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Montana's home for sale: \$49M

500-acre site in Knights Valley includes 9,700 square feet in house, gym, pool, spa

By **ROBERT DIGITALE**
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

Joe Montana, the San Francisco 49ers Hall of Fame quarterback, is selling his Knights Valley estate outside Calistoga. The asking price: \$49 million, of course.

If it sells at full price — a not-too-subtle reminder of the team Montana led to four Super Bowl victories — it would become the highest amount ever paid for a home in Sonoma County.

So what does \$49 million buy? The estate comes with a 9,700-square-foot, Tuscan-style main residence, spacious equestrian center, full-sized basketball court, skeet shooting range, gym, pool and spa. The 500-acre property, dubbed Villa Montana, also features two creeks that run year-round, a private pond, a guesthouse and a caretaker's residence.

Montana moved to the property with his wife, Jennifer, and their

four children in 2003. The family left Sonoma County several years ago and now lives in Southern California, partly so that a son could play high school football for the private Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village. "We have a lot of great memories here with our friends and family," Joe Montana said Monday in a statement about the villa. "It's a home made for entertaining."

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If Joe Montana's home sells for the asking price, it would be the highest amount ever paid for a home in Sonoma County.

BACK FROM THE WAR OUT ON THE STREETS



KENT PORTER / The Press Democrat

Jake Saltzman, reading on Saturday in his hatchback, lives in his car near Santa Rosa Avenue. Trained as an Air Force medic, Saltzman was stationed at Camp Anaconda during his tour in Iraq. Since his return, he has been unable to hold a steady job because of post traumatic stress disorder.

'It's a different world here'

More young vets in Sonoma County enter ranks of homeless as they struggle to rejoin civilian life

By **JEREMY HAY**
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

Among the thousands of homeless people in Sonoma County is a small battalion of military veterans who lie down at night under bridges and in cars, on friends' couches and in crowded shelters.

"Here I am, living the vet's life," said Jake Saltzman, an Air Force medic who served in Iraq during what became known as the "surge."

Saltzman, 24, is one of hundreds of homeless veterans in Sonoma County and one of a growing contingent of younger homeless veterans.

Out of the Air Force since July 2007, Saltzman's been living in his sports car, which sports two "Support the Troops" ribbon magnets, on the back roads of Sonoma

County for about two months.

Memories from the war — he was a surgical technician at Camp Anaconda, the giant U.S. military base near Baghdad — shadow his days and nights. Dogged by those memories, he's lost two civilian hospital jobs since 2007, most recently at Sutter Medical Center.

"When I was working, things were not good," he said.

Doctors with the Department of Veterans Affairs diagnosed Saltzman with post traumatic stress disorder. Now he gets \$1,600 a month in veterans disability benefits, he said.

"So I technically could rent a place. But I don't really want to, there's too much stress involved," he said. He doesn't usually stay with friends because, "I don't want to be a burden."

He says marijuana helps him with the memories, which were forged in bloody operating rooms filled with "combat casualties and anything else, a lot of burn victims, amputees." Eighty percent of his patients, he said, were Iraqis, and many of those were children.

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FEDS KNEW OF SUSPECT BEFORE RAMPAGE

FBI, Army dropped inquiry into Ft. Hood major's communications with radical cleric

By **DAVID JOHNSTON**
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NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence agencies intercepted communications last year and earlier this year between the Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people at Fort Hood, Texas, and a radical cleric in Yemen known for incendiary anti-American teachings.

But authorities dropped their inquiry after deciding the messages from Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan gave no indication he was likely to engage in violence, government officials said Monday.

Hasan's exchanges with Anwar al Awlaki, once a spiritual leader at a mosque in suburban Virginia where Hasan worshiped, indicate the troubled major came to the attention of authorities long before Thursday's shooting rampage at Fort Hood, but they left him in his post.

It is unclear what was said in the apparent e-mails and whether they would have offered a hint at the Hasan's outspoken views or his declining emotional state.

The communications, the subject of an inquiry by FBI and Army investigators, provide the first indication that Hasan was in direct communication with the cleric, who Monday praised Hasan on his Web site as a "hero," saying the psychiatrist "did the right thing" in attacking soldiers preparing to deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Depending on what is contained in the exchanges, the decision not to take any steps against Hasan may provoke criticism of the government for missing possible warning signs.

"I think the very fact that you've got a major in the U.S. Army contacting this guy, or at-

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Nadal Malik Hasan

Has regained consciousness, but refuses to talk to authorities

Online: For coverage of today's memorial service, go to pressdemocrat.com

Banks putting squeeze on credit card holders

Industry raises rates, drops limits, cancels accounts ahead of tougher new rules

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NEW YORK TIMES

Banks are struggling to make money in the credit card business these days, and consumers are paying the price.

Interest rates are going up, credit lines are being cut, and a variety of new fees are being imposed on even the best cardholders.

One recipient of new credit card terms is Anita Holaday, a 91-year-old in Florida, who received a letter last month from Citibank announcing that her new interest rate was 29.99 percent, an increase of 10 percentage points.

"I think it's outrageous they pursue such a policy," said Susan Holaday Schumacher, Holaday's daughter. "That rate is shocking under any circumstances."

While the average interest rates charged by banks are lower than Holaday's, her situation is not all that unusual.

The higher rates and fees reflect the grim new realities of the credit card industry — the percentage of uncollectible balances has hit a record even as a new law may further limit the cards' profitability.

Banks began raising interest rates and pulling back credit lines about a year ago as delinquencies crept upward and regulators discussed new rules. As banks have become more aggressive in making changes, lawmakers have accused them of trying to impose rate increases before many of the new rules take effect in Feb-

ruary.

On Monday, the Federal Reserve provided new evidence of the banks' actions. About 50 percent of the banks responding to the Fed's survey said they were increasing interest rates and reducing credit lines on borrowers with good credit scores. About 40 percent said they were imposing higher fees. Banks also said they were demanding higher minimum credit scores and tightening other requirements.

A study by the Pew Charitable Trusts, released late last month, concluded that the 12 largest banks, issuing more than 80 percent of the credit cards, were continuing to use practices that the Fed concluded were "unfair or deceptive" and that in many instances had been outlawed by Congress.

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Korean naval ships exchange fire in disputed waters

By JOHN M. GLIONNA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SEOUL — A North Korean naval ship suffered “considerable” damage Tuesday during an exchange of gunfire between the two Koreas along a disputed western sea border, officials said.

There were no reports of casualties, but the North Korean vessel reportedly turned and headed for port after the clash.

The North Korean vessel crossed a demarcation line into southern waters about 10:30 a.m., prompting a South Korean warship to fire several warning shots, according to a news release from the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“We are fully prepared for any further provocation from North Korea,” the statement said.

A South Korean Naval officer told Yonhap news service that heavy black smoke was seen on the horizon and that the northern vessel was heavily damaged.

“It wasn’t a close-range battle. We fired heavily on the North Korean vessel,” the officer said, declining to be identified. “It is our initial assessment that the North Korean boat suffered considerable damage.”

The North Korean vessel did not hit its target.

“We are analyzing the motive for the North Korean boat’s crossing,” the Naval official told Yonhap. “We do not rule out the possibility that the clash may have been accidental.”

One analyst Tuesday did not rule out that North Korea intended to send a message before President Barack Obama’s Asian visit, which begins Thursday.

“Given the fact that it did not move back despite warning calls, North Korea might have wanted to show Obama that the Korean peninsula is still unstable by provoking tensions,” said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Dongguk University.

CREDIT: In past year, number of accounts fell by 72 million

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invited last week to make the law effective immediately.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where a vote has not been scheduled. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., is pushing legislation that would freeze interest rates on existing credit card balances until the law takes effect.

Whatever the starting date, the law makes it much harder for banks to change interest rates on existing balances and requires more time and notice before a new rate can go into effect.

But bank officials say they have no choice but to raise rates and limit credit. Because of the new rules and the prolonged economic malaise, they say it is now far riskier to issue credit cards than it was just a few years ago.

“We sell credit; we don’t sell sweaters,” said Kenneth J. Clayton, senior vice president for card policy at the American Bankers Association. “The only way to manage your return is through the price of the product or the availability.”

Even consumer advocates have said banks were too quick in the past to give out credit.

“You know, it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out that if you keep borrowing and borrowing in order to consume now, eventually you crash and burn,” said Martin Eakes, chief executive for the Center for Responsible Lending. “That’s what we’re facing.”

In the 12 months that ended in September, the number of Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover card accounts in the United States fell by 72 million, according to David Robertson, publisher of the Nilson Report, an industry newsletter. There are 555 million accounts still in the marketplace, he said.

In roughly the same time period, banks lowered credit limits by 26 percent, to \$3.4 billion, from \$4.6 billion, according to an analysis of government data by Foresight Analytics.

Interest on credit card accounts, meanwhile, has increased to an average of 13.71 percent, up from 11.94 percent a year ago, according to federal records.

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The nation’s largest banks are scrambling to figure out a new business model that fits within the new rules and current economic conditions.

Those banks made handsome profits over the past decade by charging high interest rates and penalty fees on a small group of customers who routinely paid late or exceeded their balances.

Already, banks are shifting to a model in which a smaller pool of Americans will be eligible for credit cards, and customers with cards probably will pay more for the privilege through annual fees and higher interest.

Banks also are in the process of shedding customers considered too risky.

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MONTANA: County record for priciest sale is \$15 million

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asking \$49 million price would be a record for the county. The most expensive home sales recorded on the county’s Multiple Listing Service were two properties that went for \$15 million each in 2001, said Rick Laws of Coldwell Banker in Santa Rosa.

Such a sale even would exceed the proposed \$36 million price for the 5,600-acre Jenner Headlands, a record amount for an acquisition to conserve land for public benefit.

Nonetheless, those representing the Montanas called the \$49 million “a fitting price for a property owned by the former 49er.”

“The value is there,” said Leeza Hoyt a spokeswoman for the listing agents, Coldwell Banker Previews International and Pacific Union/Christie’s Great Estates.

The main residence features three bedrooms, three and a half baths, great room and dining room, breakfast room, media room, office and a climate-controlled wine cellar and tasting room. An outdoor viewing

tower offers panoramas of Mount St. Helena and Knights Valley.

Jennifer Montana is credited with the artistic vision behind the home, which includes imported marble floors and carved Baroque wood portals. An outdoor courtyard features hand-painted frescos, antique statues and fountains.

“It’s our sanctuary,” Jennifer Montana said of the estate in a 2005 Press Democrat interview.

Recent photos on the Wall Street Journal’s Web site show a fireplace in the loggia over which hangs the Montana family’s own crest, painted by a French artist, and a marble bathtub so heavy it was set in place by crane.

But it doesn’t come cheap.

If you could put 20 percent down, and get a 6 percent, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage for the balance of \$39.2 million, your monthly payment would come to \$235,023.81.

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VETERANS: Report says there are 27,000 homeless in state

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In the war, he said, life’s routines included throwing anything not needed into “the burn pit. Body parts, medical waste, fuel, wasted ammunition, old anything, all the garbage.”

He’s heard that burn pit “poisons” may be related to his loss of appetite. He knows his life here and now seems alien to his life there and then.

“I guess that’s part of the problem,” he said. “It’s a different world here.”

The world here is one where at least 400 of the roughly 35,000 veterans in Sonoma County are homeless, according to a 2009 census commissioned by the county’s Task Force on Homelessness. That’s about 12 percent of the county’s estimated 3,247 homeless.

“That’s just the tip of it,” said Don Bridges, who was in the Air Force during the Persian Gulf War, managing inventory on C130 transports.

He’s been homeless since 1997, brought low, he said, by a bipolar disorder that was triggered by his four years in the service, a divorce and subsequent drinking problems.

Bridges said he’s been searching for work for eight months. He lives with a friend in Santa Rosa for now. Recently, he’s been going to Sonoma County Vet Connect, a group that veterans started 18 months ago to help connect comrades to an array of public and private veteran-assistance agencies.

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ans returning from current conflicts get into housing more quickly.

On Monday, 35 housing vouchers issued through the VA and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development became available to Sonoma County veterans.

It was the first time county veterans have had access to the so-called VASH vouchers, said Kym Valadez, a social worker at the Santa Rosa VA Clinic. Vouchers also were released in Marin and Mendocino counties.

“These are going to move pretty quickly,” Valadez said. A least 500 veterans in the county are eligible, she said.

The program extends beyond housing. Recipients are assigned case managers, who will also help them with health care, financial and employment issues, with anything, Valadez said, “to get them into housing and to keep them housed.”

Just as most of the nation’s veterans are not homeless, many homeless veterans say they weren’t in combat. Just 20 of 166 homeless veterans Vet Connect surveyed described themselves as combat vets.

But many homeless noncombat veterans believe the military made them ill-prepared for civilian life.

Bridges said the bipolar disorder that hampers him first appeared in the military; his application for VA service-related disability benefits is pending. In other ways, too, he said, the service turned him into someone who struggles as a civilian.

The military taught him to “speak and write in bullet statements,” he said. He’s found that doesn’t work so well in the larger world. He gets along less well with many people. He was written up at work for his abrupt manner with customers. Friends said he’d changed.

“It’s a constant adjustment,” he said.

It’s a theme echoed by many homeless veterans.

“We have a lack of patience for disorganization, for what we see as stupidity,” said Scot Malcolm, 41, an Air Force electronic warfare systems technician in the Persian Gulf War.

“They break you down, build you up and post you as a soldier,” said Malcolm, one of about 20 veterans staying at the Sam Jones Hall, a 120-bed homeless shelter operated by Catholic Charities in southwest Santa Rosa.

In the service, “you’ve been part of your tribe,” said Malcolm, on the streets for nearly two years. “You get out and you’re an outsider.”

Malcolm said he got a lot from the military, including the education he was promised. He blames his downward slide in great part on drugs and alcohol, on what he describes as “a tendency toward escapism.”

But the dislocation he felt upon re-entering civilian life continues.

“It ties in,” he said. “Once I got out, I did have that culture shock.”

If he could, Malcolm said, he’d re-enlist to be a combat medic.

“It can be gruesome, but it’s a good job and you can use it on the outside, if you don’t burn out,” he said.

Saltzman, who’s living in his car, said he’s proud of what he and others did. Not of the war, he said — “Of all the things that don’t make sense, that doesn’t make the most” — but of the work they all tried to do.

“The crazy part is,” he said, “I feel like I’d go back, to wherever, if they asked me to go.”

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Bridges and Saltzman are among about 131,000 of the nation’s 24 million veterans who are homeless on any given day, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

There are 27,000 homeless veterans in California, according to a report released today by the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

The report found veterans 35 to 54 years old — like Bridges — are the most likely to become homeless. While they make up just 26 percent of the veteran population, they are 61 percent of the homeless veteran population.

Meanwhile, a study by Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America found veterans of the current wars, such as Saltzman, are becoming homeless more quickly than veterans from earlier wars.

VA figures, the report said, show Vietnam veterans who became homeless did so from five to seven years after returning from that war. But Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who are ending up on the streets are arriving there as soon as 18 months after returning.

And in Sonoma County, research suggests the percentage of homeless veterans from the Persian Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan is higher than that found nationwide.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness report said 6 percent of homeless veterans are 18 to 35 years old, putting them in the group most likely to have served since the Gulf War. In Sonoma County, however, 11 percent of homeless veterans are from that era, a Vet Connect survey of 166 veterans found.

The VA this month pledged \$3.2 billion over the next five years to getting veterans off the streets and preventing them from falling into homelessness. And bills working their way through Congress would increase the number of housing vouchers for veterans and focus on helping veter-

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Japan plans \$5 billion more in aid for Afghanistan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Japan said today it plans to provide up to \$5 billion in aid to Afghanistan, effectively replacing its naval refueling mission that supports U.S.-led coalition in the region in a commitment announced days ahead of President Barack Obama’s visit.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama’s government, which wants to put Tokyo’s ties with Washington on a more equal footing, doesn’t plan to extend Japan’s refueling mission in the Indian Ocean when it ends in January — while Obama is reviewing his options for a new strategy in the Afghanistan conflict.

The Foreign Ministry said in a release

that up to \$5 billion in aid for Afghanistan will be given over five years. The funds are to be used in areas such as building up the police force and on agriculture and other infrastructure projects. In April, Japan had pledged \$1 billion in aid to Pakistan.

“It is our hope that the governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan, while effectively putting this support from our country to use, will strive for reforms in anti-terrorism and their domestic economies,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirofumi Hirano told reporters Tuesday.

The announcement appears to be a way for Japan to show Obama its commitment to U.S. efforts in Afghanistan, even as the two countries wrangle over how to carry

HELP FOR VETERANS

The following resources are available for veterans.

Vet Connect: Weekly clinic that provides assistance with and referrals to veterans services. Focused on but not restricted to homeless veterans of any era. Free service. A nonprofit partnership between service providers and staffed largely by veterans.

- Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building: Tuesdays, a.m. to noon.
- Guerneville Veterans Memorial Building: 2nd Thursday of every month, noon to 3 p.m.
- Sonoma Veterans Memorial Building: 3rd Thursday of every month, noon to 3 p.m.
- Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building: Fourth Thursday of every month, noon to 3 p.m.

More information at: sonomacountyvetconnect.org

Sonoma County Veterans Service Office

County operated. No charge. Provides assistance in completion of claims forms, help with obtaining documents and other evidence necessary to support claims and preparation of appeals of adverse decisions. Information about and referral to other service providers and programs is also provided. 3725 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa. More information at 565-5960, veterans@schsd.org or scvets.org/index.html.

North Bay Veterans Resource Center

Nonprofit veterans service agency offering veterans of any era assistance in areas, including job training, transitional housing and counseling. 2455 Bennett Valley Rd., suite B-117, Santa Rosa. More information at 578-8387, vietvets.org/nbvrcc or nbvrcc@vietvets.org

Santa Rosa Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic

Provides outpatient counseling and medical services for all veterans. 3841 Brickway Blvd. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. More information at 569-2300 or www2.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=938.

RAMPAGE: Suspect reportedly visited strip club near mosque

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tempting to contact him, would raise some red flags,” said Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan, the ranking Republican on the House Intelligence Committee.

He said his office has been contacted by U.S. officials involved in the case who believe “the system just broke down.”

But federal officials briefed on the case said their decision to break off the investigation was reasonable based on the information at the time.

The officials said the communications did not alter the prevailing theory that Hasan acted by himself, lashing out as a result of combination of factors, including his outspoken opposition to U.S. policy in Iraq and Afghanistan and his deepening religious fervor as a Muslim.

Hasan, who was shot by a police officer and is at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, regained consciousness Saturday and is able to talk with doctors, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Officials said investigators tried to talk with him Sunday but he declined and requested a lawyer.

A lawyer for Hasan said he had asked investigators not to question his client and expressed doubt he could get a fair trial. The lawyer, retired Col. John Galligan, said he was contacted by Hasan’s family on Monday.

Many questions remain about Hasan’s state of mind, although another revelation Monday added to the complexity of his

character.

The general manager of a strip club about a quarter of a mile from the mosque where Hasan prayed five times a day, and next door to the gun shop where he bought the pistol used in the shootings, said Hasan was a customer.

The club manager, Matthew Jones, said Hasan had been in the Starz strip club at least three times in the past month.

Jones said Hasan sometimes stayed for six or seven hours and paid for lap dances in a private room. His latest appearance at the club came in late October, a dancer.

Awlaki, a U.S. citizen born in New Mexico to Yemeni parents, said on his Web site that Hasan “is a man of conscience who could not bear living the contradiction of being a Muslim and serving in an army that is fighting against his own people.”

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Awlaki was quoted disapproving of such violence and was portrayed as a moderate figure who might provide a bridge between Islam and Western Democracies. But since leaving the United States in 2002 for London, and later Yemen, al-Awlaki has become a prominent proponent of militant Islam.

“He’s one of the most popular figures among hard-line, English-speaking jihadis around the world,” said Jarret Brachman, author of the book “Global Jihadism” and a terrorism consultant to the government.

He said Awlaki is especially appealing to young Muslims who are curious about radical ideas but not yet committed.

“He’s American, he’s funny, and he

speaks in a very understandable way,” Brachman said.

The Toronto Star reported last month that a group of young Canadians charged with plotting attacks against military and government targets were inspired, in part, by Awlaki’s sermons online.

In 2000 and 2001, Awlaki served as an imam at two mosques in the United States frequented by three Sept. 11 hijackers. Khalid al-Midhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi attended the Rabat mosque in San Diego, where Awlaki later admitted meeting al-Hazmi several times but “claimed not to remember any specifics of what they discussed,” according to the report of the national Sept. 11 commission.

Both al-Hazmi and another hijacker, Hani Hanjour, later attended the Dar al Hijra mosque in Falls Church, Va., after Awlaki had moved there in early 2001. The Sept. 11 commission report expressed “suspicion” about the coincidence but said its investigators were unable to find Awlaki in Yemen to question him.

Hasan attended the same Virginia mosque, but it is not known whether they met there.

At Fort Hood today, a memorial service will be held for the 13 killed, and President Barack Obama is expected to attend and speak.

Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, the base’s commander, said 15 people remained hospitalized with gunshot wounds, and eight of those were in intensive care. Fourteen other wounded soldiers are recovering and will attend the ceremony, he said.