sanchez Diaz to Mario Ernesto Diaz.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is October 19, 2012.

Marilynn M. Bland
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland

104431 (9-27)

NOTICE

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al.,
Substitute Trustees

Plaintiffs

vs.

Janettie M White

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CIVIL NO. CAE 12-19696

ORDERED, this 20th day of September, 2012 by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, that the sale of the property at 3863 Saint Barnabas Road, Unit T4, Suitland, Maryland 20746 mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$164,392.55.

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104419 (9-27,10-4,10-11)

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Gloria Williams

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Geraldine Williams

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 12-30169

A Petition has been filed to change the name of Gloria Williams to Geraldine Williams.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is October 19, 2012.

Marilynn M. Bland
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland

104432 (9-27)

Board of Elections said.

"Cost is always an issue, ... but I think when people argue that it's a waste of money, I just don't see that yet. I don't think there's a strong argument out there that says that," Cain said.

Thirty-two states now allow early voting, but legislatures in 31 states have also passed laws requiring voters to show identification at the polls in November. Some states, like Pennsylvania, have enacted controversial photo identification laws that have sparked legal battles over voter suppression. In Virginia, however, a voter only has to present a copy of a recent utility bill.

Maryland does not require identification to vote. To register, voters only need to give the last four digits of their Social Security number and sign a form under penalty of perjury. At the poll, voters state their name, address and date of birth, which is verified by an election judge, said Donna Duncan, director of the election management division of the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Because so many states are experimenting with access to the ballot box, Cain said it's too early to conclude how early voting affects turnout, or if it can benefit one party over another.

"If you make voting more convenient for people, it's going to help voters get to the polls and actually vote," Cain said. "In order to make sure everyone votes, I would want some additional early voting centers in rural areas."

LEGALS

NOTICE

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al.,
Substitute Trustees

Plaintiffs

vs.

Sanya M Forbes

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CIVIL NO. CAE 12-09772

ORDERED, this 21st day of September, 2012 by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, that the sale of the property at 14021 Chestnut Court, Laurel, Maryland 20707 mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of October, 2012, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$333,691.82.

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John Zabel Moran Sr., age 96, of Conover passed away Saturday, September 22, 2012 at his residence. Born June 25, 1916 in Washington D.C., he was the son of the late John Paul Moran and Mary Louise Mulligan Moran. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during WWII. John was the former owner of Parkland Garage in Maryland. He was a charter member of Gateway Lions Club and loved the Washington Redskins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by:

Wife of 51 years: Anna Mae Moran of the home

Son: John Z. Moran Jr. and wife Patricia of Lansing, NC

Daughter: Carol Holben of Hickory

5 Grandchildren, 9 Great Grandchildren, 4 Great-Great Grandchildren

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Cambridge Place Clubhouse in Conover with Chaplain Kenneth Swanson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

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Ryanomics has no trouble naming cuts to programs helping poor children and families to pay for massive government handouts for the wealthiest. It:

Does away with child tax credits for five and a half million low income children, primarily in immigrant families because of a new requirement that taxpayers must include their Social Security number on tax returns to claim the child tax credit. Working families with incomes averaging \$21,000 a year would see their taxes raised about \$1,800;

Eliminates the \$1.7 billion Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) that funds critical services for the most vulnerable populations, primarily low and moderate income children and adults who are elderly or disabled. SSBG serves roughly 23 million people, about half of whom are children. If SSBG is repealed, four million children would lose child care and child protective services for 1.7 million children and child abuse prevention and intervention for 640,000 children would be disrupted;

Repeals the Affordable Care Act that prevents insurance companies from denying coverage for children with pre-existing conditions, rescinding coverage when children get sick,

and ensures young adults can stay on their parents' health plans until age 26. The repeal would put 14 million children at risk for losing health coverage by ending the maintenance of effort protections that prevent states from cutting children from the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program rolls;

Turns Medicaid over to the states in the form of a federal block grant and cuts spending by \$810 billion over 10 years, giving states the power to slash eligibility, benefits, and payments to doctors and hospitals while raising costs on the poor. Today, Medicaid provides comprehensive health and mental health coverage to nearly 36 million children and has helped to reduce the number of uninsured children as employer sponsored coverage has eroded and families have struggled during the economic down turn.

Ryanomics is not only poor arithmetic, it is also poor morality and gross injustice which turns upside down the requirements of all great faiths to protect the poor and vulnerable. The U.S. Catholic Bishops in a letter to every member of Congress on May 8, 2012 said: "deficit reduction and fiscal responsibility efforts must protect and not undermine the needs of poor and vulnerable people" and declared that the proposed cuts in the House budget "fail this basic moral test." The much publicized "Nuns on the Bus," Catholic

Sisters committed to fighting poverty, challenged Ryanomics declaring: "we insist on a Faithful Budget that affirms the life of all God's children – not just the wealthiest few." And Albert Camus, Nobel Laureate, speaking at a Dominican monastery in 1948 said: "Perhaps we cannot prevent this world from being a world in which children are tortured. But we can reduce the number of tortured children." He described our responsibility as human beings "if not to reduce evil, at least not to add to it" and "to refuse to consent to conditions which torture innocents." "I continue," he said "to struggle against this universe in which children suffer and die." And so must all of us including our political leaders of all parties.

Every American who believes in basic fairness must resoundingly reject Ryanomics.

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