

NEWS BRIEF

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Residential

Treasury, IRS Give Big Win to Real Estate Professionals in Qualified Business Income Rule

The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service have issued final regulations regarding the new 20 percent deduction on qualified business income.

By: National Association of REALTORS® Newsroom, January 22, 2019

Read more: <https://www.nar.realtor/newsroom/treasury-irs-give-big-win-to-real-estate-professionals-in-qualified-business-income-rule>

The Mortgage Industry Isn't Ready for a Foreclosure Crisis Created by Climate Change

The threat to real estate from increasingly extreme weather brought on by climate change is clear, but the threat to the nation's mortgage market is only beginning to come into focus.

By: Diana Olick and Erica Posse, CNBC, January 17, 2019

Read more: <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/01/16/potential-for-foreclosure-crisis-because-of-climate-change-is-real.html>

When Income Isn't Enough for Homeownership

Self-employment may provide some professionals a sense of freedom and control they may not feel in full-time salaried positions; but when it comes to purchasing a home, these professionals may have fewer options than their salaried counterparts.

By: Krista Franks Brock, DSNews, January 15, 2019

Read more: <https://dsnews.com/daily-dose/01-15-2019/when-income-isnt-enough-for-homeownership>

The Four Most Common Mortgage and Real Estate Scams and How to Avoid Them

In 2017 alone, 9,645 victims reported real estate fraud, resulting in losses of more than \$56.2 million, according to data from the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

By: Deborah Kearns, The Inquirer, January 26, 2019

Read more: <http://www.philly.com/real-estate/how-to-avoid-real-estate-scams-ftc-complaints-20190126.html>

Homeowners Who Move the Most May Make the Most

Moving may help homeowners see higher profits from the sale of their property, suggests a new study that links homeowners' tenure in their homes to price appreciation.

By: National Association of REALTORS®, Daily News, January 25, 2019

Read more: <https://magazine.realtor/daily-news/2019/01/25/homeowners-who-move-the-most-may-make-the-most>

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Commercial

How Digital Amenities Are Disrupting Commercial Real Estate

The golden rule of "location, location, location" that has guided industry wisdom for years is no longer as simple as it seems.

By: Chris Vroman, MRI Real Estate Software, January 15, 2019

Read more: <https://www.mrisoftware.com/blog/digital-amenities-disrupting-commercial-real-estate>

Vacant Offices Plus Housing Crunch: U.S. Cities Try to Solve a Riddle

Converting unoccupied office space may be an option to increase the supply of affordable rental housing.

By: Carey L. Biron, Reuters, January 16, 2019

Read more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-housing-development/vacant-offices-plus-housing-crunch-us-cities-try-to-solve-a-riddle-idUSKCN1PA1GS>

The (Data) Science of The Deal: How AI Will Transform Commercial Real Estate

Artificial intelligence is infusing virtually every sector of the modern economy, and real estate is no exception.

By: Guy Zipori, Forbes Real Estate Council, contributor, Forbes, January 23, 2019

Read more: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesrealestatecouncil/2019/01/23/the-data-science-of-the-deal-how-ai-will-transform-commercial-real-estate/#626f58e94200>

Recession May Be Coworking's Bogeyman

The meteoric rise in coworking continued to march forward in 2018 stoking near-term confidence; the future for flexible work spaces, experts say, is less certain.

By: James Pero, Real Estate Weekly, January 23, 2019

Read more: <https://rew-online.com/recession-may-be-coworkings-bogeyman>

Commercial Real Estate Lending Had a Banner Year in 2018

Records were meant to be broken; multifamily lending, in particular, has enjoyed a good run.

By: Nellie Day, REBusiness Online, January 28, 2019

Read more: <https://rebusinessonline.com/commercial-real-estate-lending-had-a-banner-year-in-2018>