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Island Politics and Happenings

We have a town council election coming up on May 3rd — for three four year terms and one two year term. According to my sources, incumbents David DeAntonio, Carl Smith, and Debra Hazen Martin are running for reelection. Also running for four year terms are Mary Ellen Rogers who has served on the planning and zoning commission and former water department manager, Leo Truesdell. Former Mayor and Council Member Kathleen Cantwell is running for the two year unexpired term of Al Krall who is resigning for health reasons.

All of these people deserve our thanks for being willing to do this important and sometimes thankless job. Since the tree issue on the accreted land has been settled, there appears to be no big divisive issue that will make this a one issue election.

The Water

Linda Tucker, Town Administrator, says that she is extremely encouraged with the progress being made on bringing Charleston water to the Island. Soil borings have been done in the harbor between Station 12 and James Island. The Engineering design work is being done and the Island has paid the first of four payments to Charleston Public Works for bringing water to the Island. The Island is paying \$1,900,000 to CPW and we have a grant of \$1,650,000 from FEMA. Linda is working on another grant for the difference. She is hoping for 100% federal funding for this project.

Dune Walkovers

The town is applying for matching funds to build dune walkovers at Station 19 and Station 26. The dune at Station 19 is being damaged by pedestrian traffic. The walkover at Station 26 would cross the pond that sometimes makes it impossible to get to the beach. Linda is hoping to get private contributions to make up the Islands share of the cost.

Dates and Events to Remember

March 10th is the Park Foundations annual fund raiser. This event is great fun and a good time to see friends that you have not seen in awhile. The band this year is the same band that played at my wedding and they have a terrific "big band sound". In addition they play all the standard shag favorites. Come on out and let's dance. Call me for ticket information.

May 7th is Taste of the Islands at the Elementary School

May 13th is the Festival by the Sea at Stella Maris.

Market News

There are currently 33 single family homes for sale on the Island priced from \$189,000 to \$950,000. The median price is \$385,000. In the past twelve months there have been 24 sales of single family homes ranging in price from \$168,000 to \$800,000 with a median price of \$284,000. 1994 was a great year and I expect to see an excellent spring and summer market this year. If you want to sell your property now is definitely the time to call me.

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A bit of History

Much has been written about the Moultrie House, a grand resort hotel just to the East of Fort Moultrie. I found a wonderful pamphlet entitled "Flirtation at the Moultrie House: in a series of letters from Miss Georgiana Appleby, to her friends in Georgia, showing the doings at the Moultrie House, and the events which took place at the Grand Costume Ball, on the 29th of August, 1850; with other letters." Printed by Edward C. Councill, 119 East Bay. 1850. What a title! The pamphlet contains letters to Sophronia Kirkland and Eudocia Appleby Georgiana younger sister. The letters were published for profit. The first page headed "ADVERTISEMENT" reads in part as follows "The publisher happened upon these curious epistles in a strange manner. They were found, in a small reticule, near the Steam Boat Ferry Wharf, last Saturday night, by one of the imps of the printing office.... Of one thing, however, the curious may be assured, that we print from the

originals; they are all to be seen at the office of the publisher. I find the fact that the letters were published very amusing in itself. Though the contents of the letters are too lengthy to copy I will give you the post script of one letter to Eudocia in full. P.S. Don't be foolish about now coming here Docia. You're too young and inexperienced yet, and the flirtation is awful. If you were ever to see the elderly gentlemen here who engage in it, it would completely shock you. There's a Mr. H_____ here, a married gentleman, who always takes advantage of his wife's absence to flirt with us girls from Georgia. I saw some of his tricks summer before last, at Clarksville and I could tell you of others. 'Twont do for you at all. In a year or two, when you can go under the protection and care of Augustus and myself, the case will be otherwise. But just yet, never think of it. Your loving sister, G.A.

New Listings

I have some wonderful houses listed on the Island now. If you know anyone that might be interested in one of these houses, please give me a call.

3 Conquest Ave. This is a new house being built by Pat Ilderton on the waterway. The design is his and is very beautiful with cedar shingles and lots of windows to see the water and marsh. The dock is in place and the price is \$835,000.

2101 Pettigrew St. I love this old Island home which was built in the 30s and lovingly restored after the storm by the current owners. My good friend Steward Johnson did the work. Located on the front beach, the house has beautiful tongue and groove walls, pine floors, and seven bedrooms and four baths. This is the perfect summer home. \$799,000.

3113 Marshall Blvd. This front beach home has wonderful views of the ocean from every room. Only 7 years old, the house is in perfect condition. This is for the person who loves the water. \$625,000.

2202 Atlantic Ave. Wonderful second row beach house perfect for large family get together. This home has lots of charm and lots of room. A big screened porch overlooks the water. \$398,000.

3203 Marshall Blvd. This front beach lot is a great opportunity for the person with imagination. Build a home on this lot and you will have one of the best views in the Western world. Protected by a sea wall. \$298,500.

3109 I'On Ave. This home is on the third row and has great views of the water. A decks wraps around the front of the home and is perfect for entertaining. The home has five bedrooms including a mother in law suite. Great buy at \$264,900.

2614 Bayonne This second row home is a must see! Spacious living areas and a wonderful brand new kitchen. Mexican tile floors, a large screened porch and deck give this home a true Island feel.. This home is complete with a tennis court. \$449,000.

Eliza News

I only know a few people who might be interested in this, but Eliza got braces last month. You can now get them in colors and being in a patriotic mood, she choose red, white and blue. At each adjustment you can change the color. My friend and Island resident Dr. Ron Cooper is doing the work. Eliza said that he doesn't hurt too bad.

She and her partner Xan Gentile along with Valerie Kobrovski and Andrew Pearlman are reportably the best dancers at the Alhambra Cotillion. Time does fly.

Thanks again for your support. The people on the Island have been wonderful to me. You make this a great place to live.