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Good News...Pending Sales Up for Third Consecutive Month

Record low mortgage interest rates boosted NAR's forward-looking pending home sales index 6.7 percent in April to 90.3 from a reading of 84.6 in March, and is 3.2 percent above April 2008 when it was 87.5. "Housing affordability conditions have been at historic highs, but now the \$8,000 first-time buyer tax credit is beginning to impact the market, too," says NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun.

Congratulations to our "Big Man in the Big Easy"!

Mark Inman, managing broker for Coldwell Banker Commercial TEC, has been recognized as one of NAR's "Top 30 Under 30". Mark is featured in the article "30 Under 30" in the June issue of REALTOR® magazine (page 32). Way to go, Mark!

More Congratulations!!!

to **Lewis Stirling**, executive VP and partner of Stirling Properties, who received the 2009 "Renovator's Award" for the Border's Bookstore in the Garden District. Congratulations Lewis!

Warning Re Reported Incidents Relative to Safety of Children

It has been reported by two separate sources that 2 white males driving a white van (looked like a work van but with no lettering on it) in Metairie has approached children playing in the front of their houses. In one instance the passenger got out and asked the boy if he wanted candy. In the other instance the van kept driving back and forth in front of a home where children were playing. We encourage you to speak to your children about safety in such situations and to notify the police if such incidents occur in your neighborhood that you feel may cause alarm for the safety of children.

NOMAR's 1st Annual Housing Fair Saturday, June 6th

from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at NOMAR. The Fair is offered by the NOMAR Affordable Housing Committee will be open to the public. For more info call Tranell, Letitia or Diana at (504) 885-3200.

Deadline to register for NOMAR's 22nd Annual Bowling Tournament

Join us **Friday, June 12th** at the AMF All Star Lanes in Kenner 12:00-5:00pm. Best team costume wins a cash prize of \$150.00. Great door prizes will be given during event. **Deadline to register is Monday, June 8th**. Don't bowl, that's ok for just \$20.00 you can participate in our door prize drawings. After party will be held at "Knuckleheads Sports bar and Eatery" 3535 Severn Avenue, #10, 5:00pm-until Please go <http://www.nomar.org/pdfs/Events/NOMAR%20Bowling%20Flyer%206-12-09.pdf> for registration form.

REALTORS® Core Health Insurance Program

http://www.realtor.org/realtor_benefits/benefits_partners/core_health_insurance

REALTOR® QUIZZES

We've created more than a dozen interactive quizzes on hot topics that affect your business, from fair housing laws to office organization. Please click on link below.

<http://www.realtor.org/rmoquiz2.nsf/shortsales?OpenForm>

Ins and Outs of Short Sales

Are your buyers or sellers considering a short sale? These transactions can vary greatly, and they almost always involve some complications. Take this quiz to find out how much you know about these transactions.

Board Store Featured Item

Flyer boxes, only \$20.00+ tax.

EVENTS

Home Buying - Spanish Course June 27-28

Sulli Educational Services, Inc. is offering two 12-hour certified homebuyer programs in Kenner. The program is **\$75** per family.

Completion of the course could provide access to grants that help with down payments or closing costs.

Call (504)464-6224 for information and pre-registration. Email

sullieducationalservices@conchitasulli.net

EDUCATION

3 Month CE Credit Class Schedule

NOTE: 12 hours are required this year. [Click here for 2009 Continuing Education Requirements](#)

"Residential Agreement to Buy or Sell" is the 2009 mandatory class. This class is FREE to members through the 3rd quarter of this year. In the 4th quarter the class will cost \$20.00 for members.

REMINDER: If you register for a CE class and do not show up, you will be charged a \$20 fee. We require **48 hours** notice before the class date to avoid this fee.

Date	Class	Time	Location/Provider
Mon June 8	"Residential Property Management"	12:45pm-2:45	NOMAR
	"Lease Purchase, Owner Financing & Bond for Deed"	3:00pm-5:00	NOMAR
Tues. June 16	"Res. Agreement to Buy or Sell"	9:30am-1:30	Hammond/NOMAR
	"Successions"	2:15pm-4:15	Hammond/NOMAR
Thurs. June 18	"Res. Agreement to Buy or Sell"	8:15am-12:15	NOMAR
	"LREC Rules & Regs"	1:00pm-5:00	NOMAR
Thurs. July 23	"Agency Relations in RE Trans"	8:30am-12:30	NOMAR
	"Res. Agreement to Buy or Sell."	1:00pm-5:00	NOMAR

(NOMAR will not offer CE classes in August)

To Register Online for NOMAR's classes go to www.nomar.org and look at the menu on the left. Under "Member Services"

1. Click on "Member Accounts"
2. Click on "**NOMAR**"
3. Input your "Logon ID" (letters) and your "Password" (numbers)
4. Click on "Register for CE Classes"
5. To register for a class click on the "Course ID", then the "Class ID", then "Register For This Class".

Condolences to

...the family and friends of H. Grady Harper, who passed away on May 22nd at the age of 80.

... the family and friends of Jo Ann Kennedy of LATTER & BLUM and Elizabeth Kennedy, whose mother/grandmother, Eva Palmer, passed away on Friday evening.

Be a Part of Our Permanent History! The "Friends of NOMAR" House

Was created by a local artist and installed in the reception area of our new building. Your permanent advertising may display your name, company name, or may be a memorial in the name of a deceased member of our REALTOR® family. Information and offer prices on house components are on our home page at www.nomar.org.

Did you miss an issue of the REALNews... or forget to note an important date?

Need an up-to-date class schedule or information on an upcoming event? If so, the weekly updates are archived at www.nomar.org on the left side menu under "REALNews..."

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