

The Expos move to DC doesn't mean the A's get into San Jose

How MLB's payoff and provisions to Peter Angelos for moving the Expos to DC fueled talks of the Oakland A's moving to San Jose, and Peter Magowan of the San Francisco Giants will kill off that notion

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Peter Angelos is good.

Well, he's good at getting his way, and that's about it.

For well over two years Angelos, the owner of the Baltimore Orioles, railed on about how a team in Washington, D.C. would harm him—irreparably, mind you—if MLB decided to relocate the Montreal Expos to Washington or Northern Virginia. Angelos had won cases involving big tobacco and the asbestos industry—two industries viewed as unbeatable in the courts. MLB feared that Angelos and the City of Baltimore might get into court to challenge this encroachment on the Orioles' Territory due to losses created by a new DC franchise, should MLB decide to move there.

Wait a minute ... "Orioles' Territory"?

Angelos used the term to good effect. But the fact is that none of the D.C. or Virginia site locations was ever in the territorial limits for the Baltimore franchise that are outlined in the Major League Agreement, Major League Rules, or the league constitutions, the governing documents of Major League Baseball

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