

News Brief



Residential

This Start-Up Will 3D Print Your House...For \$10K

San Francisco-based Apis Cor reported on its blog that on a cold day last December it (and a number of its partners) built an entire 400 square foot house with its custom printer and it only cost \$10,000.

By: Gene Marks, *The Washington Post*, March 7, 2017

Read more: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/on-small-business/wp/2017/03/07/this-start-up-will-3d-print-your-house-for-10k/?utm_term=.b84c75528d86

Jimmy Buffett To Open String Of Margaritaville Retirement Homes By 2018

The golden years are looking even brighter with news that Jimmy Buffett is planning to open a string of luxurious Margaritaville retirement home communities, the first in Daytona Beach, Florida.

By: Dana Feldman, *Contributor, Forbes*, March 6, 2017

Read more: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/danafeldman/2017/03/06/jimmy-buffett-to-open-string-of-margaritaville-retirement-homes-by-2018/#5fa3ffe3b32e>

New Credit Policy: Good For Consumers, Worrisome For Lenders

What could be a boon for some homebuyers — their credit scores will get a surprise boost — might prove worrisome for mortgage lenders, landlords and others who depend on credit reports to evaluate their potential customers.

By: Kenneth R. Harney, *The Nation's Housing, Chicago Tribune*, March 7, 2017

Read more: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/real-estate/ct-re-0312-kenneth-harney-20170308-column.html>

Ellie Mae: Homebuyers Prioritize Technology, But Still Want Personal Interaction

Homebuyers of all ages are calling for an increase in technology in their home buying experience, but are not willing to let go of the personal touch loan officers bring, according to Ellie Mae's 2017 Borrower Insights Survey.

By: Kelsey Ramirez, *HousingWire*, March 8, 2017

Read more: <http://www.housingwire.com/articles/39520-ellie-mae-homebuyers-prioritize-technology-but-still-want-personal-interaction>

Top Trade Organizations Support Barring Use of Fannie, Freddie G-Fees for Federal Spending

A consortium of the housing industry's top trade organizations declared their collective support for an ongoing effort in Congress to permanently bar the use of funds raised from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's guarantee fees to cover federal spending in areas not related to mortgages.

By: Ben Lane, *HousingWire*, March 10, 2017

Read more: <http://www.housingwire.com/articles/39541-top-trade-organizations-support-barring-use-of-fannie-freddie-g-fees-for-federal-spending>

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Commercial

When Is 'Ugly' a Negative Influence on Value of Commercial Real Estate?

When proportion, balance, form, and function come together in delicate harmony, the architecture of commercial real estate (CRE) can be nothing short of an art form.

By: Michael Allen, *Bloomberg*, March 15, 2017

Read more: <https://www.bna.com/ugly-negative-influence-n57982085216/>

The Future of Virtual Reality In CRE

The adoption of virtual reality in commercial real estate is changing the way buildings/units are designed, marketed, leased and sold.

By: David McGlothlin, *AZBIGMEDIA*, March 30, 2017

Read more: <http://azbigmedia.com/azre-magazine/future-virtual-reality-cre>

How Receivership Works in Commercial Real Estate

While no one is happy when a foreclosure occurs, it does allow a lender to recoup funds it may lose when a borrower defaults.

By: PropertyMetrics, *March 30, 2017*

Read more: <https://www.propertymetrics.com/blog/2017/03/30/how-receivership-works-in-commercial-real-estate>

CRE Opinion: A Single Tip to Make This Year Your Best Yet

Every year we think that political, social, and economic events just can't get any worse.

By: Susan Arledge, *D Magazine*, March 6, 2017

Read more: <https://www.dmagazine.com/commercial-real-estate/2017/03/cre-opinion-a-single-tip-to-make-this-year-your-best-yet/>

Can Supermarkets Save Dying Suburban Malls?

For decades, department stores like Macy's and Sears have anchored sprawling suburban malls.

By: Thomas Heath, *The Washington Post*, March 10, 2017

Read more: https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/capitalbusiness/can-supermarkets-save-dying-suburban-malls/2017/03/10/290b522e-0436-11e7-b9fa-ed727b644a0b_story.html?utm_term=.67700d161dc

How to Protect Yourself From Ransomware

Meet the new hostage crisis: "Ransomware," which involves using malicious software to hold people's computer files for ransom.

By: Robert Hackett, *Fortune*, March 13, 2017

Read more: <http://fortune.com/2017/03/13/ransomware-protection-tips/>