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Being queen is not easy

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Miss Rodeo Canada 1984, 20-year-old Susan Hargrave, has found her life changed considerably since being crowned in November 1983.

Being rodeo queen is not easy.

"It's a little tough going to school and travelling all over the country," says Hargrave.

A third year fine arts student at the University of Calgary, Hargrave will not return to school in the fall because it will be the busy rodeo season.

"I won't be able to have a job because it (being rodeo queen) is a job.

"In the summer I'll be travelling for six weeks at a time and living out of a suitcase.

"I hope to return for my final year of school after fulfilling my obligations, but I've got all my life to go to school and you only get the chance to be Miss Rodeo Canada once."

Rodeo queen is something Hargrave has always aspired to.

"When I was little my grandfather always took me to the Brooks rodeo and I saw the queen contest and I always wanted to be queen.

"After winning in Medicine Hat, the city decided to send me to the big one and I'm very grateful for that chance."

Miss Rodeo Canada acts as a goodwill ambassador for the sport of rodeo and travels to about 65 rodeos in Western Canada.

"So far the most exciting visit has been to Oklahoma City for the national rodeo finals which was really interesting."

Talking to service clubs, visiting schools and attending special functions are all part of the rodeo queen's responsibilities.

"There is a lot of promotion work in malls, radio and TV interviews, which are all meant to make people aware of the rodeo when it comes to their town.

"I really like visiting the schools — the little kids are in awe of me and seem to think I live in a palace."

These events and more will

fill the hours until November, when, at the Canadian Finals Rodeo, a new queen will be crowned.

"From being crowned in November until Christmas I was pretty busy, but January and February have been kind of a rest period. Now it's starting up again."

Some of the prizes given to Hargrave include: a saddle, belt buckle, a tiara for the year, complete outfitting from hats to boots and everything in between, chaps, jewelry and all travel.

"I'm continually receiving gifts throughout the year from places I visit and people I meet."

The road to becoming rodeo queen wasn't easy.

"The week of competition for Miss Rodeo Canada was pretty deadly — they really crammed a lot into a day.

"You're competing against 12 others and everyone is watching everything you do. The fact that you win doesn't mean you can forget your poise and other things that won you the role of rodeo queen."

Rodeo queen contestants are judged on horsemanship, public speaking, knowledge, poise, appearance and personality.

They also have to write a rodeo examination and take part in a fashion show.

"The judges sometimes try to throw you into certain predicaments that you may end up in during the course of the year, just to see how you handle the situation.

"Like what would you do at the end of a long day when your hair looks like heck under your hat and you're asked to take off your hat?"

And what would you do?

"A lady is not supposed to take off her hat in public. The judges just want to see how you'd react in a given situation.

"At the end of a long day it's hard to keep smiling, but you manage.

"At times my life isn't my own and at times I can't remember the name of who I'm talking to — I'll have to work on that."



Susan Hargrave, Miss Rodeo Canada '84, is starting to get ready for the upcoming rodeo season. Hargrave will travel throughout Western Canada to roughly 65 rodeos and will act as a goodwill ambassador for the sport of rodeo.

—News photo Frank Webber



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from the woman who was dismayed because she had run into so many impotent men gave me the incentive to write my first letter to a newspaper columnist.

I am in love with a man who is middle-aged (as I am), and we have been going together for almost a year. He is very affectionate but has made no effort to become intimate, although he has hinted strongly that he would like to marry me.

At first I thought he was refreshingly old-fashioned and respected him for it. Later I decided he was extremely shy. Now I am certain the man is impotent. Please tell me how I can let him know this sexual dysfunction would not make a particle of difference to me. I believe when you sincerely love a man, you accept him as he is.

Many marriages have plenty of sex but fall apart because love and trust, kindness and respect are missing. To be near this man every day and to fall asleep in his arms every night would be enough for me. The bond created by intimate caressing or tender words can be infinitely more meaningful than the consummated, act between people who don't care about one another. How can I let him know my feelings without putting him on the defensive? Sign me — Knowledgeable In Sarasota

Dear Sara: Tell him — as you told me. If he has the qualities you described he will be elated.

Dear Ann Landers: A recent letter from "Grieving in the Rockies" calls for a response other than the one you offered.

"Grieving" tried to put the onus for the death of her intoxicated young brother on the "generous person" who purchased a six-pack of beer for him. The fact that the underaged drinker died when he drove his car in a reckless manner is evidence that he already was intoxicated at the time he requested "generous person" to purchase the beer.

The grieving family and friends of this guy are the ones who ought to shoulder the responsibility for this tragedy. They should have recognized that the young man had a drinking problem, and seen to it that he received some help. — A.B. In Illinois

Dear A.B.: I was surprised at the number of readers who picked up on this. It escaped me completely. Again you have proven that everybody knows better than anybody.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 15. My boyfriend Don is 16. He often comes over after school to help me with my homework. He leaves about 5 o'clock. During the winter it's dark in Des Moines by 5 o'clock.

Last night I kissed him goodbye on the front steps. My Mom saw me and gave me the dickens. Was what I did so terrible? She says the neighbors would lose respect for me if they saw that sort of thing. Is she square or am I nuts? — Lula

Dear Lu: You don't sound nuts and your mother doesn't sound square. From now on kiss him goodbye at the front door — inside the house. Why put on a free show for the neighbors?

Smoking affects fetus

OTTAWA (CP) — There is a "dramatic correlation" between women who continue smoking during pregnancy and the birth of underweight babies, says the head of a survey by the Ottawa-Carleton regional health unit.

The study found that among first-time mothers, 4.7 per cent of the non-smokers had underweight babies, compared with 7.6 per cent of the smokers. Of women who weren't first-time mothers, 2.2 per cent of non-smokers had low-birth-weight babies compared with seven per cent of smoking mothers.

"I was surprised at how dramatic the correlation is," said Dr. Geoff Dunkley.

The regional study, financed by the Ontario Health Ministry, surveyed all 3,637 women who gave birth in the region between May and October 1983.

Of the nearly 40 per cent who had smoked before becoming pregnant, two-thirds of these women continued to smoke throughout the pregnancy.

The survey also found: Seventy-nine per cent of first-time mothers, and 60 per cent of the other mothers worked outside the home during pregnancy.

One-third of the new mothers were in their 30s, about five per cent were younger than 20 and only 0.7 per cent were older than 40.

Eighty per cent of the women interviewed said they drank alcohol at least occasionally before pregnancy but only 62 per cent said they had an occasional drink during pregnancy. Only four per cent said they had several drinks a day during pregnancy.

What's on in the Hat

Nurses Alumni meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 8 p.m., CRC Building

Parents of Handicappers toy lending library meeting, March 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Herald School, room one, 301 Fifth St. S.W.

Myrtle Temple No. 15, Phythian Sisters, Red Cross House, Wednesday, March 21, 8 p.m.

PEO Chapter J to meet Wednesday, March 21, 8 p.m., in the home of Shirley Heine

Riverside Book Club will meet March 21, 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Margaret Holmes, 844 College Dr. S.E.

VON regular meeting, March 21, 12 noon

You are invited to a Women Aglow Fellowship coffee, Wednesday, March 21, 9:30 a.m., at the Continental Inn.

Speaker is Dene Heptner. Reservations Necessary. For more information call 527-0531 or 527-0480

Memorial Salem United Church, UCW meeting, Wednesday, March 21, 1:30 p.m., in Church parlor

Fifth Avenue United Church will be holding a rummage sale, unit two, Fifth Avenue United Church, Wesley Hall, March 20, 7 to 9 p.m. and March 21, 9 to 12 a.m.

South Side Circle of St. Barnabus Church will meet at the home of Mrs. B.H. Hogg.

March 22, 3 p.m., 368 Second St. S.E.

ORP Lodge meeting, March 22, 8 p.m., at the Elks Lodge

Medicine Hat Nuclear Disarmament Group invites the public to a project planning meeting, Thursday, March 22, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Hall

Alexandra Junior High School's Annual Spring Tea, Thursday, March 22, 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Everyone welcome

New Beginning: A

weekend for the separated, divorced or widowed will be held March 23 to 25, at the Travelodge. Registration deadline is March 16. For further information call, 529-6264 or 526-8873.

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