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**Institute releases housing forecast**

Housing prices in the Sacramento Region will see just a slight increase in 2004 as demand for housing in the area declines from record levels, according to the new CSUS Forecast: Housing Sector Outlook unveiled in December by the California Institute for County Government.

The forecast says the housing market will be dragged down by job losses in the region and rising interest rates. Even so, it says that the overall housing sector will remain a strong part of the local economy.

The forecast predicted sales of new and existing homes would drop in the fourth quarter of 2003 after a record third quarter, and that sales will remain brisk through 2004. It also predicts that the median price of new and existing homes will rise slightly. The forecast says the median price of new homes, which finished 2003 at an annual average of about $300,000, will reach $307,000. It says the median price of existing homes, at an annual average of about $208,000 in late 2003, will reach an average of $220,000 in 2004.

The CSUS Forecast: Housing Sector Outlook is initially expected to be produced twice a year. Like the CSUS Forecast of the region’s job outlook, it is based on an econometric model of the six-county Capital Region, which incorporates data from more than two dozen separate economic variables.

Matthew Newman, the institute’s director, says the new housing outlook

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The CSUS Bulletin welcomes submissions to the Professional Activities Section from faculty, administration and staff. Items are run on a space available basis. They should be no longer than 75 words and may be submitted to bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5290.

Stephan Kroll, economics, gave a talk titled “Global Climate Change and Kyoto: An Economist's Perspective” at the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference in Anaheim and on “Serving Students from Low-income Backgrounds: Considerations for Speech-Language Pathologists” at the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association Leadership Conference in Raleigh, N.C.


Rob Wassmer, public policy and administration, has been invited to be a member of the editorial board of the journal Economic Development Quarterly. He has been designated a research fellow for the California Institute for County Government. He also has an article on “Lessons from California’s Public Elementary Schools Where Performance Exceeds Expectations” accepted for publication in the journal California Politics and Policy. A copy is available at “recent working papers” at http://www.csus.edu/index/wwassmer.

Cynthia Linville, English, has a book chapter accepted for publication. “Editing Line by Line” will appear in Tutoring ESL Students, which will be published this fall.

Mary Mackey, English, has a forthcoming collection of poetry titled Breaking the Fever. Her novel The Last Warrior Queen has just been put in print by the Authors Guild as part of its program to make out-of-print books by artists from 25 states available as a “recent working papers” at http://www.csus.edu/index/wwassmer.

Janice R. Gagerman, social work, has two articles accepted for publication. “The Search for Fullerton and Self Experiences in a Woman’s Psychotherapy Group” will appear in the fall issue of the Clinical Social Work Journal and “Mutual Aid/Support Group for MSW I Students: An Existing Endavor” will appear in the summer issue of Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping.

Dave Zuckerman, communication studies, is serving as panel respondent to “Explorations of Identity, Roles and Relationship ships in Talk” at the 75th annual convention of the Western States Communication Association on Feb. 16. Zuckerman also served as a panel reviewer for the convention.

Education

Brucie Behrman, psychologist, has been selected to the 2004 edition of Who's Who in America.

In the News

Ken Chenen, management, was quoted in the Jan. 25 Sacramento Bee about genetically modified rice and its potential impact on trade.

Cynthia Krogen, student health center, was on KXTV Channel 10 Oct. 10 talking about a CSUS anti-alcohol outreach program in the San Juan Unified School District. She was also quoted in an Oct. 30 Sacramento Bee article on the program.

Michael Fitzgerald, communication studies, had an article published in the Oct. 12 Sacramento Bee on California's Master Plan for Higher Education. He had another opinion piece on the extension of light rail through Natomos published in the Nov. 3 Sacramento Bee.

Roy Sanchez, music, was quoted in an Oct. 23 Sacramento Bee article on his career at CSUS. Claudia Kitka, music, was quoted in the same article.

Gary Dilworth, music, was quoted in an Oct. 5 Sacramento Bee article on the Sacramento Gold Country Chamber Orchestra.

Barbara O'Connor, communication studies, was quoted in the Los Angeles Times in a Sept. 14 article on the year's legislative agenda and an Oct. 31 story about Gov. Gray Davis' response to Southern California wildfires. She was also quoted in an Oct. 12 Orange County Register article on the recall process and in an Oct. 12 Sacramento Bee article on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's relationship with California business. She was also quoted in an Oct. 15 Santa Barbara Press Telegram article on the governor's relationship with President Bush.

Ramona Valley Times quoted her in an Oct. 12 article on Tom McClintock.

Otis Scott, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, was quoted in an Oct. 11 Sacramento Bee article on the impact of the Sacramento Observer, the city's African American newspaper.

Robyn Nelson, nursing, was quoted in an Oct. 10 Sacramento Business Journal article on the shortage of nurses.

Todd Migliaccio, sociology, was quoted in an Oct. 13 Stanford Daily article on the emotional fallout of the recall on Gray Davis.

Ted Lascher, public policy and administration, was quoted in an article that appeared in the Oct. 18 Alameda Times Star, Fremont Argus and Hayward Daily Review and the Oct. 19 Hanford Bull; no on post-recall Democratic fears.

Kimberly Malner, government, was quoted in an Oct. 9 Sacramento Bee commentary on sexual harassment claims against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Robert Fountain, President's Office, was quoted in Oct. 3 Sacramento Business Journal article on the regional housing market and new home sales. He was also quoted in the November issue of Comstock's discussing technology jobs in the Capital Region. The Sacramento Bee quoted him in a Nov. 7 article on the development of a new auto mall in North Natomos.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted in an Oct. 11 San Bernardino Sun article on Gov. Gray Davis' approval of legislation and an Oct. 13 Orange County Register article on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plans to use the initiative process. He was also quoted in an Oct. 9 Sacramento Bee article on the governor's relationship with legislators. He was also quoted in an Oct. 23 Sacramento Bee article on the UC plan to launch a government internship program in Sacramento.

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A new group, the group's CSUS Forecast of the Sacramento Region, which comes out quarterly.

“Housing and construction employment have become important pillars of the local economy. With the region to outperform the rest of the state during the recent downturn,” Newman says. “As we look ahead and prepare our forecasts, it has become increasingly difficult to answer questions about the overall health and direction of the economy without simultaneously understanding the outlook for housing.”

The complete report is available at the institute’s website at www.csg.org.

Math

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Speaking while North Americans treat math as the mediator first. So, when Latin-based countries do long division they don’t have to do the mediating. North Americans do—they already think “four into 20” rather than “20 divided by four.”

Each country indicates more than one way to solve a problem. Another aspect of the project looks at how people varying degrees of language acquisition — monolingual, bilingual and multilingual — interact with their algorithms. For example, he’s found many people in Sacramento from the former Soviet Union know at least three languages. At the same time, they’re very flexible when given a problem and have less of a tendency to stop trying. To them, Orej, says, algebra is just one more language. By looking at how other countries do math, Orej has found that North Americans are more holistic approach. They don’t divide math into algebra, trigonometry and calculus. They put the math all together,” he says. “If people never make it to calculus, it’s like giving someone the cat, but never getting to drive it.”

— Laurie Hall

Scholarship


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A CSUS professor and his students are hoping their computer simulation expertise will lead to a lasting relationship with NASA.

Already, mechanical engineering professor Jose Granda has spent two summers as a faculty fellow research scholar at NASA’s Langley Research Center, sharing how his CAMP-G software can help with its computer simulations for Space Shuttle missions to the International Space Station. His students have expanded on his work during the school year, working with Granda to create three-dimensional animations of the equations and charts. Now, Granda hopes to get involved with NASA’s “morphing” research, an effort to create the next generation of airplanes and other breakthrough products.

As envisioned, morphing airplanes would have new technology that acts much like skin and bone. Scientists involved with the project are using birds and insects as their models, with the goal of building wings that bend and twist so the airplane can fly fast or slow, or even hover.

That fits perfectly with the sort of work Granda and his students do – quickly testing various movements of aircraft, spacecraft and other vehicles. One student, for instance, interned with Disney and now has a tentative job offer to test the company’s ride designs after graduation. Two other students are applying to NASA to work this summer, and students in a dynamics of machinery class have developed prototypes of mechanisms to allow future airplanes to flex their wings.

At the heart of their work is the CAMP-G software that Granda has designed and improved over the last 20 years. The software automatically generates engineering ideas directly into computer code, saving hours of work. That code can then be used for various types of advanced simulation software.

“You use these models to prevent systems from operating at a dangerous level. Our work helps generate the models more quickly and easily,” Granda says.

The 3-D modeling component is an added benefit. It’s hard for the engineers to envision when they just have a piece of paper with a list of calculations,” he says. “There can be too many variables. So it helps to actually see the object moving, and make adjustments from there.”

Granda is preparing two proposals for NASA grant funding that would support campus-based research. He’s also brought NASA teleconferences to campus, and hopes to take a student with him for a planned third summer as a NASA researcher. NASA has recognized Granda’s work by selecting him to represent the materials and structures competency in a national research competition.

More on Granda’s work is at http://gsa.ecc.csus.edu/~grandajj. For more on NASA’s morphing research, visit http://science.nasa.gov and search for “morphing.”

– Frank Whital Jr.
HYPNOTIC HILARITY

Hypnotist Tom Deluca will once again present a mesmerizing and entertaining evening at CSUS with his award-winning show at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 15, in the Union Ballroom. Deluca combines the power of suggestion with the innate creative and audience volunteer for hilarious results. At his prompting, on-stage participants may behave like cartoon characters, imitate aliens or even sing favorite TV theme songs from their childhoods. All the students are presented in the spirit of good-natured entertainment.

“He approaches it to forgo the gimmickry in order to reveal the fun and wonder hidden in the attics of his volunteers’ minds. There are moments of joy and happiness on stage,” says noting stone magazine.

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