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COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FORECAST 2014-2015

Non-residential real estate values should rise at a modest-to-moderate pace in the coming two years, with stronger operating earnings partially offset by rising interest rates.

By: Bill Conerly, Contributor, Forbes, March 27, 2014 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/billconerly/2014/03/27/commercial-real-estate-forecast-2014-2015/>

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION RETREATS FROM FULL-MONTH INTEREST CHARGES ON CLOSINGS

Can you be charged interest on your mortgage even after you've fully paid it off?

By: Kenneth R. Harney, The Washington Post, March 28, 2014 | To read the article in full, please visit: http://www.washingtonpost.com/realestate/federal-housing-administration-retreats-from-full-month-interest-charges-on-closings/2014/03/27/831e5940-b4ee-11e3-b899-20667de76985_story.html

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE HIKE DELAY BECOMES LAW

The White House signed into law comprehensive legislation designed to delay planned rate hikes for flood insurance originally designed to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, which is in debt to the tune of more than \$24 billion.

By: Trey Garrison, HousingWire, March 21, 2014 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.housingwire.com/articles/29400-flood-insurance-rate-hike-delay-becomes-law>

96% OF MARKETS BETTER OFF THAN IN 2010

A new report by RealtyTrac shows that 96 percent of the counties that they track are better off than they were four years ago. But still, there's a ways to go in the housing market, with only 8 percent of the 410 U.S. counties analyzed faring better than they did during the housing boom eight years ago.

By: Daily Real Estate News, March 31, 2014 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2014/03/31/96-markets-better-in-2010>

DID THE FORECLOSURE RATE REALLY GET CUT IN HALF?

The performance of first-lien mortgages serviced by large national and federal savings banks continued to improve in the fourth quarter of 2013, according to a report by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

By: Jacob Gaffney, HousingWire, March 31, 2014 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.housingwire.com/articles/29469-did-the-foreclosure-rate-really-get-cut-in-half>

THE AMERICAN DREAM: DOES IT STILL INCLUDE OWNING A HOME?

Maybe not the picket fence, but definitely the house.

By: Diana Olick, NBCNews.com, March 21, 2014 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/real-estate/american-dream-does-it-still-include-owning-home-n58706>

FANNIE MAE EXTENDS CLOSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEPATH PROPERTIES

Fannie Mae announced Thursday, March 27th, it is extending the 3.5 percent closing cost assistance for HomePath properties purchased during the First Look period in 27 states.

By: Colin Robins, DSNews, March 28, 2014 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://dsnews.com/fannie-mae-extends-closing-assistance-homepath-properties/>



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