



The 47th Flyer

News for California's 47th Congressional District
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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The Wave Of Equality

There was great news this week in our fight for marriage equality.

The Supreme Court ruled that it would let stand the circuit court rulings in five states which found state bans on same-sex marriage unconstitutional. The short term effect of the Supreme Court decision is that Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin now join the list of states who will allow same-sex marriage.

In addition, six other states in these circuits-- Colorado, South Carolina, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas, and Wyoming--are likely to lift bans on same-sex marriage, either immediately or very quickly, in light of the Supreme Court decision.

This would bring the number of states with marriage equality to 30!

While greatly encouraging, we must stay committed to our fight for complete equality and recognize our journey still continues. The fight is not over until marriage equality is the law of the land—everywhere and for everyone.

On The Hill

Ebola Response

The White House this week released details of the administration plan to assist West African nations in the fight against the worst Ebola outbreak Africa has ever seen. More than 3,500 people in four West African nations have died since the outbreak began earlier this year.

The United States already has committed more than \$350 million toward fighting the outbreak in West Africa, including more than \$111 million in humanitarian aid, and the Department of Defense is prepared to devote more than \$1 billion to the Ebola response effort.

To see details of the plan and its goals, [click here](#).

For those looking for more information on Ebola, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has an up-to-date website with information detailing everything about the disease from [what it is](#) to [how it is transmitted](#), and from the [risk of exposure](#) to [how it is treated](#). The front page for the site is located here: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>

Taking Action Against Domestic Violence In Sports

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Are you confident that the U.S. government and other government entities can handle any threat posed by Ebola in the U.S.?

Very certain

Somewhat certain

Not certain

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Violence is never the answer. We have an obligation to ensure the safety and security of all individuals in our society. In order to do so we must implement policies that take a zero tolerance stance to domestic violence. The recent spate of allegations against professional athletes committing acts of violence and abuse against women and children is unacceptable, and should not be tolerated.

This is why I was proud to add my voice to a Congressional effort this week urging the "Big Five" sports leagues--the National Football League, Major League Baseball, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, and Major League Soccer--to review and strengthen their policies regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. I joined 53 other Members of Congress in sending letters to these leagues as part of the bipartisan effort led by Democratic Rep. Jim Costa and Republican Rep. Ted Poe.

In the letters to the sports leagues, we wrote, "We urge you in the strongest possible terms to use your profound platform to move our society toward a future where violence against women and children is not acceptable. By ensuring that the leagues' policies and practices take the strongest possible stand against these crimes, everyone in America will understand that no one who commits violence against women and children can get away with it."

I am hopeful that the leagues will work with our nation's top domestic violence advocates and take the strongest possible stand against these serious crimes.

In The 47th District

Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Did you know that aside from skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer that impacts women? In the US about 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer within her lifetime. It has been proven over and over, however, that the most reliable way to survive breast cancer is early detection.

Those who suffer from breast cancer are our mothers, our daughters, our sisters, our neighbors, and our friends—let's all do our part this month to raise awareness, both about the disease and the importance of testing and early detection. I encourage you to visit the [American Cancer Society's](#) website on breast cancer to learn more.

Longfellow Elementary Honored

I was honored to join members of our community in recognizing Longfellow Elementary School in Long Beach as a National PTA School of Excellence. In awarding the school the prestigious honor, the National PTA cited Longfellow's significant progress in empowering families to support student success and school improvements during the course of the 2013-2014 school year.

Student success relies on learning both inside and outside of the classroom. The strong family-school partnership that the Longfellow PTA has established demonstrates just the type of community collaboration we need within our schools.





If you would like to learn more about the Longfellow PTA, you can visit their website by [clicking here](#), or you can read the [Press-Telegram article](#) about the award.

Joint Forces Training Base Ed Program Makes Evening News

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program was developed to reduce high school dropout rates within our communities. Since its implementation in 1993, the Youth Challenge program has facilitated academic boot camps across the country that have mentored and trained over 121,000 teens across our nation.

It was great to see our very own Sunburst Youth Academy at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos (which is part of the Challenge Program) featured on the October 6 edition of the CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley.

I want to thank Brigadier General James Gabrielli, Lieutenant Colonel Joel Armstrong, and their team for their outstanding work on behalf of our youth.



This is the first installment of a series showing how these student cadets have turned their lives around! We will keep you posted on the date of the next segment on the program.

You can [watch the episode online at CBS News](#).

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Jefferson's Manual

Did you know that the parliamentary procedures used in the House of Representatives are based on the work of Thomas Jefferson?

The basis for parliamentary procedure in the House of Representatives is based on the Manual of Parliamentary Practice for the Use of the Senate of the United States, written by Thomas Jefferson in 1801. It is the first American book on parliamentary procedure.

In 1837 the House formally incorporated Jefferson's Manual into its rules, stipulating that the manual "should govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and order of the House and the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives."

Since then, the House has regularly printed an abridged version of the Manual in its publication entitled 'Constitution, Jefferson's Manual, and Rules of the House of Representatives.'

The original edition of Jefferson's Manual was based on notes Jefferson took while studying parliamentary procedure at the College of William and Mary. In 1812, a second edition with added material by Jefferson was printed.

Last Week's Poll

Should marijuana, both medicinal and recreational, be fully legalized by the federal government?

60.9% - Yes

39.1% - No

Thank you,



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