



GERRY-RIGGED: Why Your Vote Might Not Matter

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CNN correspondents and camera crews joined Paul Mathison twice during The PennUltimate Run while filming *Gerry-Rigged* [James Polk, Senior Producer], a one-hour documentary on redistricting and gerrymandering that aired on CNN Presents (<http://cnnpresents.blogs.cnn.com>) six times over two days, Nov. 20th and 26th, 2011.

Hosted by CNN Investigative Correspondent Drew Griffin, *Gerry-Rigged* featured several congressional districts from throughout the country and made understandable to viewers the process of redistricting and its pernicious counterpart – gerrymandering. Case studies included districts redrawn by Democrats and Republicans alike to protect incumbents, eliminate competition, or both. Gerrymandering, the documentary revealed, is key to why Congress is so polarized, so gridlocked today.

CNN tracked down, interviewed and filmed Mathison in Chambersburg, PA on Day 6 of The Run and three-weeks later near Wellsboro on Day 27.

In Chambersburg, producer Steve Turnham from CNN's Washington, DC bureau met Mathison at the office of State Senator Richard Alloway. Turnham shot footage of Mathison jogging around the town square, adorned Mathison with a video camera aka "head cam," then affixed the camera to Babe the jogging stroller ("stroller cam?") as Mathison jogged out of town while delivering an address on the intricacies of running along PA roads. Turnham next affixed the camera to the bumper of his car ("bumper cam?") and dynamically filmed Mathison running. Lastly, Turnham ingeniously set up a scene where he sprawled-out on the road shoulder in front of a dead opossum as Mathison ran toward the road-kill, with both objects in camera view.

Near Wellsboro, Griffin and his crew tracked down Mathison about 29-miles into a 33-mile day. Griffin and Mathison ran together for a couple of miles during part of the interview. Film footage from this day's encounter made it into the documentary, resulting in 15 or so seconds of fame for Mathison.

Editor's Note: Mathison these days, weather permitting, can be found resting in a lawn chair next to his mail box, sipping on a beer, waiting for offers from Hollywood.