San Jose housing market places among least affordable in world

BY SELINA RAMIREZ STAFF WRITER

Demographia’s 13th Annual International Housing Affordability Survey recently ranked San Jose as the fifth least affordable housing market in the world. The survey rates middle-income housing affordability in nine countries using the “median multiple” principle. Affordability is calculated by dividing median home price by gross annual median household income. For example, if the median home price in San Jose is $1 million and the median household income is $104,100, the score would be 9.6.

“We’re in a disequilibrium situation,” said communications senior Adria De Lozada, who pays the roof. “Prices are driving through the roof. Many San Jose residents share the same frustrations as I do. I pay more and more rent every time they renew their lease, if they renew it. The survey links urban containment policy, or regulations on the development of land in and outside urban areas, with loss of affordability in housing markets in California.

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**SF stands up for undocumented immigrants**

By Kevin Mistry

San Francisco attorney Dennis Herrera announced Tuesday morning that he will be suing President Donald Trump, saying the president does not understand the Constitution in regards to executive orders and sanctuary cities.

In the first time any city has attempted to sue Trump, Herrera said in a press conference that he knows how hard the fight will be, but knows the sanctuary city policies in place protect a lot of people.

According to a UCLA study, 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school each year, of those students, 26,000 (40 percent) live in California.

Last year San Jose residents marched and rallied to try and make San Jose a sanctuary city like San Francisco.

**What is a sanctuary city?**

This is a title given to a city which houses illegal immigrants. According to Aspenlaw.com, the term is used when cities do not permit municipal funds or resources to be used to enforce federal immigration laws. It does not allow police or municipal employees to inquire about someone’s immigration status.

The news of the lawsuit will be a positive for SJSU students who had no trouble protecting a lot of people.

Like San Francisco, San Jose has a large population of immigrants so this lawsuit will have a heavy effect on the Bay Area, should it go through.

“I am proimmigration, I think we have a lot of opportunity here in the United States,” said radio, television and film student John Beckmooy. “And I think that the people who want an opportunity at that, should be allowed to.”

Herrera intends to do what he can to fight Trump against his order because the Bay Area, which is full of undocumented immigrants, deserves to feel safe.

**INJUSTICE**

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many incidents of discrimination and harassment are easily neglected. The lack of statistics and the practices easily veils the actual number of hate crimes.

Talks centered not only on explicit acts of hate such as physical or verbal harassment, but also implicit acts of hate that are too easily overlooked.

Speaker Ana Maria of project Sentinel described implicit acts as a hate crime with a smile and a very professional business demeanor. These range in clarity from intentional discrimination to quiet stereotyping.

Other notable attendees included Zahra Bibi of the Council on American Islamic Relations who suggested legal workshops for vulnerable social groups. Magan Ray of the American Civil Liberties Union, preached about the importance of realizing that the discreet is patriotic.

Addressing what can be done, CEO of Law Foundation of Silicon Valley (LFSV) Allison Brunner presented a pro bono partnership between LFSV and Santa Clara County in order to take on some of those hate crime cases that plague local communities. Others proposed setting up hate crime hotlines to deal with incidents in the same way suicide hotlines have been established.

This nightly ended with a number of potential propositions intended to protect socially vulnerable groups such as ethnic minorities, religious minorities and LGBTQ members from persecution. Potential partnerships with local legal groups and educational workshops were particularly popular proposals among speakers. Although many ideas were thrown around, no clear decisions were made.

**COST**

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find other areas of their life affected by the cost of rent.

“This is my fourth year living in San Jose and I pay more and more rent each year.”

Maya Zabih

Communications senior

“ ‘If a affects every single thing that I do,’ said marketing senior Elyse Maclu, ‘I have to budget everything else around rent because it’s what takes most of my money.’

According to data from Rent Jungle, a search engine that tracks apartment rental prices, an average two-bedroom apartment in San Jose costs around $2,500, placing most middle income households out of reach of middle income household.

‘Most of the jobs that pay enough to afford the cost of living here are high level positions,’ Bobe said. ‘It’s like Silicon Valley is the new home for the one percent.’

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Faculty members share artwork with students

By Isabelle Tham | Staff Writer

The department of art and art history held a walk-through gallery Tuesday night to showcase work crafted by the spatial arts faculty. This is the first exhibition in the semester’s Tuesday Night Lecture Series.

Spatial art covers a multitude of media, styles and techniques that include working with ceramics, glass, metal and casting. Commonly, the art is presented in three-dimensional forms. The faculty presented their work and spoke about its development and context to an audience of over fifty people in the Thompson Art Gallery.

“THERE’S A symbiotic relationship between my studio practice and my teaching practice,” said Adam Shvedecker, a spatial arts professor. Shvedecker said both his studio and teaching practices are interested in experimentation. “I’m always tinkering around, trying to replicate or create something in a new way.”

He said that when working with ceramics, looking at the different kinds of glazes and how they interact with each other is largely chemistry based. To Shvedecker, science is a large driving force in his work.

Shvedecker used nickel wire and porcelain in all of his work presented Tuesday night. Among his pieces, one presented was a small scale wire and porcelain depiction of the Space Shuttle Challenger hanging from the ceiling – a homage to his childhood memory of the 1986 NASA disaster.

Shvedecker said the conversation and dialogue in his classroom is immensely important to him, adding that his students are a big inspiration to his work.

Minami Oya, an MFA student concentrating in spatial art, attributed to the same factor of inspiration about her professors.

“These faculty members are my heroes,” Oya said.

Oya graduated with a degree in nursing from San Francisco State University where she took a glassblowing class as an elective and immediately got hooked.

“The first day I touched molten glass I fell in love. This is where my path is at,” Oya said.

Oya said her mentor is Cassandra Straubing, a glass arts professor. Straubing displayed her piece titled “Eggshells,” a mixed media work that addressed fertility and womanhood.

“A rocking chair sits on an array of glass blown spheres, some broken and some still intact. She said the spheres represented the eggs that women are born with – but the broken ones are a depiction of the issues surrounding rape and sexual violence.”

“It’s monumental [to see faculty art] to students like me because you don’t normally see all these talents and their beautiful artwork unless it’s in a show,” Oya said.

Regarding the meaning of art, Oya said it means to be true to yourself.

“It’s [art] very rewarding,” said Quan Wang, a BFA student in photography.

Wang said she initially began her career with a point and shoot camera in middle school, developing an affinity for photographing her friends’ everyday interactions. Wang now acts as the official photographer for the Thompson Art Gallery.

“This is a way of remembering something and being able to share it with other people, as a moment, situation or person,” Wang said. “[It’s] right in front of someone in their identity and essence.”

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ALBUM REVIEW

“Bad and Boujee” number one, “Culture” number two

By Andre Jaquez | Staff Writer

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The meme-ings of life for our generation

Everyone at airports that belong to America, you are a fabric of who we are and we love you and we welcome you

Ashton Kutcher

In the show's opener, Ashton Kutcher introduced the stage to viewers who had not yet seen any and all refugees into our American life. Good evening fellow SAG AFTRA members, everyone at home, and everyone at airports that belong in my country. That day I was inspired. After winning Best Actress in a TV Movie or Miniseries for her work in "American Crime Story," Sarah Paulson used her brief time on stage here to stay.

The meme trend seems like it's here to stay. There are endless versions will come and go, but memes play a relevant role and will evolve along with life and events. The Kermit the Frog meme became popular in 2016 among millennials discussing the inner wants of Hollywood and women of Hollywood stand on.

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I “Wish” for a different discount shopping app

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Wish is a popular shopping app that claims to offer designer-inspired clothing at猛地ly cheap prices. With their slogan being “Shopping Made Fun,” I wouldn’t call losing money, poor customer service and horrible product quality fun.

Upon signing up, the site boasts a “100 percent satisfaction guarantee.” You will think with a claim like that, there would be nothing to lose. Sure, if you would be surprised if it looks nothing like what was advertised.

According to the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Wish has a whopping 604 complaints with 86 percent of reviews being negative. Honestly, it makes you wonder why consumers continue placing orders just to be scammed when all of this information is a quick Google search away.

Wish customer Jade wrote of her experience on the BBB.

“Wish is one of the worst companies I have ever ordered from,” Jade said. “Products are almost never as advertised. The company uses pictures from other people to sell their cheap knock-offs. Many items are cheaply made, the sizing is off, and often take over a month to be delivered.”

If you honestly think you are going to pay five dollars for a designer inspired jacket, you’ve got another thing coming. That pleather jacket you drooled over? Don’t be surprised if it looks nothing like what was advertised.

My experience doesn’t come from the Wish app but from Dresslily, a site pushing the same products with the same deals. One October afternoon I received a Facebook notification for a $20 off-white retro inspired lace dress. It was totally up my alley so I matched it up.

Little did I know that this would be my first time being catfished on the internet. After three frustrating months, trying to track a package with a useless tracking number and got in touch with customer service, my dream dress finally arrived but it looked nothing like the photo.

My definition of off-white and Dresslily’s definition differed after a little. The dress wasn’t off-white by typical standards, it was yellow and looked like they cut the pattern out of an old tablecloth. The dress was poorly constructed with uneven hemlines, a crooked neckline and it even had tears in the lace. It was so horrendous that I couldn’t wait to put it on and laugh at myself.

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Five or ten dollars here and there may not seem like much but in the end, especially when spent on items you have no choice but to give or throw away. In situations where you’re looking for cheap duds, you’re probably either stripped for cash or looking for savings. You might as well just throw your hard earned money away. Ordering the knockoff clothing from apps like Wish and Dresslily is not worth the time, money and frustrations. Save yourself the headache and go to the mall.

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9 6 8 3 1 4 5 2
5 1 6 9 2 8 4 7
7 8 4 6 5 6 5 3
6 3 5 7 2 9 1 8
8 4 3 1 7 5 9 2
5 3 1 7 9 2 8 4
8 2 4 7 5 6 3 9

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Sudoku Puzzle

9 7 2 1 6 3 4 5 8
8 1 3 5 2 4 7 9 6
4 6 8 3 1 7 9 2 5
5 1 6 9 2 8 4 7 3
2 9 7 8 6 5 1 3 4
6 3 5 7 2 9 1 8 4
3 5 7 2 1 4 6 8 9
7 2 4 6 5 1 9 3 8

Across
1. String to be passed
2. The end of a performance of a play
3. Public relations or lack thereof
4. A package
5. Shoes
6. Track
7. Common
8. A schedule
9. A measure of time
10. A piece of clothing
11. A wish
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Down
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Solve the puzzle and send your entry to spartan@dailynewspaper.com. Your entry must be received by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.
Mid-conference recaps: What’s working and what needs work

By Payje Redmond

The San Jose State women’s basketball team (7-14, 4-5 MW) picked up a timely win over the University of Nevada Las Vegas last Saturday and is now in the middle of a bye week.

With nine conference games completed and nine more to go, now is the time to gear up and reflect.

Dating back to late December, SJSU won a significant game against Nevada, UNLV and an exciting 81-80 overtime victory over San Diego State in which senior guard Dezz Ramos rattled in a game-winning buzzer-beater with 0.3 seconds left.

“This win puts a new life into the team,” said head coach Jamie Craighead.

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