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## For Sale: Old French Manor With a Royal Reputation

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A manor house that's about half a millennium old and believed to be the former hunting lodge of Anne of Brittany, queen to two French kings, has gone on the market for \$595,000 in the French region of Normandy.



Prestige Property Group

The 2,700-square-foot, three-story house (pictured above) is in Montreuil-l'Argillé, 50 miles west of Paris, and has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, five fireplaces and original floors of brick and tile, with some wood floors on the upper levels. There's also a 5,300-square-foot walled garden. The property's owner, an insurance broker, restored the roof and interior ceilings in 2003. He also converted the attic into a livable space and added a bathroom to it.

Montreuil's Web site mentions the link to the French queen (1477-1514), who married Charles VIII and Louis XII. The manor, called Le Baillage, was also at one time used as a court. Xavier Attal, of Immo Best International in Paris, has the listing in partnership with Prestige Property Group.

### *Los Angeles Mansion Sells for \$38 Million*

A mansion in Los Angeles' Bel Air neighborhood, once owned by a key film-production figure, has sold for \$38 million, records show, making it one of the area's biggest sales of the year.

The 11,400-square-foot Mediterranean-style home, built in 1926, once belonged to the family of Herbert Kalmus, whose Technicolor Motion Picture Corp. provided the hues on many classic movies. Later, Verna Harrah, the widow of hotel and casino magnate Bill Harrah, and a film producer (the 1997 horror film "Anaconda" and its sequel), owned the home. On about 1.5 acres, the house has six bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, a pool and city and ocean views. The buyer in the private transaction was Gacac LLC and the seller Malibu Colony Trust, which bought the home from Ms. Harrah in 2005 for \$14.9 million, records show.

### *CEO of NetDocuments Lists Montana Cattle Ranch*

Ken Duncan, president and chief executive of Web-based document-manager NetDocuments, has listed his Montana cattle ranch for \$18 million.



In southwest Montana near Dillon, the 30,000-acre working cattle ranch (above) includes roughly 22,000 acres of leased land owned by state and federal agencies. Until 2006, the ranch also operated as the Horse Prairie Ranch, where guests learned to rope cows, repair barbed-wire fences, bail hay

and hunt. The property is crossed by creeks and is home to elk, antelope and deer. The owner's lodge is a 3,600-square-foot log house with five bedrooms and two baths.

Dave Johnson, of Hall and Hall, has the listing.

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