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# NEWS BRIEF

## Residential

### What a Ride! An Eye-Opening Look Back at the Highest (and Lowest) Real Estate Moments of the Decade

Don't worry if you've forgotten some of the steps along the way—we've recapped the highs and lows of the decade that changed everything!

By: Clare Trapasso, *realtor.com*®, December 9, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.realtor.com/news/trends/biggest-housing-news-of-the-decade-that-defined-real-estate>

### Mortgage Lenders Are Now in the Experience Business

To remain successful in 2020, lenders need to place an emphasis on technology that supports a better experience for all parties involved.

By: Rick Mount, *MortgageOrb*, December 17, 2019

**Read more:** <https://mortgageorb.com/mortgage-lenders-are-now-in-the-experience-business>

### This New Trend in House Selling Could Cast a Cloud Over America's Property Market

There are potential drawbacks to the rise of iBuying; some research has shown that homeowners may lose money by selling to an iBuyer.

By: Jacob Passy, *MarketWatch*, December 11, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/this-new-trend-in-house-selling-could-cast-a-cloud-over-americas-property-market-2019-12-11>

### 12 First-Time Home Buyer Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Here are 12 mistakes that first-time home buyers make — and what to do instead.

By: Holden Lewis, *Nerd Wallet*, December 6, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.kshb.com/money/financial-fitness/12-first-time-home-buyer-mistakes-and-how-to-avoid-them>

### The Median Age of Homebuyers is Now 47. How Did That Happen?

Despite recent data that younger generations are beginning to buy houses, on the whole, those same generations are waiting far longer than their parents did to buy their first house.

By: Julia Falcon, *HousingWire*, December 6, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.housingwire.com/articles/the-median-age-of-homebuyers-is-now-47-how-did-that-happen>



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## Commercial

### Delivery Dilemma: Americans Are Ordering More, But The U.S. Can Only Handle So Much

Though the U.S. has added around 1 billion square feet of warehouse space in the past six years, the vacancy rate is near a historic low and rent is still rising, according to CBRE data.

By: David Ingram, *NBC News*, December 23, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/delivery-dilemma-americans-are-ordering-more-u-s-can-only-n1106426>

### Parking Lots, Once Asphalt Wasteland, Become Golden Opportunities

Soaring property values have created opportunities for owners of an overlooked, underdeveloped asset: the surface parking lot.

By: Tom Acitelli, *The New York Times*, December 3, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/03/business/parking-lot-death-redevelopment.html>

### What You Need to Know About CRE in 2020

Yet another good year for commercial real estate investment is about to end, experts agree, and momentum across the market is expected to maintain.

By: Laura Calugar, *Commercial Property Executive*, December 24, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.cprexecutive.com/post/what-you-need-to-know-about-cre-in-2020>

### Why Billion-Dollar Portfolios Shouldn't Be Managed on Spreadsheets

As more commercial real estate players are adopting disruptive technologies and the numerous FinTech and PropTech firms continue refining their innovative solutions, companies that embrace technology today will have a distinct advantage.

By: Scott G. Keith, contributor, *Propmodo*, December 14, 2019

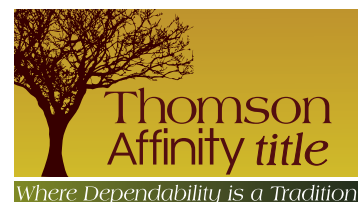
**Read more:** <https://www.propmodo.com/why-billion-dollar-portfolios-shouldnt-be-managed-on-spreadsheets>

### Five Policy Issues that Could Affect Commercial Real Estate in 2020

Policy debates will take place from the halls of Congress to local city councils that could have significant impacts on the commercial real estate industry.

By: Joe Banister, *Bisnow*, December 12, 2019

**Read more:** <https://www.bisnow.com/washington-dc/news/economy/5-policy-issues-that-could-affect-commercial-real-estate-in-2020-102204>



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