

Rates go to \$2,200 a day

## Stars' homes for rent

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PHILADELPHIA—For people tired of cruise ships, packaged adventures or posh hotels, the quest for the dream vacation may be right at home — Elizabeth Taylor's Mexican villa, Christina Onassis' home on Corfu, or perhaps Prince Charles' bungalow in the Bahamas.

Vacationers looking for something different can make themselves at home in the vacation retreats of celebrities from Venice to Barbados — provided they can pay the price.

Variety Leisure of Philadelphia lists some 3,000 properties

— from cozy London flats to Palm Beach mansions to rambling castles in Spain — at daily rates of \$80 to \$2,200 in season.

That not only unlocks the door on vacation getaways owned by the likes of David Niven and the family of the late Shah of Iran, it often includes the services of a cook and maid, and privileges at the local country club, said Gil Brenner, a 51-year-old Philadelphia real estate agent who has been renting vacation homes for nearly 20 years.

He launched into celebrity rentals about four years ago after a

chance meeting with Prince Charles at the Palm Beach Polo Club.

"He asked what I do for a living and I said I rent villas," explained Brenner. "He said I should contact his aunt, Princess Margaret, who had a place in the Caribbean she wanted to rent."

Brenner did just that and reached an agreement to offer the princess's house for vacation rentals.

Why would the sister of the Queen of England want to rent her house?

"They like to keep the staff busy and they can't be down

there all the time," said Brenner, a native of Lancaster, Pa., who holds a master's degree in business from Cornell University.

The price depends on the size of the home, its amenities, such as tennis courts and swimming pool, the number of household staff, and whether use of a car is included, he said.

Brenner occasionally gets a request he can't fill, but his properties in Europe, the Mediterranean, Caribbean, South Pacific, United States, and Mexico offer enough variety to suit just about anyone's style.



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Chris Breaux, a junior accounting major from Houston, polishes his tuba in the shower in preparation for a recent football game.

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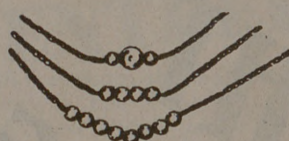
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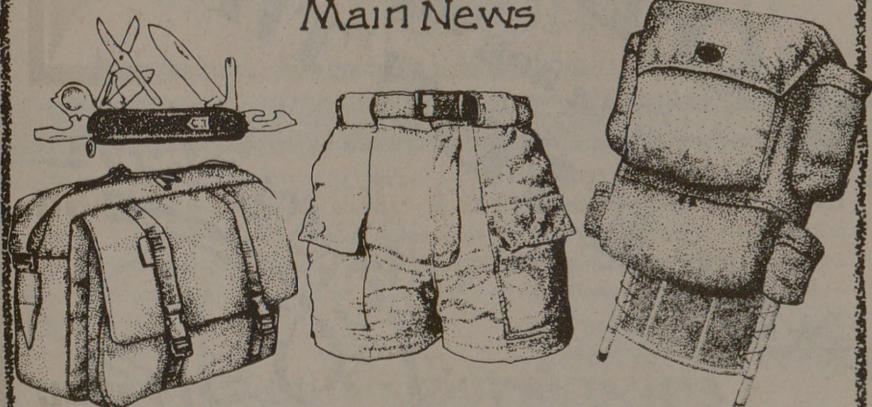
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