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Portland Observer Auto Review 2006 Ford Fusion V6 SEL

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This all-new, mid-size sedan is a replacement for the horribly outof-date Taurus It's not just fabulous for a Ford, fabulous for the price or fabulous compared to the ghastly car it replaces. It's an outstanding car with no excuses. The ford Fusion starts at \$18,000 for the 2.3L with five speed automatic or manual to \$21,710 for the 3.0L, V6 with the six speed automatic.

body. It's a fairly aggressive style thing I thought when I sat inside highly acclaimed Mazda 6 sporty for a family car, with an unmistakable front end that doesn't try to be highway camouflage like many of its dulllooking competitors. A big, bold grille flanked by two distinctive headis lights that are shaped like a weird combination of square and teardrop, Ford calls the shape a "squircle", while its triangular taillights have eye-catching silver reflectors that you'll either love or hate. Inside, the The impressive features start Fusion isn't quite as distinctive, but on the outside with a gorgeous it's still a great cabin. In fact, the first

was, "This doesn't look like a Ford at all." That's a good thing.

plenty of power for everyday driving without making much of a fuss, and its six-speed automatic transmission must have been psychic because it always seemed to know how and when I wanted it to shift --- silky and comfortable for regular driving, or quick and aggressive for more spirited drives

Its suspension, based on the nicely equipped.

sedan, also offers a sublime blend of comfort and performance. It can fly Its smooth-revving V6 engine had though corners when you want to have fun, but it never loses its composure over bumpy, rough surfaces, either.

The Ford Fusion is an outstanding vehicle, one that will give Toyota Camry and Honda Accord a run for their money. It has a sophistication of a luxury vehicle at an affordable price. Even the 2.3L Fusion comes



KELIGION Worship Promotes HIV/AIDS Healing

Civil and religious organizations working on issues related to HIV and AIDS are inviting local residents to a community worship service, Sunday, March 12 at 4 p.m. at Allen Temple CME Church, 4236 N.E. Eighth Ave.

The "HIV/AIDS Healing" celebration is sponsored by Balm in Gilead, the Albina Ministerial Alliance, Brother 2 Brother, The Links Inc., Delta Sigma Theta, Multnomah County Health Department and Cascade AIDS Project. Rev. Matt Hennessee of the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church will serve as keynote speaker.

The worship aims to break

My husband and I separated

because of finances. While

separated he met someone else

and had a child. We are now

talking about getting back to-

gether but I want to adjust to

having a stepchild and dealing

with another woman. He's mov-

ing too fast and I think he's up to

something. He's having argu-

ments with this woman and there

are whispers of child support

Dear Deanna!

Rev. Matt Hennessee the silence on HIV/AIDS in the spread of the disease through Portland-area African Ameri- education. Nationally, AIDS is can communities and to fight the number one cause of death

for black adults ages 25 to 44, ahead of heart disease, cancer and homicide. Dr. LeRoy Haynes of Allen

Temple is the local coordinator for Balm in Gilead, a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in New York City. Balm in Gilead has an international mission to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the African Diaspora by building the capacity of faith communities to provide AIDS education and support networks for all people living and affected by HIV/ AIDS. Dr. Haynes has been involved in this work since the early days of the AIDS epidemic.

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Dear James:

Dr. LeRoy Haynes

cause that's a cover up to meet sacrifice your temple. Stop her other man. There's nothing dealing with men that to ask because the evidence is aren't Godly and in sync in your face. You have two with your commitment of

cheating? -- James; Charles- of physical contact? -- Linda; Orlando, Fla.

Dear Linda:

Time to connect with your femi- You're a grown woman and nine side and maximize your can control everything that goes sixth sense. If it looks like a in, on or around your body. cheating woman, then it is a There's no excuse other than cheating woman. She's happy weakness, skinny faith and lowto go out with her friends be- self esteem that causes you to

issues. How do I tell him I don't want to be in this mess? --Jeanna T.: Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Jeanna:

Regardless of your decision, you'll have a cheater, confusion and "baby momma drama" if you take him back. Your husband having a baby by another woman didn't show he wanted to get back with you for the right reasons. He's looking for a place to stay and help with child support. He needs to work out his issues. You need to feed him with a long handle spoon and watch him like a hawk before taking him back.

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Dear Deanna!

Local#8.

I think my girlfriend is cheating. She's changed and only wants to spend time with her friends and gives me no attention. Intimacy is almost invisible. The only time she perks up and gets a light in her eyes is when she's going out with her girlfriends. I've noticed her "hair has changed, her perfume is different and new lingerie. I'm not getting the benefits of these things. How do I ask if she's

choices. Be a fool and sit and watch it happen with your crushed heart on your sleeve or man up, address the issue and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

bituary

I've managed to turn my life of sex, drugs and sin around and I'm so happy. The only thing missing is a relationship. I admit Ask Deanna is written by that I'm a Christian but keep Deanna M. Write Ask slipping each time I get with a man. I feel bad about giving up askdeannal@yahoo.com my body and then the relation- or 264 S. LaCienega ship doesn't work out. How can Blvd. Suite 1283 Beverly I remain saved and still date Hills, CA 90211. Website: without losing the man because www.askde anna.com

faith. If you date a Godly man and he kicks you to the curb for holding out, then he wasn't who he claimed to be. God should occupy your mind and when it's time for a physical mate, he'll send you

Deanna! Email:

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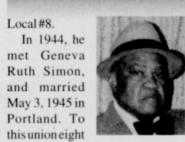
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In Loving Memory James Authur Mayes Jr.

A homegoing celebration was held Feb. 24 for James Arthur Mayes Jr. He was 82.

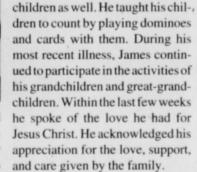
He was born to James Arthur Sr. met Geneva and Edna Mayes on May 24, 1923 at St. Mary's hospital in Victoria, Texas. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1930, father in 1931, and his brother, Leroy Mayes in 1933. His grandfather introduced him to God at the age of five years old. As a child he loved going to Sunday school and loved math and science in grade school. He attended Yoakum Texas High School and Tellotson College where he played two years of football.

He worked 12 years a waiter for Southern/Northern Union Pacific Railroad. Later he worked as a longshoreman and member of ILWU



children were born (four boys and four girls). His love of driving carried him and the family across many miles of highway. Sunday outings involved picnics along the Oregon Coast and Sandy River. James had a love for cooking; his specialties included barbeques and gumbo.

His motto was that he was "A God Sent Child" and he had a quest to help people. While at home he had marathon oral history lessons



about life for his children and other

On Feb. 14, 2006 at 6 p.m., he went peacefully home to join his wife Geneva, who preceded him in death in 1984. Waiting on the peaceful shores are his eight children: James A. Mayes III (Cynthia) Dallas, Texas; Chyerel R. Mayes, Jane E. Mayes (William Jarrell), Marsha

Mayes (Deborah), George M. Mayes, Edna D. Mayes, all of Portland; Darryel E. Mayes (Rose) Los Angeles; 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; one niece and a host of cousins and friends.

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