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It's election time on Sullivan's Island again. My hat is off to those who have decided to run. It takes a lot of courage to put yourself up to public scrutiny and have your friends and neighbors vote on you. Some people called me about running but I was afraid I wouldn't get but one vote - my own. Eliza might vote for me, but she is too young to vote.

In the mayoral race there are four people running this time in contrast to last time when Melvin ran unopposed. We have a real choice this time. For people who are satisfied with the way things have been run, they can choose between Kathleen Cantwell and Carl Smith. For those who feel like we need a change, they can vote for John Smith or Becky Buxton.

Becky Buxton feels that the government has not been responsive to the people and that we need a government in which people feel comfortable participating. She feels that she can provide the needed leadership to promote needed positive change.

John Smith has put out a position paper in which he states that he wants to maintain the unique quality of life of Sullivan's Island, without needless restrictions. He also wants to review all present ordinances and where desirable rescind, eliminate or update. He is retired and can devote full time to the Island.

Kathleen Cantwell says she has twelve years experience in government, is retired and can give all of her time to serving the people of the Island.

Carl Smith says that we need to maintain the small town atmosphere that we all love and respect. We must plan the future of the Island together. He is committed to better communication between the government and our people.

As in the past, I am predicting another Sullivan's Island cliffhanger with no one getting a majority on the first ballot. We have some good candidates and I encourage everyone to vote.

One issue that I feel needs to be addressed is the problem of enforcement of zoning ordinances on the Island. I can site case after case where the ordinances have been ignored and others where they have been too rigidly enforced. There appears to be a lack of fair play from time to time and many people on the Island are hopping mad about it. What about it candidates?

Running for three seats on council are incumbents David Deantonio and Marshal Stith. New comers running are Debra Hazen-Martin, Andy Benke, and Albert Krall.

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### A Bit of History

As most of you know, Osceola the Seminole Indian Chief died and was buried at Fort Moultrie in 1838. What you might not know is that he was buried without his head. After Osceola's death Dr. F. Weedon the attending physician and whose brother in law Osceola had killed, cut off his head and took it back to St. Augustine to his office. Why Dr. Weedon did this no one knows. However, Doctors of that period thought nothing of collecting heads of "savage tribesman". Dr. Weedon had strange ideas of child discipline, which would not find favor today. He used to hang the head of Osceola on the bedstead where his three little boys slept, and leave it there all night as punishment for misbehavior. When his daughter Henrietta married Dr. Daniel Whitehurst, Weedon gave the head to his new son in law. Dr. Whitehurst then presented the head to Dr. Valentine Mott, a founder of New York University Medical School. Dr. Mott placed the head along with other heads in his collection in his museum of pathological specimens. In 1866 the museum caught fire and that was the end of Osceola's head.

### Thank You Melvin

Mayor Anderegg deserves to be commended for his 10 years service as Mayor of Sullivan's Island. Although Melvin and I disagreed on some issues, there was never any question in my mind that he was doing what he thought was best for the Island. He ran the Island with a quiet and steady hand. He did his job and received criticism from time to time, some from me. When looking at the big picture, Melvin did a good job, and I for one thank him for doing what many times was a thankless job. Enjoy yourself Melvin.

### Eliza News

Eliza turned six on April 4th. I don't know why, but she wanted a typewriter and a file cabinet for her birthday. She said that when she got in first grade that she would have a lot of records to keep. It is hard to believe that 6 years have gone by since I sent out my pink newsletter announcing her birth. She is doing beautifully at the Children's Garden School and will be in first grade this fall. Here is her latest joke. How do you catch a unique rabbit? "Unique" up on it. How do you catch a tame rabbit? The "tame" way.

### Thanks for the referrals

People on the Island have been extremely thoughtful about sending me referrals. Thanks to each of you, I have been successful in my business. I will continue to try to provide the best of service and help out where I can in making Sullivan's Island a better place to live.

*P.S. I have a buyer for a second row lot.*