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**A Message from the
Supervisor of Elections
Vicki Davis**

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Elections officials from across the state of Florida have kicked off the third statewide voter education program since 2000, a \$3.345 million effort to improve voter registration and voter awareness. "Together, we can make sure voters are registered, name changes are submitted, the best poll workers are recruited, and that the Treasure Coast turns out the vote on election day," said Martin County Supervisor of Elections Vicki Davis, co-chairwoman of the statewide campaign.

Get Out The Vote Foundation, Inc.

The purpose of the Get Out The Vote Foundation, Inc. is to provide nonpartisan voter education encouraging voter registration and participation in the election process. The Foundation's objective is to maximize voter turnout in the state of Florida. To achieve this, the Foundation is sponsoring a voter education campaign to increase public awareness of the right to vote and provide information concerning voter education.

The Foundation's voter education and public awareness campaign is being carried out primarily by working with Supervisors of Elections in Florida's 67 counties. These Supervisors have received professionally prepared public media advertising materials encouraging voter turnout, and that describe publicity and outreach ideas that can be utilized by the Supervisors when communicating with the public.

The 67 Florida Supervisors of Election, the Secretary of State, and our partners introduced an unprecedented statewide plan to inform voters. The plan will include special activities throughout the summer and fall to urge Floridians to register to vote, update their addresses, volunteer as poll workers and vote in the primary & general elections.

2006 Monthly Activities Include:

- March
Register at Work
- April
Register at School
- May
Register at your Local Merchants
- June
Register at your House of Worship
- July
Register Online
- Aug., Sept. & Oct.
Encourage People To Vote

April Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	APRIL 2	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY	APRIL 9	PALM SUNDAY
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 12	PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN
THURSDAY	APRIL 13	LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE CHAMBER OFFICE - NOON
FRIDAY	APRIL 14	GOOD FRIDAY - CHAMBER CLOSED
SUNDAY	APRIL 16	EASTER
TUESDAY	APRIL 18	BOARD OF DIRECTORS LBFH 7:30 AM
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 19	NETWORKING SOCIAL INTERSTATE SELF STORAGE 4125 SW MARTIN HIGHWAY 5:30 - 7:30 PM
TUESDAY	APRIL 25	AMBASSADORS MEETING CHAMBER OFFICE - NOON
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 26	NETWORKING BREAKFAST MONARCH COUNTRY CLUB SPONSOR: BELLSOUTH YELLOW PAGES 7:30 AM - \$12.00 PER PERSON RSVP 772-286-8121

Rep Joe Negron - 100% voting record with the Florida Chamber

As Florida's Business Advocate, it is our responsibility to recognize and support community leaders that take a firm pro-business stance on issues. State Representative Joe Negron has distinguished himself as a leader worthy of this support. As our State Representative for the past five years, Joe has recognized the importance of the business community to the health and vitality of Florida's future.

The Florida Chamber recently announced that Rep. Negron is one of only a few legislators that have received a 100% voting record with the Florida Chamber. In fact, he has maintained an excellent rating with the chamber since he was elected in 2000. Our local employers are the beneficiaries of his tough pro-business stance on the issues.

Please take a moment to call or write Rep. Negron and personally thank him for his support. He can be reached by phone at 772-221-4904, or by mail at 2400 S. Federal Highway, Ste. 250, Stuart, Florida 34994.

Joe has continually fought to protect our right to peaceably do business. His willingness to stand up for our rights is worth a thank you.

Editors Note: As you may be aware, Representative Negron is not seeking re-election to his House District 82 seat. Instead, he is vacating the seat early to seek election as our next Attorney General. The Attorney General is a member of the Florida cabinet and his support of pro-business issues will help ensure we can continue to appreciate our friendly business climate.

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Elmira Gainey-Gates receives The Stuart Sunrise Rotary Community Service Award



Chuck Sawicki, President of the Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club announced today that Elmira Gainey-Gates has been selected to receive The Stuart Sunrise Rotary Community Service award.

Mrs. Gainey-Gates was recognized as a dedicated community and political activist. Her career spans brightly in Martin County, including being a teacher, Guidance Counselor and School Administrator in the Martin County School System. In 1994, she started an 8-year role as a Martin County Commissioner, followed by starting her own consulting business. Today Elmira is a Realtor with

Caldwell Banker, and sits on many Boards serving our community. It was pointed out the vast number of community organizations to which Elmira lends her experience and expertise on a voluntary basis. Elmira received a standing ovation from the very proud club members honoring her.

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Local Antiques Store Changes Ownership

River Antiques & Furniture Now Known as 29 Queen Antiques, Inc.

The charming and renowned Palm City-based antiques store next door to The Palm City Chamber of Commerce was recently purchased by new owners Sylvester McPherson and Mayra Ruiz-McPherson. Upon acquiring the store, the new owners began to transform the store's complete presentation from the inside and out. "We wanted to distinguish the store further, elevate its presence and prestige, and create that much more appeal and ambiance. Sylvester and I always knew that the store was very special, but it was a diamond-in-the-rough that needed polishing and significant updating. We wasted no time and immediately commenced revitalizing the property from the moment we first knew the store was ours."

It was not long before customers and antiques dealers began immediately noticing some of the visual and brand changes. "We first began with the store's name," states Ruiz-McPherson. "To possess a name that captures the essence of what you are trying to convey to the public is mission-critical. Most businesses in the area began with 'River' or 'Indian River' this or that, so we felt doing away with the 'River' portion of the name was essential."

How the couple decided on the store's new name, 29 Queen Antiques, is a tale in itself.

"I wanted to further distinguish the store and position it as a premier and choice location for purchasing unique home décor and decorative accessories. To that end, I was inspired by the idea of personifying the store with the gender of female, much like ships are often referenced as women," explained Ruiz-McPherson. "I felt this was an appropriate direction to take since a good portion of the store's customers are women. And to add a kiss of prestige, I imagined that the store would, could and should be a 'queen' to represent an elite brand offering the highest level of quality and best customer service in the area within the consignment/antiques industry space. Hence the name 'Queen Antiques.'" As for the "29" portion of the name, Ruiz-McPherson adds, "I was born on the 29th day November and the closing for the purchase of the store was originally to have taken place on the 29th of November. Therefore, the '29' represents good fortune and luck." Since opening the store's doors under new management, the McPhersons have worked diligently to upgrade the store's aura.

Within the store, the owners have allowed dealers to bring in a more diverse selection of items for customers to enjoy.

Additionally, customers can already enjoy new

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lines of merchandise not previously available, including a line of refined French soaps and beauty products from France. We would like to reassure our customers that despite all the design and merchandise upgrades, we are committed to preserving the core foundation of the store, which is based on antiques.

Customers have been delighted with many of the store's new offerings and customer service capabilities. One Fort Pierce customer who did not have the time to drive down to the store to look at an item was emailed photos with measurements after hours. That act alone resulted in a sale over the phone the following day, without the customer having to even enter the store. "Moreover, we ended up personally delivering the item to that customer," shares Ruiz-McPherson. "It's a great feeling to leave our customers giddy with joy and appreciation."

29 Queen Antiques offers a variety of home décor choices including primitives, French country, Shabby, Victorian and Cottage styled items. Located on 900 SW Martin Downs Boulevard in Palm City, Mayra and Sylvester can be contacted via phone at 772.286.1296 or via email at queenantiques@yahoo.com. New antiques dealers welcome!

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