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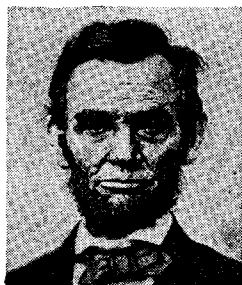
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a gubernatorial election in the legislature]. The decision can indeed be described as "cautious," but the practical result—the almost certain "election" of a zealous enemy of the progressive trend of the court and of society itself—can never be considered commendable.

It would not be so galling if we had to suffer Lester Maddox in order to uphold a reasonable interpretation of the Constitution. But it seems that Mr. Maddox will be an entirely unnecessary evil, and that Georgia has been sacrificed to an attempt to calm the turmoil over the court's "one man, one vote" decisions.

One wonders what the court would make of the indecisive contest for city commissioner in Gainesville, where the two candidates each received 674 votes and the single ballot needed for a plurality was cast for Batman. Since the city charter does not provide for a runoff in case of a tie, the election must be held again, on February 7. The power of the write-in vote in Georgia boggles the mind: imagine Batman clashing with the Supersolons!

JENNIFER BARTON
Columbus, Georgia

POSTDILUVIAN ITALY

To the Editor: Sidney Alexander's article ("Florence After the Deluge," *The Reporter*, December 15) is a magnificent and stirring report of one of the greatest disasters that ever occurred in the history of art.

ARTHUR A. HOUGHTON, Jr., President
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IN RE OSWALD

To the Editor: It was good to read an article ("Legal Ignorance and False Logic," by A. L. Goodhart, Q.C., *The Reporter*, December 15) shooting down some of the myths about the Warren Commission that Mark Lane has created. Lane's unseemly private quarrel with the Commission unfortunately has made it possible to discredit his statements concerning what are to me very real questions about how the assassination was accomplished. Having read the Dallas police reports, witnesses' testimony, and the Warren Report itself, I cannot, for instance, dismiss so easily as does Mr. Goodhart the unresolved problem of where the police got the assassin's description that was broadcast within fifteen minutes of the shooting. It was a better description of Oswald than any eyewitness's.

Mr. Goodhart's cavalier treatment of the questions raised by Edward Jay Epstein in *Inquest* makes me feel that Goodhart had little familiarity with the evidence and testimony. If he had, I do not believe he could contend that the single-bullet theory was not "crucial" just because the Commission said it was not. Mr. Goodhart's labeling of *Inquest* as "malicious or ignorant" betrays his prejudices.

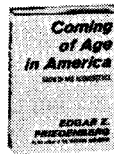
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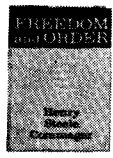
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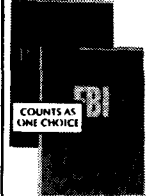
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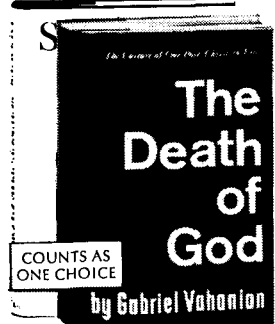
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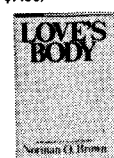
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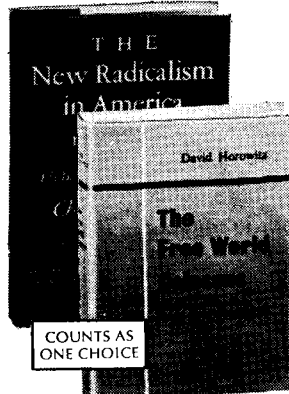
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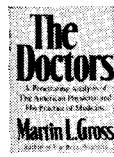
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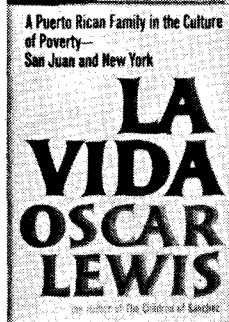


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- 2) Letters from the acrostic should be transferred to the corresponding squares in the crossword, and vice versa.
- 3) The initial letters of the correct words in the acrostic will, when read down, spell out the name of a prominent person: the Acrostician.

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- A 198 52 2 20 46 56 42 126 A part of Word D and the setting for part of 212 Across.
- B 44 122 148 10 60 22 222 82 154 130
26 An incongruous mixture (4,7).
- C 32 74 132 214 194 40 200 54 A building for the making of cordage.
- D 78 124 90 164 84 16 116 224 Setting for work of the Acrostician.
- E 58 152 8 50 180 186 166 64 Soon afterward (archaic).
- F 72 185 218 88 96 172 12 34 208 The exponent of the base in mathematics.
- G 28 144 14 98 210 "A nice man is a man of nasty _____," Swift, "Thoughts on Various Subjects."
- H 24 176 174 120 4 192 68 136 112
184 102 220 Fastest liner afloat (6,6).
- I 206 162 76 30 48 168 158 Wallows or flounders through water.
- J 62 142 204 170 216 110 Refitted with shoes (said of a horse).
- K 18 138 150 128 134 106 202 92 104 A trivalent metallic element of the rare-earth group.
- L 6 178 94 114 190 "Age, I do _____ thee," Shakespeare, "The Passionate Pilgrim."
- M 36 182 212 196 One of the teams that beat out the Yankees in 1966.

ACROSS

2. The Acrostician's latest claim to fame (3,4,6).
31. No sharp persons are parentless.
39. To crab about IOU makes you like a big animal.
61. Heraldic ornaments are the tops here.
70. Caviar that's real old nut not 500 (3,3).
80. My tears are returning in rivulets.
91. Soft soap may be porridge to a Scot.
102. Take a letter from Selma to order shade trees.
110. Does a maid don a girl's singular best friend?
121. Too in equal solutions.
132. A pair makes equal (comb. form).
140. Programs that end in the middle of the saga.
151. It's far from these mythical Arabian demons.
160. Alas, I'm reformed, but this food is still popular.
181. Designs on the flesh?
189. A Communist pawn found at daylight?
212. Another work of the Acrostician (3,7,3).

DOWN

3. A shy hen finds a pea with little dashes on the page.
5. Smallest quantities make less at everything.
7. Average; in fact, doubly so.
9. The male deer may be a dashing dandy.
11. Caustically try a small light.
13. Generous of the party.
16. Quaker neutrals, perhaps.
30. Pouters insist on such beliefs.
66. The violins may have these attached.
68. Man sees change in things belonging to mariners.
70. Girls whose name means "worthy to be loved."
123. A period of time on part of the racetrack.
133. The first state?
140. The land around Loch Rannoch. The Duke owns it all, tho.
146. Sets an alteration for the least mad.
172. At home, I go wrong (2,2 or 1,3).
174. Caesar, himself, perhaps can make good pies.