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# News Brief

## Residential

### Just How Intense Has Homebuying Competition Become?

House hunters, especially those seeking a higher-end single-family home, should be prepared for some fierce competition.

By: Christina Hughes Babb, *The MReport*, March 26, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3tZ5L3s>

### Lenders Accepting Bitcoin as Down Payment on Home Purchases

As of this week, you can use Bitcoin or any cryptocurrency (which, mysteriously, is unregulated and lacks a central authority) to buy anything from your starter home to your palatial palace – without any thought about how you propose to come up with the monthly house payment.

By: Jeff Lazerson, *The Orange County Register*, March 25, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3m62Jrx>

### Golf Properties Are Once Again in High Demand

After five years of closures around the country, golf courses are once again gaining popularity.

By: REALTOR® Magazine, *Daily News*, March 22, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3cwDQBx>

### FBI Report Reveals Cybercrime Victims Lost \$4.2 Billion in 2020

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has published its annual report (PDF) for 2020, and it revealed that cybercrime victims in the US reported a total loss of \$4.2 billion for the year.

By: Mariella Moon, *Yahoo! Finance*, March 18, 2021

Read more: <https://yhoo.it/3dgggZy>

### Should You Get Mortgage Advice on TikTok?

While TikTok is originally known for videos of pranks and dance routines, personal finance advice, including mortgage content, has begun to surface on the platform.

By: Natalie Campisi, *Forbes Advisor Staff*, March 12, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/39rfqYJ>

## Commercial

### Forget Commercial Real Estate Predictions for 2021:

#### Let's Talk About 2031 Instead

The key to success for developers and investors during such tumultuous times is remembering we aren't only building for the year ahead; we're building for five, 10, 15 years down the road.

By: Erik Hayden, *Forbes Real Estate Council*, March 25, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3rAPikg>

### How the 3-2-2 Workweek Will Impact Commercial Real Estate

As employers evaluate the costs and benefits of office space and employees demand long-term remote work options, the 3-2-2 workweek could be a compelling option for many companies.

By: Kenny Kane, *Propmodo*, March 25, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3rE6G7I>

### Confidence in Commercial Real Estate Values Varies Widely by Sector

There are endless ways to analyze the impact of the past year on commercial property valuations, but one useful metric is tracking the prevalence of rent gains across the various property types.

By: Sam Tenenbaum, David Kahn, and Chelsea McCready, *CoStar*, March 22, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3cAvBEX>

### Right-Sizing Corporate Real Estate Portfolios In 2021

For organizations to rebound from the impact of COVID-19, this is a critical year to evaluate the role of commercial office space and square footage needs.

By: Brian Haines, *Facility Executive*, March 11, 2021

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3sCgrVq>

### Top 10 Metro Areas with the Strongest Commercial Market Conditions

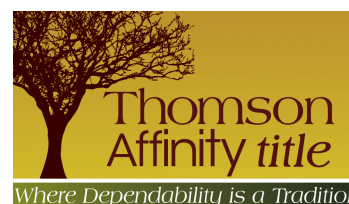
NAR identified the top commercial real estate markets based on the most recent data on 25 indicators.

By: National Association of REALTORS®, March 10, 2021

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