

**new home sales up
3.3 percent in April**

Americans bought more **new** homes last month, the latest **evi-**
dence that **the U.S. hous-**
ing market **could** be
starting to **recover**. New-
home sales increased **3.3**
percent **in** April from
March **to a** seasonally
adjusted annual **rate of**
343,000, the Commerce
Department said
Wednesday.