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World of Autos

REVIEWS ON EXCITING NEW VEHICLES BY THE WORLD'S LEADING MANUFACTURERS



2004 Z4 roadster 2.5i
Test vehicle information: Price: \$41,595; Engine: 2.5 Liter DOHC 24-valve in-line six-cylinder; Transmission: Five-speed manual.

The BMW Z4 roadster from first glance is racy, however it is a classic sport car with a long front and short rear end and a roomy interior. It was introduced in 2003 to replace the previous Z3 model which was smaller in size. The BMW has improved the Z model with the Z4.

The Z4 2.5 liter in-line engine offers great performance, going from 0-60 in a matter of 6.9 seconds. The combination of electric power steering and the aluminum-intensive suspensions adds great handling and precision of steering. One might think that it would be an uncomfortable ride being low to ground, however the stiffer structure provides a stable ride over bumpy surfaces.

The interior has a sophisticated, streamline look. It is roomy enough for a larger individual, however no matter what size you are, it takes some effort to get out of the vehicle. It is short on space for storage and even difficult to find a space for a purse if there is a passenger in the car. The trunk space has enough room for a pair of golf bags and clubs.

Letting the top down and the windows you find that it still has low impact on the road noise and is easy to hear the radio or have a conversation. With the top up, there is limited visibility for the driver.

It was fun and exhilarating to drive. It took me back to remember the stars of the 50s, with the excitement of winding through the country roads with scraf blowing in the wind.

RELIGION

Pastor Earns Honorary Doctorate

W.G. Hardy Jr., senior pastor of Highland United Church of Christ, 1737 N.E. Alberta St., received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree Sunday from the Mt. Carmel Theological Seminary in Fresno, Calif.

The prestigious degree is awarded only to recipients who have over 10 years in

Christian service, who have demonstrated that God and others come before self, have a history of community involvement, and must receive a unanimous vote from the seminary's board of directors.

Pastor Hardy is recognized locally and nationally as a community activist and influential in both urban and suburban

communities.

Aside from his full time duties as a pastor of a large congregation, he is involved in numerous community projects, adult and youth programs, and mentoring activities. He serves as Chair of the Spiritual and Religious Committee of the African American Chamber of Commerce.



Rev. W.G. Hardy Jr.

New Book From Renowned Pastor, Author, Artist

The newest addition to the bookshelf, "He-Motions: Even Strong Men Struggle" has been described as the "Woman Thou Art Loosed for Men." It is the latest offering from the New York Times best-selling author and charismatic preacher from the Potter's House Bishop T.D. Jakes.

The book is about unrav-



T.D. Jakes

eling the sometimes complex issues that men deal with as men - expression of thought and feeling, communication, relationships, and God's purposive plan for men. Endorsed as a book for mainly men, women are also encouraged to read and understand the issues that men face spiritually, mentally and physically.

Along with the book comes an R&B and gospel compilation cd. The album is a collection of songs that were written specifically for the themes inside the book. The artists and writers that were specially chosen for this task by the Bishop include rookie Micah Stampley, Donnie McClurkin, Bishop Paul Morton and Kirk Franklin.

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Man Dies in Car Accident

Dickie Ervin Anderson II

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 7, in Life Change Christian Center in Portland for Dickie Ervin Anderson II, who died June 30 in a car accident at age 30.

Mr. Anderson was born April 5, 1974, in Portland, where he lived all his life. He received his General Educational Development certificate and was a truck loader for West Coast Loaders. In 1995, he married Shameca Harper; they divorced.

Survivors include his son, Dickie III; daughters, Emarsharae L. and Luella J.; mother, Johnnie Mae; sisters, Sharon Y. Hendrick and Delicia D. Maxwell; brother, Jeffrey L. Maxwell; and his former wife.

Arrangements by Caldwell's Colonial Chapel.

Dock Worker Dead at 64

Eddie Mae Lincoln

Funeral services were held July 15, 2004, in Highland Temple in Portland for Eddie Mae Lincoln, who died July 8 at age 64.

Eddie Mae Massey was born Oct. 11, 1939, in Bessemer, Ala. She moved to Portland as a child and graduated from Jefferson High School. She was a longshoreman for the Pacific Maritime Association.

Survivors include her daughters, Angela R. Greer and Vernitta Lincoln; sons, Dana Washington and Brandon Davidson; stepson, Daryl Lewis; companion, Booker Davidson; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Remembrances to Highland Temple Endowment Care Fund. Arrangements by Caldwell's Colonial.

Special Education Teacher Dies

Julia A. Wagner

A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 22 for Julia Wagner at St. Philips the Deacon Episcopal Church. She died on June 15 at age 84.

Wagner was born on July 19, 1919 in Marshall, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Wagner, in 1981. She lived in Portland for

57 years and worked as a special education teacher for Portland Public Schools.

She is survived by her daughters Lena Williams, Diann

Wagner and Sanora Wagner and three grandchildren.

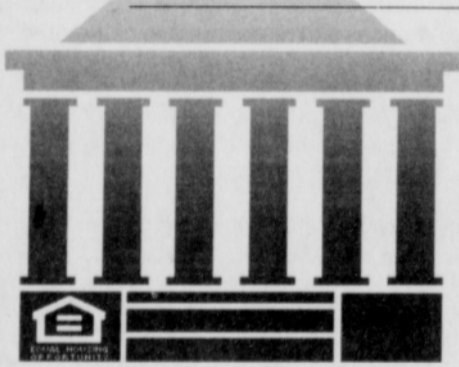
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Brothers in Unity is Taking the Gospel World by Storm

"We want the entire world to enjoy our music. While listening to our music, your life will change," says Melvin Griffin (Mel), Terry Griffin (Big T.) and Accie Griffin,

also known as Brothers in Unity or BIU. This trio is taking the gospel world by storm with their debut album Change. This album is irresistible. It is an album you will want to give to your spouse, your children, parents, family, and friends. There's a song for everyone on this album.

BIU is a group of three young brothers who are on fire for Jesus. Their evangelistic ministry includes reaching out to different communities to minister to the young and

It will really make you think about your relationship with God, and if necessary cause you to repent and live for Christ.

old. All three are active in their local church. "Growing up together was challenging, but rewarding. We know each other not only as brothers but as friends" says BIU. Hailing from the small town of Hobgood, North Carolina, these brothers have gospel music running through their veins. They are all powerful men of God who have a very strong love for people. BIU is especially excited about their debut album, which will give them the opportunity to minister on a much larger scale.

The title track, "Change" is a must hear. It will really make you think about your relationship with God, and if necessary cause you to repent and live for Christ. "Praise Party" is a foot stomping, get up and dance song. It is sure to be a hit among the younger audience. "What Have I Done" speaks to the many blessings God has bestowed upon us that we often don't deserve. After hearing this song, you will want to serve God even more.

Change was produced by Charles "Tony" Homer. Homer has worked with several great R&B artists in the industry. His heart has always been gospel, so this was an incredible blessing to him as well. "Tony made us feel at home, immediately."

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