



# Helping you find your way Home

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Make the best use of what is in your power, and take the rest as it happens." Epictetus*

## Congratulations to

Ryan Levenick, the winner of last month's trivia. Thank you to everyone who participated. The answer was Mickey.



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## Real Estate

Did you know that most of the county has never experienced even a temporary downturn in home prices since modern recordkeeping began?

According to the National Association of Realtors the national median existing-home price increased 9.3 percent in 2004 and is projected to rise 5.6 percent this year. Typically, home values rise at the general rate of inflation, plus one-to-two percentage points.

## Upcoming Fun Activity

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day running through the streets of Portland at the annual Shamrock Run. Participants can take part in a 5K, 8K or 15K run, or the 1K kids' event. The men and women winners (including the wheelchair divisions) will win their weight in Widmer Ale at the on-site awards ceremony. A portion of the proceeds from the Shamrock Run benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation. Held Sunday, March 12th @ 7am at Waterfront Park. Go to: [www.ontherunevents.com/shamrock](http://www.ontherunevents.com/shamrock)

Portland Home & Garden Show February 21-26 at the Portland Expo Center. With more than 300,000 sq. ft. of display space spread over five halls in the Expo Center, it's clearly the show for serious home and garden enthusiasts. The largest of its kind on the west coast! For more details go to: [www.OloughlinTradeShows.com](http://www.OloughlinTradeShows.com)

## Trivia Contest

Who was known as the Laughing Philosopher?

- A. Democritus
- B. Socrates
- C. Heraclitus
- D. Kant

## Financial Planning

Have you ever wondered how you can maximize your money and meet your financial goals? Do you ask yourself these types of questions; Am I saving enough for retirement? Do I need a life insurance plan? Are there other deductions that I could be taking advantage on when I file taxes? Those are just a few of the many questions that a financial advisor can help you to answer. They are a great resource to help you create a plan that will help you achieve your financial goals.