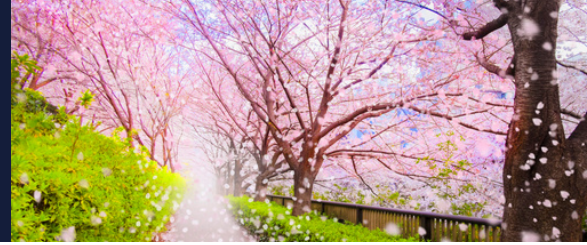
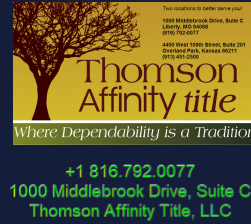


April News Brief



Residential News

US judge strikes down rule targeting money laundering in real estate

By Luc Cohen, Reuters.com, March 20, 2026

A U.S. judge has struck down a Treasury Department rule aimed at curbing money laundering in real estate by requiring that the beneficial owners of companies buying real estate in cash be disclosed.

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Mortgage rates are breaking higher — and things can get worse with Iran conflict

By Logan Mohtashami, housingwire.com, March 20, 2026

The Iran conflict helped push the 10-year yield to 4.38% Friday, raising the risk of higher mortgage rates during the spring season. With oil risks and shifting Fed tone, the high end of a 6.50% to 6.75% mortgage rate range is now in play.

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Sen. Merkley on Senate housing bill, tackling home affordability and regulating prediction markets

By Squawk Box, CNBC, March 18, 2026

Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) joins Squawk Box to discuss the fate of the Senate housing bill, prohibiting institutional investors from purchasing single-family homes, tackling housing affordability, banning public officials from profiting in prediction markets, and more.

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Commercial News

Private credit exodus boosts commercial real estate

By Diana Olick, Money Movers, cnbc.com, March 19, 2026

As investors move out of private credit, where can investors go next? That might be commercial real estate, say analysts.

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Rekindling urgency: A Spring Selling 2026 homebuilders elegy

By John McManus, housingwire.com, March 23, 2026

In a market where affordability is improving but conviction is fading, builders must reignite belief – "own the narrative" – not just close deals.

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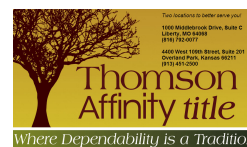


Office Space Absorption, Rent Growth See Regional Hikes

By Lauren Pinch, realtor.com, March 25, 2026

Unique dynamics in metro areas mean that some office and multifamily markets are on the upswing while others still face negative absorption and lower rent prices.

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