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Residential

STRATMOR: TRID is Boosting Customer Satisfaction

One of the big questions mortgage lenders and others involved in the mortgage process have been asking for the past year is whether the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) new TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure (TRID) rules will result in any measurable improvement in customer satisfaction.

By: Orb Staff, Mortgage Orb, March 29, 2016

Read more: <http://mortgageorb.com/stratmor-trid-is-boosting-customer-satisfaction>

Pending Home Sales Rise Boosts Housing Market Optimism

Pending home sales, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, reached a new seven-month high at the end of February, thanks to a big boost of sales activity in the Midwest, according to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR).

By: Mike Wheatley, Realty Biz News, March 29, 2016

Read more: <http://realtybiznews.com/pending-home-sales-rise-boosts-housing-market-optimism/98732468>

CFPB Partners with Zillow to Collect Homebuyer Information

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau wants more information about homebuyers and it's willing to pay for it.

By: Ben Lane, HousingWire, March 22, 2016

Read more: <http://www.housingwire.com/articles/36572-cfpb-partners-with-zillow-to-collect-homebuyer-information>

New Standards for American Land Title Association (ALTA) Surveys Take Effect

The most common set of standards for surveys of commercial property changed in late February, and although the changes are subtle, they affect what can be shown on a land survey and how to place orders for land surveys.

By: Andrew M. Gammill and Jana L. Willsey, The National Law Review, March 22, 2016

Read more: <http://www.natlawreview.com/article/new-standards-american-land-title-association-alta-surveys-take-effect>

VR Headsets: Real Estate Game Changer?

The day is coming when buyers will slip on a virtual reality headset and be transported to a home where they can wander from room to room and size up whether it feels right without actually visiting.

By: Melissa Dittman Tracey, REALTOR®Mag, March 1, 2016

Read more: <http://realtormag.realtor.org/technology/feature/article/2016/03/vr-headsets-real-estate-game-changer#sf22725438>

Green Wordplay: What's in a Name?

Would-be buyers of "green" homes may not be speaking the same language as the builders who are putting them up.

By: Lew Sichelman, Uexpress, March 11, 2016

Read more: <http://www.uexpress.com/housing-scene/2016/3/11/green-wordplay-whats-in-a-name>

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Commercial

Commercial Real Estate Credit Crunch Coming?

Lenders may fund fewer risky real estate projects this year than in 2015 as a six-year recovery in commercial property values shows signs of aging.

By: Mike Seemuth, Bloomberg, March 20, 2016

Read more: <http://therealdeal.com/miami/2016/03/20/commercial-real-estate-credit-crunch-coming>

The 1,900 Year Old Commercial Real Estate Listing

In 79 AD, the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum were famously destroyed by the eruption of nearby Mount Vesuvius, a volcano found near the Mediterranean coast of modern-day Italy at the Gulf of Naples.

By: Wayne Grohl, Commercial Source, March 23, 2016

Read more: <http://blog.commercialsources.com/the-1900-year-old-commercial-real-estate-listing>

5 Big Changes Coming to Real Estate

From a true lack of land to the extinction of the check-in desk in hotels, here are five coming trends that will change the face of commercial real estate we learned during our 2016 Development & Construction Forum.

By: Jarred Schenke, BISNOW, March 23, 2016

Read more: <https://www.bisnow.com/national/news/commercial-real-estate/5-changes-coming-to-cre-57782>

Tech-Heavy CRE Markets at Risk of Slowdown

While the recent tech boom has been beneficial to several CRE markets, can the momentum last in the face of current U.S. economic concerns?

By: Dees Stribling, Commercial Property Executive, March 22, 2016

Read more: <https://www.cpexecutive.com/post/economy-watch-tech-heavy-cre-markets-at-risk-of-slowdown>

Great Office Views: Why More Companies Want Staff to Like What They See

As our cities become more dense, having a half-decent view from the workplace window of water, a splash of greenery, a busy street or even of the cafe below is becoming increasingly important.

By: Sue Williams, Commercial Real Estate, March 23, 2016

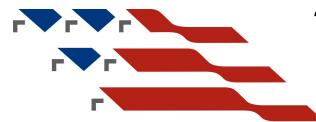
Read more: <http://www.commercialrealestate.com.au/news/great-office-views-why-more-companies-want-staff-to-like-what-they-see>

Office Sector to Deliver Strong Performance in 2016

Investors should keep the office sector on their radars, as metrics from a number of research and investment firms point to a strong performance in the years ahead.

By: Diana Bell, National Real Estate Investor, March 9, 2016

Read more: <http://nreionline.com/office/office-sector-deliver-strong-performance-2016>



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