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# It's My Opinion

## Gantt — The Best Choice

By Richard Epton-Nelms  
Q-Notes Staff

We have long fought for the right to be heard. Many have been subjected to humiliation, injury and even death in that fight to have our wishes known and respected.

This voting year marks a whole new era in our fight to be recognized as full and equal citizens of this country. This year we have demonstrated, through our intense work in our efforts to unseat Jesse Helms, that we are a force to be reckoned with.

In terms of the Helms-Gantt race, win or lose (but we intend to WIN), we can only be proud of our community — locally, statewide and nationally for the efforts, financial help, time spent and for doing what was necessary for our candidate to win. Sometimes that meant not saying anything.

But the job is not over! Now that people like Mandy Carter of the Senate Vote '90 campaign have done their work over the many, many months, it's time for people like you and me to do ours — VOTE.

I hear that thousands of people have registered to vote this year, many of whom have registered directly in Gay/Lesbian community activities — churches, bars, meetings, picnics — you name it.

That is a great start but we need to follow through on that effort and on November 6th VOTE! And, while you're at it, pick up a friend and take her/him to the poll to vote.

It would be pointless and a waste of time to try and list out all of the reasons that it is important to cast that vote this year but one over-arching reason looms over all of them — JESSE HELMS!

But lest we make this just a negative campaign about Jesse Helms, we need to spend some time on what the alternative to

Helms is. Harvey Gantt is a man who has for most of his life been a front-runner in many areas.

He was the first black to graduate from Clemson University. He has been on the forefront in the civil rights battle and was the first black mayor of a large metropolitan Carolina city. During his mayoral races he campaigned in gay/lesbian bars and has been open about the positive rapport he has built with our community.



Mr. Gantt stands for all that we have tried to attain in equal rights and equal protection in this country. He has openly campaigned for the right of women to make decisions concerning their own bodies — that's not to say that he condones abortions. That is to say that he stands for the right of women to make that awesome and personal decision for themselves.

It is one thing to say that we want to get rid of Jesse Helms — which we do. But more important is the fact that we could not have come up with a better choice of persons to represent us and our interests — not only as gay/lesbian Americans, but as North Carolinians.

Therefore, it is without hesitation that Q-Notes endorses the campaign of Harvey Gantt and urges all citizens of North Carolina to look long and hard at the candidates and their positions. We feel that the responsible choice is self-evident — HARVEY GANTT.



# NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
11A MCC Charlotte 1-ish GROW Brunch Buddies - Wilmington 1-5P Bryant Park Social Club 7P New Life MCC 7P MCC Hickory 7:30P MCC Charlotte	7P GROW - Wilmington 9P Bowling League Coliseum Lanes	6P GALA-UNCC Students 7P Closer - Asheville 7:30P MAP - FFP/PWA support group (MAP) 1st & 3rd weeks 7:30P MAP - Bereavement support group 2nd & 4th weeks 8P Acceptance AA	4P Women and AIDS Support Group (MAP) 7P MAP-HIV-Positive Support Group 7:30P MCC Charlotte Bible Study	11:00A MAP-PWA Support Group 6P GALA-UNCC Students 7P ONE VOICE Rehearsal 7:30P MAP-HIV-Positive Support Group	8P Acceptance AA	4P Gay/Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous
<b>VOTE!</b>		 <b>6 ELECTION DAY</b> 7:30P First Tuesday		1	2 9P Tradesmen Club Night 10P Closetbusters on Cablevision Ch. 33 UFMCC GLAD District Conference Fri. PM-Sun AM	3 7:30P Mature Gay Men Call 882-1747 9P Tradesmen Night Out at Brass Rail
4 S.A.L.G.A. (Asheville) 5P Lutherans Concerned 7P New Life MCC Potluck after service	5		7 7P Gay/Lesbian Parents Coalition	8 7:30P PFLAG	9	10 λ Connections Business EXPO!! GROW Pig Pickin' 3P MENAMORE Levi/Leather Club meeting followed by 9:30 P Bar Night at Mickey Ratz 8P Yarkin BWMT, Spencer
11 1P WOW Mothers Gp. 6:30P Integrity <b>VETERANS DAY</b>	12	13 6P Dinner. 7P Meeting Charlotte Coalition	14 7:30P Queen City Friends	15	16 10P Closetbusters on Cablevision Ch. 33	17
18	19	20 7:30P Business Owners Meet at Liaisons	21 7:30P WOW Meeting	22 MCC Thanksgiving PotLuck Call for info 	23	24
25 1P O.W.L. Meeting at Liaisons 6:30P Integrity	26	27	28 7:30P Queen City Friends	29	30	