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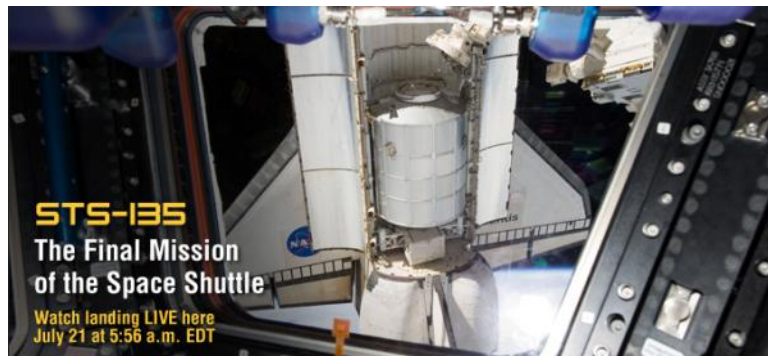
Florida's Old and New Capitols



July has been a busy month here in District 80. On July 8th I was fortunate to travel to Kennedy Space Center with my son, Samuel, to watch the last shuttle launch. It was the first time I was able to attend a launch at KSC and I can't even describe the emotions of being there. I am so proud and blessed to be an American.

I wish the shuttle crew and mission specialist a safe landing this week at Kennedy Space Center.

Debbie Mayfield



STANDARD & POOR'S OUTLOOK ON FLORIDA UPDATED

Standard & Poor's Publication date: July 12, 2011

Standard and Poor's Ratings Services has revised its outlook on the state of Florida to stable from negative. Standard & Poor's also assigned its AAA long-term rating to Florida's State Board of Education, Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) series 2011C refunding bonds.

The AAA rating reflects significant progress in restoring structural budget balance in response to changes in economic growth trends, the phase out of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding, service based economy that continues to depend on tourism and in-migration and continues to be dragged down by the severely weakened housing market and good income levels.

The outlook revision reflects Standard and Poor's view of the state's improved revenue environment and a fiscal 2012 budget that is structurally balanced and improves reserve funding levels.

Email Representative

Sponsored Bills



July 27, 2011 (Wednesday)

Orlando – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Bob Carr Performing Arts Center ([Online RSVP](#))

July 28, 2011 (Thursday)

Melbourne – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Brevard County Commission Chamber ([Online RSVP](#))

August 15, 2011 (Monday)

Stuart – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Blake Library ([Online RSVP](#))

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SEBASTIAN SATELLITE OFFICE



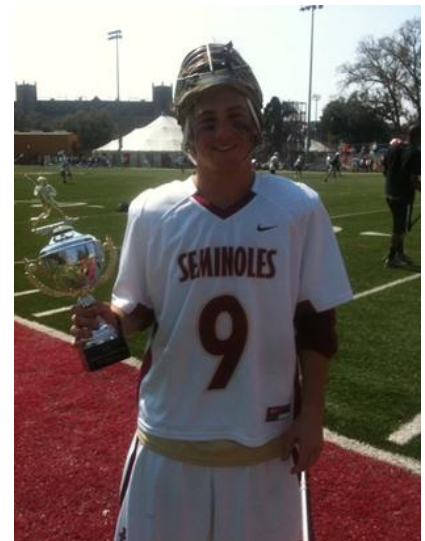
In collaboration with Indian River County, State Representative Debbie Mayfield has scheduled satellite office hours for constituent services in Sebastian. Satellite office hours are being provided in an effort to bring the legislative office to the people of District 80 and to better serve the residents of Indian River County and Brevard.

Satellite office hours will start on September 6, 2011, at the North County Library located at 1001 Sebastian Boulevard, Sebastian, Florida from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This is a great opportunity for constituents to share their views on state issues or request assistance in resolving a problem from Representative Mayfield or a staff member. For additional information please contact **Sandi Harpring** at 772-778-5077.

ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN

Congratulations to **Blake Browne** of Vero Beach on being named a 2011 Academic All American by the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association. Blake is a senior at Florida State University and served in my legislative office as an intern during the 2008 & 2009 Legislative Sessions.

I am proud to have among my constituency a young man of Blake's caliber and wish him continued success.



Unemployment Changes 2011



Throughout this year's Legislative Session, our budget decisions and bills were viewed through the lens of our goal to get Florida's economy back on track and helping to get Floridians back to work. To that end this past session the Legislature voted to make jobs modifications to our Unemployment Compensation System by providing tax relief to Florida's job creators, adjusting benefits to match Florida's economic circumstances, and clarifying workplace expectations for employers and employees.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week I had the pleasure of visiting Brevard Workforce and St. Lucie County Workforce Solutions to get a first hand look at how this legislation is being implemented and how well it is working. I was particularly interested in seeing how the new legislation helps re-employ a claimant by providing an initial skills review following unemployment benefit eligibility determination. I plan to stay actively engaged in this process and monitor the unemployment situation in District 80.