

# 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This all-new, mid-size sedan is a replacement for the horribly out-of-date Taurus.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.

The impressive features start on the outside with a gorgeous

body. It's a fairly aggressive style for a family car, with an unmistakable front end that doesn't try to be high-way camouflage like many of its dull-looking competitors. A big, bold grille is flanked by two distinctive headlights that are shaped like a weird combination of square and teardrop. Ford calls the shape a "squirle", while its triangular taillights have eye-catching silver reflectors that you'll either love or hate. Inside, the Fusion isn't quite as distinctive, but it's still a great cabin. In fact, the first

thing I thought when I sat inside was, "This doesn't look like a Ford at all." That's a good thing.

Its smooth-revving V6 engine had 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

highly acclaimed Mazda 6 sporty sedan, also offers a sublime blend of comfort and performance. It can fly through 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 nicely equipped.



## RELIGION

### 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



Rev. Matt Hennessee



Dr. LeRoy Haynes

the silence on HIV/AIDS in Portland-area African American communities and to fight

the spread of the disease through education. Nationally, AIDS is 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.

#### Dear Deanna!

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 together but I want to adjust to having a stepchild and dealing with another woman. He's moving too fast and I think he's up to something. He's having arguments with this woman and there are whispers of child support 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!

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

cheating? --James; Charleston, S.C.

#### Dear James:

Time to connect with your feminine side and maximize your sixth sense. If it looks like a cheating woman, then it is a cheating woman. She's happy to go out with her friends because that's a cover up to meet her other man. There's nothing to ask because the evidence is in your face. You have two 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!

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 that I'm a Christian but keep slipping each time I get with a man. I feel bad about giving up my body and then the relationship doesn't work out. How can I remain saved and still date without losing the man because

of physical contact? --Linda; Orlando, Fla.

#### Dear Linda:

You're a grown woman and can control everything that goes in, on or around your body. There's no excuse other than weakness, skinny faith and low self esteem that causes you to sacrifice your temple. Stop dealing with men that aren't Godly and in sync with your commitment of 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 one.

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### In Loving Memory

#### James Arthur Mayes Jr.

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

He was born to James Arthur Sr. 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 long-shoreman and member of ILWU

### Obituary

Local #8.

In 1944, he met Geneva Ruth Simon, and married May 3, 1945 in Portland. To this union eight 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 children as well. He taught his children to count by playing dominoes and cards with them. During his most recent illness, James continued to participate in the activities of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Within the last few weeks he spoke of the love he had for Jesus Christ. He acknowledged his appreciation for the love, support, and care given by the family.

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

L. Carson (Benny), Curtis R. 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.

## Book Advises Single Christians

God of Our Single Years is the title of a recently published book that deals specifically with issues which affect African-American Christian singles.

Full of keen insights and helpful suggestions, the book by Kevin Morgan examines how African-American Christian singles can

apply concepts such as love, faith, service, patience, humility and forgiveness in their everyday activities.

The reader is empowered to get the most out of their singleness as it relates to their platonic relationships, romantic encounters, family and career related interactions as

well as in the proper expression of their sexuality.

Morgan likes to emphasize that this book is not just a collection of his opinions. Rather, it is based on divine revelations, Biblical insights and well-documented research. To learn more about this book and the author, visit www.goosykm.com.

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