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Super Bowl recap: 49ers lose a thriller

Niners fans breathe collective sigh of disappointment

Many Napans saddened by Super Bowl loss

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Patti Ihli said she was careful not to set her hopes too high.

Most of the 30 years she's devoted to the San Francisco 49ers were spent waiting for Sunday. And when it finally arrived, she said she was supportive, but cautious.

"It did take a lot of work to get this far," she said, sitting surrounded mostly by fellow fans at Downtown Joe's on Sunday evening. "You've got to be supportive, but I don't want to get let down."

By the start of the third quarter, many of the San Fran-

cisco fans there were visibly down, but said they were holding out hope their team could turn the game around and pull out a victory.

"You want your team to win," Ashley Cox said as she watched the game with friends at the bar. "It's personal this year, it's close to your heart. They're going to win. I know they will. You can't give up."

Within moments, the team scored two touchdowns, closing in on the Baltimore Ravens, who led throughout the game. The bar erupted in screams, followed quickly by a loud and ongoing chant, "It's not over!"

"We were going to watch it

at home, but we wanted to be around a bunch of people," Cox said. "It's such a good atmosphere here."

Throughout the game and during the post-halftime power outage that put the game on hold, bartenders offered up trivia questions and prizes, and kept the crowd entertained.

One group of Ravens fans, visiting Napa from Maryland with the Red Hat Society, broke up the sea of red and gold at the brewpub. The five women, dressed head-to-toe in purple, black and gold, said though they were rooting for a team most in the room hated Sunday, everyone in Napa treated them well and showed

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San Francisco 49ers fans watch the Super Bowl at Downtown Joe's on Sunday evening. These three, among most who showed up at the bar to watch the big game, were on edge as their team trailed the Baltimore Ravens throughout the game. Chantal M. Lovell/Register

Nonprofit program lets residents recycle paint

Buyer fee pays for PaintCare process

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For most Napa residents, old paint ends up stacked in the corner of a garage, lids sealed shut, the drips from a long ago painting project the only indication of the color inside.

Until recently the only option for disposing of such paint was to take it to the county's Devlin Road transfer station where it could be recycled.

But a new program, PaintCare, is making it easier for consumers to get rid of old paint. PaintCare is a nonprofit created by the American Coatings Association.

The program provides paint drop-off sites at selected merchants. The collected paint is then reused, recycled or properly disposed of. For now, the only participating site is the Kelly-Moore paint store, 3199 Jefferson St.

"It's going really well," said Alex Deuz, manager at Kelly-Moore. Customers say they like being able to drop off unused paint at the paint store. Contractors leaving old paint make up about 70 percent of those disposing of paint, he said. Both oil and latex paints are accepted.

Deuz said his store has been collecting paint for the program since it began in mid-October. "We're on our fifth bin," he said.

Each bin stands about 8 feet by 8 feet by 3 feet and holds about 170 containers of different sizes, from quarts to 5-gallon buckets. The paint is not emptied into the bin itself, but remains in the donated container.

A 2012 state law requires paint manufacturers to develop a take-back system for leftover paint from household and commercial consumers. According to PaintCare, more than 700 million gallons of architectural paint is sold each year in the U.S., and about 10 percent is available for recycling. Until now, leftover paint has been handled primarily by government-run household hazardous waste programs.

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GUN VIOLENCE DIALOGUE



U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, discusses causes and solutions to gun violence in America during an interfaith conversation about gun violence at Congregation Beth Shalom in Napa on Saturday. Lisa James/Register

Interfaith forum discusses problems and solutions

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Jane Williams' son, Mark, was shot dead in 1993 in Pennsylvania. Cheri Taylor's son, Alex, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2008 for the shooting death of a Napa man a year earlier.

They were among 120 people from all faiths gathered Saturday at Congregation Beth Shalom of Napa Valley for a discussion on gun violence prevention. By chance, both mothers found themselves seated next to one another as attendees sat in groups of 10 to share ideas.

Napa's interfaith clergy organized the gathering as a "call to conscience" as the national debate about gun violence continues. The religious

leaders wanted a "thoughtful" conversation about how to prevent more shooting deaths, during which people would listen to one another and exchange ideas.

"We just felt it's timely," said Rabbi Lee Bycel of Congregation Beth Shalom, who brought up the idea to his fellow clergy members in mid-January. "This was urgent and we needed to take a leadership role as clergy."

U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson was invited to speak. The St. Helena Democrat chairs a congressional task force on gun violence, created after the Dec. 14 shootings in Newtown, Conn., where 20 students and six adult staff members were shot dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Thompson said the task force is drafting principles that run

the gamut from what sort of gun restrictions should be considered to what to do about assault gun magazines and background checks. About 40 percent of the firearms transactions are done without a background check, he noted.

"There are no easy answers. There is no one issue," said Thompson. "There is no one bill. There is no one person that's going to be able to turn this thing around."

"It's very complex. It covers so many disciplines, it will make your head swim. But the fact of the matter is, we need to work on it."

Referring to mental health services, Thompson said, "We're light-years from where we need to be."

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More Napa Valley College students seek financial aid

Upward of \$11 million awarded last year

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Napa Valley College student Jesus De Haro may one day become a mechanical engineer, but for now he is working 20 hours a week at Kentucky Fried Chicken to pay for school costs not covered by financial aid.

In book costs alone, the 21-year-old has paid \$1,300 this semester for seven or eight textbooks needed for his math and physics courses. In addition to KFC, De Haro works 10 hours a week at the college as a math and physics tutor.

While the cost for books comes out of his pocket, De Haro's tuition is covered through scholarship money and financial aid. De Haro said he applied for financial assistance because his family has limited resources.

"There are six of us in my family — me and my three brothers, my mom, and my dad," De Haro said. "My dad is the only source of income ... He has to support the whole household."

The Napa High School graduate is among roughly 45 percent of students at Napa Valley College who have received financial assistance during the 2012-13 academic year.

The college's financial aid office reports that applications for financial help has increased significantly — despite fewer enrolled students.

Over the past five years, the number of students receiving financial assistance at NVC has increased by about 26 percent.

Meanwhile, state budget cuts have led to course reductions at the college and fewer enrolled students. According to the financial aid office, 12,455 students

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Councilmembers report their economic interests

Paperwork shows stocks, income, real estate holdings

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Members of the Napa City Council have filed their economic interest forms intended to disclose potential conflicts of interest they may have.

The forms are public record and must be filed by a variety of public officials, including those elected at the city and

county level. Per law, the five members of the council must report all investments, income and real property interests located within the city of Napa.

All the members of the council are working part- or full-time, except Scott Sedgley, who retired from the city's fire department in 2011. According to the California Fair Political Practices Commission,

investments in a government defined-benefit pension program, like CalPERS, do not need to be reported.

Councilmembers are required to disclose real property holdings, except if they use those properties only for a residence, according to the FPPC.

Throughout the course of their terms in office, councilmembers may excuse themselves from discussions or votes if their reported financial interests are involved.

The councilmembers

reported the following economic interests:

Juliana Inman

Business — Sole proprietor of Juliana Inman Architect, valued at \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Real property — Owner of residence in 2100 block of First Street, valued at \$100,001 to \$1,000,000.

Real property — Trustee of residence in 2100 block of First Street, valued at \$100,001 to \$1,000,000.

Spouse income — Oracle Corp., valued at \$10,001 to \$100,000.

Peter Mott

Stock — Waddell & Reed, valued at \$10,001 to \$100,000.

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Stock — Fidelity Investments, valued at \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Business — Sole proprietor of Sunmaster, valued at \$100,001 to \$100,000,000.

Trust — Peter and Nancy Mott Revocable Trust, valued at \$10,001 to

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