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FROM OUR READERS

Lorease and Edward Priemeyer were among a group of Austinites who recently took a cruise on the Stella Solaris under sponsorship of the Austin Citizen newspaper. In a report on the cruise by Libby Winters, Lorease was pictured with a group taking part in a Greek dance. Along with the article on the trip was the "Tourist's Prayer" which will be enjoyed by anyone who has ever taken a cruise (or who would like to).

The "Tourist's Prayer" Heavenly Father, look down on us, your humble, obedient tourist servants, who are doomed to travel this Earth, taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech you, our Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed.

Protect us from surly and unscrupulous taxi drivers, unscrupulous porters and unscrupulous English-speaking guides. Give us this day Divine guidance in the selection of our hotels and cruise ships, that we may find our reservations honored, our rooms made up and someone that understands what lots of ice means.

We pray that the telephone work and that the operator speaks our tongue and that there is no mail waiting from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of the trip.

Lead us, dear Lord, to good, inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal.

Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand, forgive us the underpinning out of ignorance and for overlooking out of fear, make the natives love us for what we are and not for what we can contribute to their insatiable economy.

Give us the strength to visit the museums, the cathedrals, the palaces and the castles listed as "musts" in the guide books, and if, perchance, we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

(For Husbands) Dear God, keep our wives from shopping and protect them from bargains they do not need or can't afford. . . Lead them not into temptation, for they do not know exactly what they do.

(For Wives) Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs.

Above all, please do not forgive them, they deserve exactly what they do. (For Both)

And when our voyage is over, and when we return to our loved ones, grant us the favor of finding someone who will look at our home movies and slides, listen to our stories, so that our lives as tourists will not have been in vain.

This we ask You in the name of Sun Line, Conrad-Hilton, Marriott Hotels, Thomas Cook and the American Express. Amen.

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18th Magnolia Homes Tour Fri., Sat.

A weekend of nostalgia and historical appreciation is in store for those who visit historic Columbus for its annual Magnolia Homes Tour on May 19 and 20.

A gigantic auction on Friday night, May 18, will precede the tour as part of Family Night on the Square. Such items as a rare Sicilian donkey, a 1957 Ford, antique Haviland tea set, hand-made quilts and alghama will be sold to benefit the restoration of the 1886 Stafford House.

The Opera House, owned and being restored by Magnolia Homes Tour, will be the scene Saturday night of a perfect blending of site and sound when the 70-voice Houston Tidelanders will present a concert of old-time favorites in barbershop harmony. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be obtained by writing "Tickets, Box 817, Columbus 78934."

Five early Texas and Victorian homes will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This 18th annual open house features a selection of architecturally interesting buildings ranging from the 1835 Alley log cabin to the turn-of-the-century Papenberg-Glass house. Tour tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children for five houses, or \$1.50 and 50c for individual houses.

Visitors are provided with a brochure describing each of the houses and a map of the city, as touring is done by private car. In addition, docents are stationed throughout tour houses to note interesting details and to answer questions.

The Antiques Show and Sale is an annual event which draws 30 dealers from throughout the state. Tickets are \$1.50.

The Live Oak Art Club will sponsor its 25th Sidewalk Art Show and Sale under the blooming magnolia trees on the

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Dine Harris House On Homes Tour



The Dine Harris House at 202 Washington Street in Columbus, shown above, will be one of five early Texas and Victorian homes to be open to the public Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the 18th annual Magnolia Homes Tour. The unique "tabby" construction, masonry walls of gravel and

plaster over and scored to resemble stone blocks, was built by Ira and Inna Rose Harris in 1860. Her memoirs, first published in early 1900's, are a primary source of Texas Colonial and Republic life and legends. A museum for 10 years, the house has now been completely restored as a home by Laura Ann Dick Rau.

Raymond Butler, a former resident here, has been promoted to Regional Budget Manager of the Engineering Dept. of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company. Pine Bluff, Arkansas effective March 1, 1979.

Butler has been Asst. Engineering - Cost since August 1, 1977 when he was promoted and transferred from Eagle Lake to Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

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Serendipity

Subject: Names
Everything has a name. Sometimes it fits and sometimes it doesn't but for a good reason the names of pets are always apropos. . . at least to the owners. (I'm not sure if the pet owns you or you own the pet. You are, indeed, its slave, so decide yourself.) What you name your pet is fine and dandy, and no one ever argues about that. . . they just smile maybe.

One pet of long age was the Martin's Sniggle Fritz. Bill Duty had a cat named Dammit. Today Boots Hanly has Nothing.

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Louise VFD Dinner Sun.

The Louise Volunteer Fire Department invite the public to attend their fried chicken dinner this Friday, May 20, at the Louise Fire Station. The \$3.00 "eat all you want" plates will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be plates available to go. . . .

Proceeds will be used to buy monitors and air packs for fire-fighting needs of the department.

Montgomery-Thatcher Reunion May 26th
The Montgomery-Thatcher Association will hold its first annual reunion on Saturday, May 26th at the Episcopal Parish Hall in Eagle Lake.

All descendants are invited to join the association at the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. May 26th.

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Commr. Rafael Veselka Is Outstanding Senior Texan

Volunteer Driver
Compensation Is
Upped To 17c Mile

Colorado County Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka of Weimar was honored Monday by being named the Outstanding Senior Texan in Colorado County. He was presented a beautiful plaque by Mrs. Gopie Ilse, director of the Senior Citizens program in this county, at the meeting of the Commissioners' Court in Columbus Monday.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Ilse noted that the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Governor's Committee on Aging had urged organizations in the private sector to contract for programs such as Title III under which the Office of Services to Senior Citizens is partially funded. "When no such group came forward the Commissioners' Court of Colorado County became the contractor so that our Senior Citizens would not be deprived of available services."

She added, "With this in mind, I would like to present this Certificate of Recognition to our Outstanding Senior Texan, both individually and as a representative of the Commissioners' Court in behalf of Governor Clements, the Director of the Governor's Committee on Aging. Even Wentz, and Colorado County Service to Senior Texans."

"A long-time resident of Colorado County with a sincere interest in the needs and concerns of senior citizens of this area, Rafael Veselka is a civic-minded person frequently lending his labors and culinary talents to the community."

Van Use Increases
In her report to the Court, Mrs. Ilse pointed out that April saw an increase in the Senior Citizens' use of the van as 17 trips were made to transport 82 passengers and seven of these were new people who had not ridden in the van before. Total miles travelled by the van was 773.

"She added that an X-ray stool was purchased as a step for the van. "The most pressing need and concern of senior citizens according to needs assessment hearings in Van, Populi and Weimar is the cost of increases, especially in energy cost," stated the director in her monthly report. "Other concerns and needs include: low income housing, nutrition projects, lack of medical specialists nearer to their homes, fear of not being able to meet Medicare deductible, lack of low income housing. Most feel that the weatheriza-

tion project was ineffective and very few homes approved for repair have been fixed."

Volunteer Driver
She also reported that the volunteer driver had logged over 100 hours in a year, but noted that the volunteer has said that he/she could not take patients to Houston at the present rate of reimbursement. From April of 1978 to April of 1979, 822 trips were contributed to the program by volunteer drivers.

These drivers have been compensated only for use of their cars at the rate of 16c per mile. She reported to the Court Monday that the trips out of the county are only for services not offered elsewhere in this county and she noted that volunteer drivers are becoming hard to get under the 16c per mile compensation plan.

Judge Lester Cranek suggested that the Court approve an increase from 16c per mile to 17c per mile, the amount approved under the federally funded program and this was approved. Mrs. Ilse estimated that the additional cost to the county would amount to around \$30 per month, but added that if the volunteer drivers were not continued the county would lose the in-kind matching participation under the federal program."

One hundred and nineteen WCJC students are candidates for the Associate in Applied Science degree including the following area students: Eagle Lake: Clifford Craig Bluntson, Walter Lester Hurd, Linda Darlene Morton and Cynthia Anna Tomchesson; East Bernard: Patti Anne Allen, Patricia Ann Bar, Jeanette Lynn Creekmore, Ronald James Grigar, Patricia Ann Jasek, Gary Wayne Kubi, Michael Joseph Majewski, John Rodrigue;

Garwood: Glenda Gail Popp; Sheridan: Leland John Hagendorf. One hundred and nineteen WCJC students are candidates for the Associate in Applied Science degree including the following area students: Eagle Lake: Lee Earl Black, Al E. Mahalich and Debra Lynn Newsom; East Bernard: George Charles Baca, Boyd O'Neal Blazek, Marianne Slay, Philip Ray Stelzel; Garwood: James Louis Zbrancak; Weimar: Judy Lynn Emmel, Cheryl Lynn Hoelscher, Mark Joseph Hudec, Karen Ann Menis, Linda Marie Menisk, Deborah Marie Rerich.

Voc. Nursing Candidates
Candidates for certificates in Vocational Nursing include: Altair: Helen Joyce Lowe; Columbus: Deborah J. Thompson; Eagle Lake: Cecelia Ray Brown; East Bernard: Darlene Ann Somer; Glen Flora: Darlene Marie Boatwright.

Hope that Mrs. Anderson will be with us soon.
Bingo Time
A group of residents got together Wednesday to play bingo with volunteers Tyria Penn and Lillie Parker with prizes of fruit when the residents called out "bingo." Everyone had fun.

Thursday's Sing-Along
Thursday morning the residents joined a group from the Assembly of God Church of East Bernard in singing some hymns and the residents talked about how Jesus has come into their private lives and has changed them considerably.

Thursday afternoon Fay Anderson brought two of her friends, Mrs. Paula Kay Bourland and Mrs. Marie Eakin from Temple, who entertained us with some hymns and played their guitars with such confidence that the residents were very pleased with the singing

with our new friends from Temple and hope they will come back to visit us soon.

Council Meeting
The residents met Friday morning to discuss National Nursing Home Week. All previous plans for the week are going as scheduled. The residents are looking forward to "Family Night" and the entertainment from the Joyful Noisemakers of Katy.

Invitation
Service of worshipping God
Healing From God
Place: The Vine of the Lord
Located on B Street in Eagle Lake
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Date: Friday, May 18, 1979
EVERYONE INVITED
Any Race
We will be praying for the sick
Evangelist: Paul Aguilier

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