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The *Portland Observer* is seeking a female to write the HERS viewpoint in the popular column "HIS/HERS Opinion" published weekly in this paper. Individuals should be creative, intelligent, committed, black, and an excellent writer. This person should also be able to meet publication deadlines. Please drop off samples at 4747 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. No telephone calls, please. A freelance fee will be discussed should you be the one selected.



Expectations Can Break Your Heart

by Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

Over the years from personal experiences, I've definitely learned the hard way that if you have expectations in a relationship, chances are you will get disappointed. I've also learned to take it one day at a time, but it's difficult. Especially when you encounter someone who erases away pains of the past, dark moments, and fell like a youth again or possibly even glow in their company. It's very hard not to let go when it feels good inside of the heart. Sometimes, letting go can resemble "shooting craps" in Las Vegas or Reno, Nevada. Once you let go of the dice or share your innermost feelings with the targeted individual, it's out of your control. A person never

knows what number will show up on the dice or know how the other individual will react to these expressions of love/feelings. Throwing craps or frightening that individual away is a strong possibility if they do not feel the same way. Seven and eleven if always a winner on the first roll of the dice, but putting oneself on the line for potential rejection is a serious risk. It's like rolling "snake eyes" on your first attempt or seven after you have established a point.

In my opinion, there is no proper time or place to tell someone that you love or care for the very much. Trust your heart and let the dice fall where they may. People have the tendency to

view each other according to their own expectations or world view. Just because one person is excited or in love with another does not mean that the feelings are mutual. Unfortunately, when a person places themselves out there for consumption, they leave their feelings or heart in limbo. It can be the beginning of a wonderful relationship and exchanges of intimacy. Imagine, two human beings realizing how much they care for each other. Fireworks, growth,

son wants to kiss/make love and the other does not. Total frustration can be the end result. So, when is it the right time to tell someone that you really love them or care for them enough to share significant amounts of time with them? Should you develop expectations?

Expectations can really disappoint people because another person might not be ready to cultivate a relationship, be more assertive, less aggressive, creative, ambitious, religious, domestic, or be college material, or willing to be a parent like others want them to be.

People are who they are and it is hard to change them or their behavioral patterns. They change because they want to change, not because of your expectations for them

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to do so. Human nature is just that way. Accept people for who they are, and, more importantly, learn to understand why they feel as they do. By the same token, you cannot expect another to love you just because you feel that way. Once people learn to grow, listen to others, and understand the feelings/needs of others, then perhaps it will be easier to know when the time is right (to say how much you care). Some things take time and patience.

Remember, you cannot rush people and make them feel what you feel. Let them be who they are; shake the expectations from your mind. If you don't, you might get disappointed.



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...And Justice For All

by Angelique Sanders



Well, now, it seems that each week I complain about something different in my column--no, I take that back, each week I complain about the same thing, *the government*. This will often toss in a few complaints about most anything else that happens to bother my idealistic mind. Anyhow, it's time for a break from the day-to-day drudgery of bad news and time for...no, really, it exists...GOOD NEWS. This will have to come entirely from the depths of my mind, because I don't recall having picked up a newspaper or watching television lately (as in, say, the last three years) and finding a shred of positive viewpoints.

I shouldn't have to do this, you know: there are plenty of things apparent in your life that are positive. But living in a less-than-ideal society (okay, strike one, sorry for that negativity), the grim side of things tends to be stressed. I think it's gotten to the point where we all come home from work and blame the dog for barking rather than being happy he was only barking a greeting. Yes, our glasses are indeed half empty, but try to look for the half full part, too.

Now, I admit you're probably already having doubts about this column. You are probably scratching your chin and saying, "It's a lot SHORTER than her negative columns..." I truly am sorry for this. I wasn't short on positivity, but the paper WAS short on space. I promise I'll do a uplifting column from time to time.

One more aside: people like to shrug their shoulders at my sometimes unbearably coach-like prep: "C'mon, let's get this country in gear!" They sometimes even slap me with "America: love it or leave it." Come on, now, get real: do you leave your home when the electricity shorts out, or your toilet gargles day and night? Nope, you set out to fix those problems. If I seem to never let off about what could be fixed here and there in our shared country, bear with me: if I didn't feel the U.S. was worth it, I would have left long before now.

First, let's examine the problem of people committing crime. Obviously, that's a negative thing, but don't get bogged down by the thought of crime: after all, most people DON'T commit crime; you yourself probably (hope-

fully) do not commit crime, and you're probably actually very rarely mugged or such. For everyone who commits crime, there are many people who are kind, giving people (think of your friends, unless of course you're a mugger in a bad crowd). Maybe somebody helped you out with bus change last week, or told you when you dropped something, or donated an organ for a relative of yours. There ARE good people out there, and if good people ever become rarer than bad, you'll be hearing about them in the media instead of the murderers!

Our justice system is--you guessed it!--far from perfect, but at least we live in a country that tries its citizens close to fairly, rather than shooting anyone suspected of anything.

I'm about out of space, but I will continue this next week if nothing earth-shakingly newsworthy happens before Wednesday.

This week's item should come from your own head: I want you to reflect for a moment on the best thing that happened, even if it's now, just sitting peacefully.

Coffee, Talk Session Features Roberts

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) will feature gubernatorial candidate Barbara Roberts as speaker at their morning Coffee and Issues forum on September 28, 1990.

Roberts will address issues of concern to ethnic minority businesses, including obstacles and indigenous to minority business, accessibility of Roberts as Governor, and her commitment to appointments of Minority Business community members to key business and in-

dustry boards and commissions.

OAME, a non-profit organization which promotes and develops minority entrepreneurship in the State of Oregon, meets monthly to bring minority and non-minority business together to increase communication and develop business networks.

The September "Coffee and Issues" will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the new Oregon Convention Center, Rooms C23 & C24.

BROADWAY BRIDGE CLOSURE:

Multnomah County announces the closure of the Broadway Bridge, Sunday, September 30, 1990, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to river and vehicular traffic. The closure is for the annual Oregon Road Runners Club Portland Marathon.

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