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Home Prices in Kings County increased

IRVINE — CoreLogic, a leading global property information, analytics and data-enabled services provider, released its March CoreLogic Home Price Index report. The report showed that home prices in Kings County, including distressed sales, have increased by 13.1 percent in May 2014 compared to May 2013. The CoreLogic HPI also indicated that in the course of a month, home prices increased by 0.9 percent from May 2014 compared to April 2014.

CoreLogic is a leading global property information, analytics and data-enabled services provider.

California minimum wage set to go to \$9

Tuesday the state minimum wage grew to \$9 per hour from the existing \$8 per hour.

Employers should examine all pay practices that might be affected by the minimum wage increase. The minimum wage increase affects several employer practices, including:

- Overtime rates of pay.
- Exempt/nonexempt classification.
- Piece-rate pay.
- Draws against future commissions.
- Tools and equipment.
- The subminimum wage rate.

Another increase will take effect January 2016, bringing the minimum wage to \$10.

For more information please visit www.calchamber.com.

Lunch 'n Learn leadership series continues

HANFORD — The Professional Latin American Association is nearing the end of its Lunch 'n Learn Leadership Development series.

The series has provided attendees valuable tools and techniques for enhancing leadership skills. Noe Ambriz, manager of training and development with the Leadership Development Institute at Adventist Medical Center-Hanford, has facilitated the sessions.

The remaining class on Leading high-performance teams is from noon to 1:30 p.m. July 10 at the Kings Community Action Organization main office, located at 1130 N. 11th Ave. To reserve a seat, email plaakings@yahoo.com or call Carol Hernandez at 582-7515.

Conservation award offered

SACRAMENTO — The Sand County Foundation, California Farm Bureau Federation and Sustainable Conservation are offering a \$10,000 California Leopold Conservation Award. The award honors California farmers, ranchers and other private landowners who demonstrate outstanding natural resources stewardship and practice conservation leadership and outreach. The application deadline is July 11, 2014.

For more information, visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

UPCOMING

Drought assistance workshop slated

TULARE — The California Dairy Quality Assurance Program will offer a free drought assistance workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9 at the Tulare County Agricultural Center UCCE classroom, 4437 S. Laspina Street. Expert presenters will provide helpful information for managing dairy crops under drought conditions.

For more information or to RSVP, call Denise Mullinax at 209-525-6877.