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## Los Gatos/Saratoga

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### Ex-council member to discuss work on reconstruction in Afghanistan

The American Association of University Women, Los Gatos Saratoga Branch, will hold a dinner meeting next Thursday at La Hacienda Restaurant, 18840 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road.

The dinner is open to the public and costs \$35 per person.

Rosemary Stasek, a Mountain View city councilwoman and former mayor, will be the guest speaker. The topic of her discussion will be "Afghanistan Returning to Life," in which she will talk about her experience with young Afghan-Americans working on the reconstruction in Afghanistan for women and girls. In 1999, she traveled to Cuba as a member of a special women's delegation, and last year she was a member of a reconstruction delegation to Afghanistan.

Stasek works in the computer industry as a Web developer and system administrator and spent six years as an instructor at De Anza College.

She has a broad history of political involvement, specializing in women's issues and activism. She has served on the Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women and received several awards. Currently, Stasek serves as a member of the U.S. Air Force Space Commanders Group.

For more information, call Helen Lemmon at (408) 867-0575

**Party to launch virtual community**

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**Special Reports**

A new Web site about Los Gatos will be showcased at a launch party tonight from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Great Bear Cafe, 19 N. Santa Cruz Ave.

The event is free, and the public is encouraged to attend and learn more about the virtual reality community site, which is online at [www.losgatosx.com](http://www.losgatosx.com).

Mayor Sandy Decker and Police Chief Scott Seaman will discuss a variety of topics -- including business, art and education -- that will be featured on the site.

Other special guests from the community will be Trudy McCullogh, principal of Los Gatos High School; artist John Pugh; and Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computers.

For more information, contact (408) 354-9300.

**Blood drive takes place Tuesday**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, 219 Bean St.

The Red Cross needs donors to meet an ongoing, urgent need for blood. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

To make an appointment to donate blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit <http://BeADonor.com>.

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