

Georgia insight

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"She hath done what she could." Mark_{14:8a}

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Who'll Get Your Vote?

Perdue or Taylor, Martin or Cagle, Hunstein or Wiggins?

A Clear Choice if the Homosexual Issue is Relevant to Your Vote

On October 13, 2006 *Southern Voice*, the homosexual newspaper also available on the Web, published an article entitled, "Gay issues surface in statewide contests, Perdue rehashes Boy Scouts vote, gay rumors appear in high court race." The article should be a "heads-up" if candidates won't reveal how they'll vote on morality, parental rights and everything Christian.

To add to the problem, candidates for judgeships won't answer questions, claiming they might someday have to rule on such a case in court. That leaves voters, who don't personally know the candidates, with few alternatives to learn about their character and work ethic. However, the *Southern Voice* discussed each of the three races mentioned in my headline above.

Perdue and Taylor: The article quoted a direct-mailing from Perdue's campaign that said, "When the Boy Scouts were being harassed by the radical homosexual lobby who wanted them ousted from public buildings, the 'Defense of Scouting Act' was introduced. Instead of standing up for our values and our boys, Democrat Mark Taylor killed this important piece of legislation by refusing to even allow a vote in the state Senate."

Perdue's spokesman explained that the direct mailer was "a straightforward contrast piece that simply compares the records of the two candidates." He continued, "We believe that is important for the voters to know that Mark Taylor ... killed a bill that would ensure Boy Scouts access to public buildings."

That article, also, reported that Perdue's campaign reaffirmed the governor's opposition to gay adoption and the offering of legal benefits to same-sex couples.

Cagle and Martin: The statewide homosexual organization, Georgia Equality, endorsed Jim Martin and is providing volunteers to his campaign. The article quotes Martin as saying, "All of us should be open to compromises that give full legal status to committed same-sex partners, without asking others to change their own concept of marriage." Also, it reminds readers that Martin "supports civil unions, domestic partnerships, leaving adoption open to gays, and gay-inclusive hate-crimes and non-discrimination legislation."

Hunstein and Wiggins: Of four Georgia Supreme Court Justices running for re-election, Carol Hunstein, is the only one being challenged. Karla Drenner, *always* identified everywhere and in the article as the only "openly gay state representative", has contributed to her campaign.

Southern Voice reports that Hunstein has "ruled in favor of allowing the city of Atlanta to include sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy, and authored the decision that paved the way for domestic partnerships in Atlanta. She was also part of a 6-1 majority that struck down Georgia's sodomy law in 1998."