

Historic Wallace County house site for dinner



Museum remodeled, expanded

The Clark-Robidoux House was one of the features at the recent opening of the newly remodeled and expanded Fort Wallace Museum on June 14. The historic house has been undergoing renovation by Buddy and Glenda Allaman. Inga Sloan acted as the hostess for those who came to have dinner that evening. The ladies doing the serving were dressed like Harvey girls. The house was open to visitors during the day to see what work has been done.

Photos by Eric Yonkey



Championship team did not appreciate sentimental value of rings

Recently there was an article in *The Denver Post* concerning the selling of championship rings, involving players associated with the Georgia football team. It had taken the University of Georgia 20 years to win the Southwest Conference. It was only a few months before several of the players sold their championship rings they had received to a broker. The coach of the team put it well: "I know how long it's been since Georgia won a championship. . . . To sell the very thing that symbolized the accomplishment of the team is hurtful to me, and I'm sure to everyone who loves Georgia football." The athletic director, Tom Dooley, continued the same disappointment by stating, "We've got to do a better job of impressing on them the value of money. . . . Even if the rings are worth a million dollars, one day that's going to be gone.



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But the meaning of the ring will never be gone." For some reason, I felt sad for the same reason the coach and athletic director stated. Being involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters, a person really does take the stable family for granted. All the memories of family gatherings, vacations, the ball games and outings with either Mom or Dad can never be replaced by a money figure. I would guess some of those Georgia football players came from single parent families and never re-

ceived mentoring that may have saved them from doing what they did. The players have been declared ineligible and must make restitution before they can play again. I hope they learned their lesson. In contrast, an article in *Guidposts* by Patricia Heaton, who plays the wife character in *Everybody Loves Raymond*, shares an excellent life lesson. In the article, she shared something her mom told her: "'When times get tough, and you're feeling sorry for yourself, do something good for that person, help you take your mind off your own troubles, and maybe give you appreciation

for the good things you do have.' "My mom died when I was 12. Yet in so many ways she was still with me." Patricia took her mom's advice and went on to become a Big Sister to a 16-year-old and even ended up

working with the Little later in Italy. She had made a difference. Heaton ended the article by saying, "Life is never heaven on earth. But sometimes you get a piece of it. . . . I remembered Mom's words. That's the best thing about helping

someone else. You always end up helping yourself." The above articles relate the difference in appreciating what a person has and, in some cases, sharing what we have with those who don't. Think about it.

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