

Hairstories

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born 1955

Most of my friends were dreading their hair. I thought I might do it, but it wasn't an easy decision. It is a cultural, racial and political move to dread your hair. Within the community, you may be seen as a rebel and be alienated.

born 1953



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from 1955

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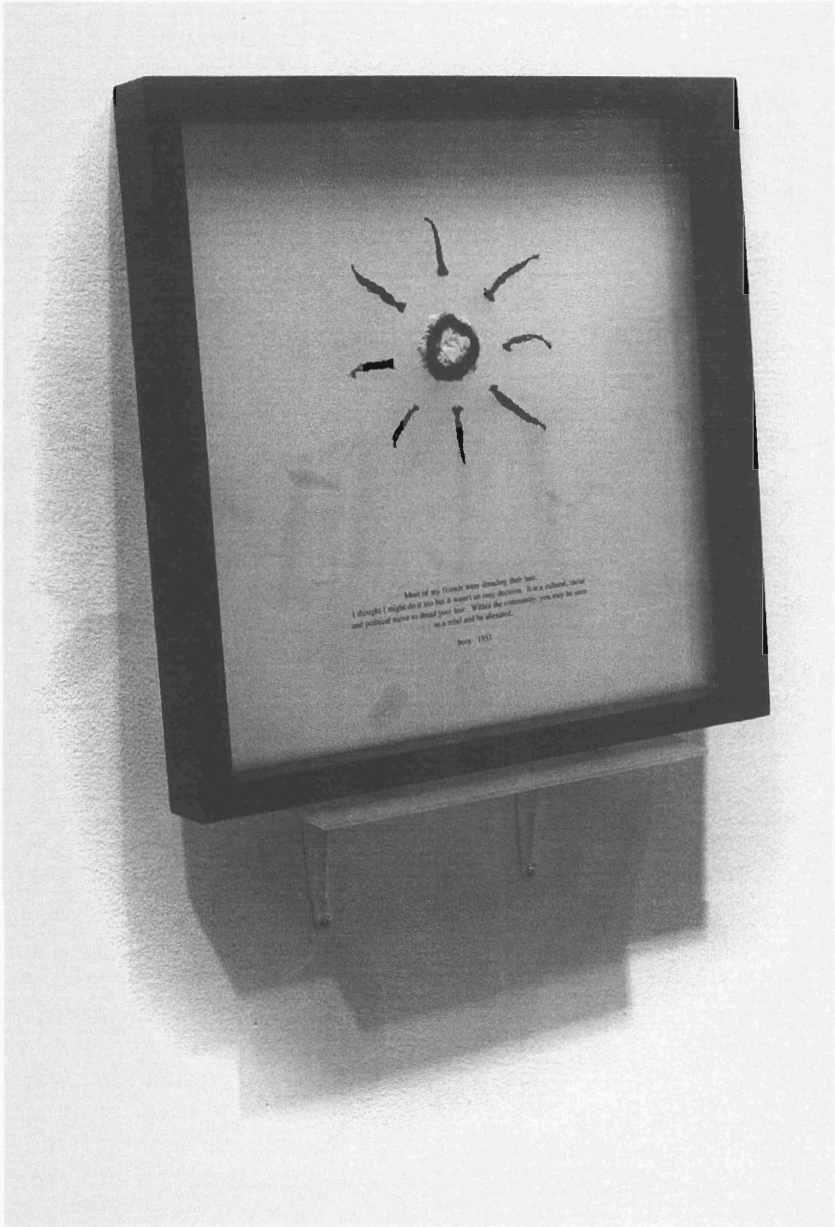


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