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West's Weekly Wrap-Up

Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans, it is time for our weekly recap. This week I have been extremely busy visiting our local businesses and leaders in our Congressional District.

The recurring theme, as I have met with so many people this week, continues to be the lack of confidence in fiscal, tax, and regulatory policies emanating from Washington. These policies are having an incredibly adverse effect upon economic and job growth in this congressional district, as well as all across America. In South Florida, the problems are exacerbated by the combination of high unemployment and foreclosures.

It is clear that the economic policies, or absence thereof, of the Obama Administration have failed, and it is becoming readily apparent across our nation.

As well, we are seeing more turmoil in the Middle East, from Libya to Syria. This past week we were reminded of the state of siege in which Israelis live, after a terrorist attack resulted in the deaths of seven people.

Yet with all of this, America unfortunately has no one providing a steady, guiding hand to reinforce a spirit of confidence. Instead, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that the Obama Administration has chosen not to comply with the rule of law and will only deport those people in this country illegally who are violent criminals. This is nothing more than a backdoor amnesty program and political pandering to the greater Hispanic community.

Once again, when this Administration fails to pursue the legislative process, it enacts behavior modification by way of regulation or executive order fiat.

It is also unacceptable that the President refused to step forward to make a definitive statement of leadership regarding Syrian President, Bashar Assad. Instead, he delegated the responsibility of his office to the Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

For the second time in my life, I am in Israel this week, but this is the first time I am visiting as a United States Member of Congress. I will have the opportunity, at this critical juncture, to meet with Israeli leadership and even visit with the representatives of the Palestinian Authority. My message is very simple; I stand with Israel, not with a backdoor unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state – particularly one which has joined in a reconciliation pact with Hamas.

In Israel, I will get the opportunity to meet with a true Leader, Prime Minister

Clip of the Week



8/19: Mark Levin Radio Show @ 91:40 minutes

Listen why Levin Says, *"I love this Man!"*

Article of the Week



Allen West on Martin Luther King Jr.: 'We Have Not Overcome'
(National Journal)

Service and Sacrifice

Binyamin Netanyahu. At a time when western civilization has no leading voice, I believe the only one that resonates, speaks Hebrew.

And no, I am not afraid of going to Israel at this time. On the contrary, this is the best time to go to Israel!

In conclusion, I have listened to those who wished to speak to me regarding running for the United States Senate seat in Florida. My decision is final: I am running for reelection to the House of Representatives. We must remember the House of Representatives is the "People's House" and restore its importance.

I do not see the House of Representatives as just a way station to the United States Senate. I prefer to remain in the House and distinguish myself as a principled, pragmatic, and passionate leader. The decision is final, but I am humbled that there are those who believe me capable of greater positions. Still, I have to say, being a Representative is an awesome title.

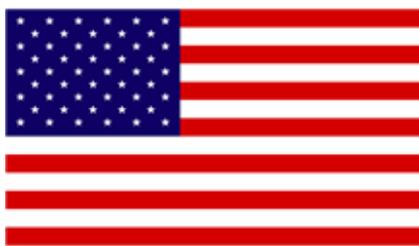
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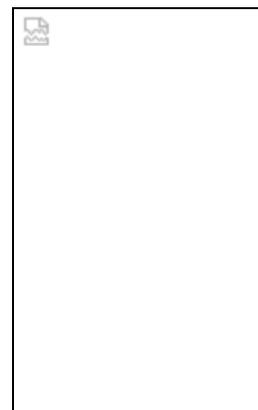
Legislative Lowdown

*The House is not in session and therefore there is no legislative update.



DC/District Highlights

- **Sunday**, 14 August, after church went out for an afternoon motorcycle ride with my buddy, Captain Bobby Allen (Palm Beach SWAT) out to Pahokee and had a cheeseburger at Bertha's on Lake Okeechobee -- a ride and dining destination I certainly recommend.



Lance Corporal Austin Perry

Age- 22

MOS - USMC 0311 Rifleman

Unit - 3/9 India company

Hometown - Ft. Lauderdale

Parents- Fred and Maureen Perry

How many times deployed? Where and When?

Deployment to Marjah-Helmand province-Afghanistan. Dec.2010-July2011

In your own words, why did you join? What experiences have made you the person you are today?

"I joined to take a vacation from school. I will do my four years for my country then get back into classes. I remember watching 9/11 happen with my mother-that is one moment that not only defined me as a person but also showed me who I was in the eyes of people that hate us. I was 12. I didn't know them and they didn't know me. But they wanted to hurt us all. I watched my mother cry that day and that made me think I can't let my mom cry like

- **Monday**, 15 August, spoke at the local National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) luncheon in Boca Raton. Visited with Ocwen Lending services to learn more about new market-based solutions for loan modifications. Met with representatives of the American Jewish Committee, during which we discussed the upcoming United Nations vote on Palestinian statehood. Addressed a crowd of about 400 American patriots at the Palm Beach TEA Party dinner.

- **Tuesday**, 16 August, Addressed the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber breakfast. Visited with executives and addressed the employees of G4S Secure Solutions to discuss private sector security solutions, particularly in the area of airport security. Met with the executives of Aurora Diagnostics, a long-standing leader in anatomical pathology testing. We discussed the means by which we can streamline pathology testing and reduce Medicare co-payments for our seniors. Conducted our 15th town hall meeting at Shepherd by the Coast Lutheran Church in Ft. Lauderdale. Hat tip to Mayor Jack Siler for dropping by.

- **Wednesday**, 17 August, Participated in a tele-town hall meeting sponsored by the 60+ Association with some 6,000 seniors across South Florida. Spoke at the monthly South Florida Internet Marketing Association meeting.

- **Thursday**, 18 August, Met with CEOs and select doctors from the Broward and Palm Beach County hospital system. The purpose was to gather medical, professional and practitioner information on how we can reduce healthcare industry costs in America. Met with Mayor Rachel Waterman (Lake Worth) and Mayor James DuBois (Lake Park) to discuss their city initiatives. Closed out the evening addressing the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

- **Friday**, 19 August, attended the "Save your Home" Outreach event and mortgage industry professionals roundtable in West Palm Beach. Spoke to the Associated Industries of Florida annual conference luncheon.

- **Saturday**, 20 August, Departed for a one-week visit to Israel.

Jobs Tour Stop: Congressman West Visits Local Business that Provides Opportunity for Disabled



(WEST PALM BEACH, FL) - Congressman Allen West (FL-22) toured a local business this past week to learn more about its efforts to provide opportunities for the disabled and developmentally challenged. Baron Sign Manufacturing has teamed up with Seagull Industries for the Disabled, offering jobs and helping the disabled build confidence and independence.

"These individuals deserve our support and the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the community," Congressman West said. "I'm proud of this local small business for taking a chance, a chance that will pay dividends in the future."

Baron Sign Manufacturing will initially be employing up to six individuals, many of whom have Down Syndrome and other severe disabilities, and giving them the opportunity to work with their hands, doing various tasks like simple production, packaging and finishing.

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Fun facts, hobbies - avid runner, swimmer, reader, and Austin says he is quite good at laying on a beach.

Small Business Spotlight



Small Business: Rock Your Dream

Owner: Elin Mayer

Concept: Offers educational classes and coaching to help entrepreneur's get their dream company started and turning a profit

Employees: 3

Opened: December 2010

Location: 1040 Bayview Drive, Ft. Lauderdale

Website:
www.rockyourdream.com

Mayer says: *"50 percent of businesses fail in the first year. By year five, 95 percent have failed. Dreams get tarnished because no one is teaching business owners how to run their companies the right way. From financial planning to staffing to advertising, my classes and coaching will help entrepreneur's make informed decisions that can make all the difference."*

During the visit, Baron Signs CEO, Sandra Foland, and Seagull Industries President, Fred Eisinger, signed a letter of understanding regarding their commitment to work together.

"The men and women from Seagull are hard working and we are happy to have them as part of our team," Foland said. "We're not just creating jobs, we're re-creating lives."

Seagull Industries for the Disabled has been serving intellectually challenged teens and adults in Palm Beach County for more than 30 years.

A female -owned business in Riviera Beach, Baron Sign Manufacturing produces signage for residential and commercial buildings including airports, marinas, hotels, hospitals and municipalities.

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Visiting Seniors at the Mae Volen Senior Center

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Town Hall Coming Up!



Tuesday, August 30th

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

City of Palm Beach Gardens

Burns Road Recreational Center

4404 Burns Road

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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