



# helping you find your way home

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### *Quote of the Month*

"When ideas fail, words come in  
very handy."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**Congratulations** to Julie for  
being the first to correctly  
answer the July Trivia  
Contest. The answer was  
"Langhorne"

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### Real Estate Facts

A recent study conducted by Standard & Poor, which tracks 20 U.S. metropolitan areas nationwide, revealed a 2.8% decline in the annual home-price growth rate in May. Seattle was first with a +9% price growth, while Portland took third with +5.7%. Fifteen of the twenty areas had year-over-year declines in May, with Detroit being the worst at -11.1%.

### Trivia Contest

What is Oregon's official drink?

### Real Estate Tips

Are you considering taking on a home improvement project yourself? According to Remodeling magazine, you should call a professional when you run into the following: complex electrical work, extensive plumbing jobs, roofing steep roofs, work that requires scaffolding higher than two stories, jobs that need permits, and when you don't have adequate time or expertise for the job.

If you do decide to DIY, here are some resources to help you along: Do it Yourself Network, [www.diynet.com](http://www.diynet.com); Better Homes and Garden Encyclopedia, [www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com); This Old House, [www.thisoldhouse.com](http://www.thisoldhouse.com); Repair Your Own Appliances, [www.repairclinic.com](http://www.repairclinic.com).

### Upcoming Fun Activity

**Crafty Mamas Bazaar:** There are a lot of Crafty Mamas in PDX and they showcase a handful of them on the fourth Saturday of every month. In addition to seeing wonderful art, crafts, and more, you may also enjoy complimentary organic coffee and tea service. All bazaar sales go directly to the Crafty Mamas, so please come out and see what these local mamas have to offer. Every fourth Saturday of every month, through Dec. 22, 2007, from 11:00AM – 3:00PM at Milagros Boutique, 5433 N.E. 30th Ave, Portland, OR, 503.493.4141

### Client Circle

Congratulations to The Schallich Family for selling their home in SW Portland

Congratulations to Paul for his new home in Beaverton

Congratulations to Grace for selling her home in North Portland