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Portland Observer Auto Review

2007 Dodge Caliber R/T **AWD**

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The new 2007 Dodge Caliber is a replacement for the now discontinued Neon and serves as the company's most affordable car. A bit of a change-up, the Caliber is a hatchback/wagon, and there is no accompanying sedan version. It features an all-new chassis design, and the Dodge Caliber is pretty easy to identify thanks to its distinctive styling



Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$21,300; Engine: 2.4 L multiport injection; Transmission: Continuously Variable Transaxle

cues. Dodge placed a priority on giving the Caliber a high level of versatility, style and safety.

a pretty normal-sized compact. trim make this a sweet ride.

Eighteen-inch wheels are available on the Caliber, which is unusually large for this class of car. Inside, one will find the basic hatchback formula of seating for five and a 60/40-split-folding rear seat. There are interesting additions, though, including a chilled bottle cooler in the glovebox, illuminated rings for the front cupholders, an iPod holder and optional liftgate-mounted speakers. If you look at the Caliber and decide it's your automotive soul mate, keep in mind that many of its significant features, such as The Caliber is not a hard-core stability control and a five-speed fuel miser, though, and is instead manual transmission for the R/T

SPORTS

Little League Team in Semifinals

Bounces back with two straight wins

(AP) - Oregon's first entry into the Little League World Series since 1958 advanced to the next round Monday after Murrayhill won its second straight game after an initial defeat in the tournament in South Williamsport, Pa.

Devin Dejardin singled home the game-winning run and Murrayhill of Beaverton benefited from timely double plays to beat Columbia, Mo., 2-1 on Monday night and advance to the

After Miguel Rivera doubled off the rightfield wall with one out in the top of the sixth, pinch-runner Austin Perry advanced to third on a passed ball. Dejardin followed with an RBI single to center.

Starter Jace Fry struck out the side in the bottom of the sixth, drawing cheers of "Go Northwest! Go Northwest!" outside Lamade Stadium. Murrayhill is the Northwest Division

Fry overcame some early wildness. He



Beaverton's Jace Fry is greeted at home plate after a solo home run in the Little League World Series. (AP photo)

walked three to load the bases with one out in the third, but got out of the jam with a strikeout and groundout.

Fry also got two inning-ending double plays in the game.

Offensively, he tied the game with an RBI double in the fifth. Jeffrey Ausmus knocked in

the only run for the Daniel Boone league team from Columbia (1-2). He beat out a slow bouncer in front of the plate, allowing Beau Burkett to score from third.

The loss knocked Columbia out of the tournament. Murrayhill's first game in the semifinals is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. on ESPN2.



USA's LeBron James goes up for a shot during their first round game at the world basketball championships against Slovenia, Tuesday, Aug. 22 in Sapporo, Japan. (AP photo)

Team USA Advances

James added 19 in his most Italy on Wednesday night. impressive performance of the night.

a spot in the round of 16 at the onships debut.

(AP) -- Dwyane Wade world championships. They scored 20 points and LeBron meet fellow Group Dunbeaten

Slovenia, with four NBA playworld championships in ers on its roster, was widely Sapporo, Japan, leading the considered the second-most tal-United States to a 114-95 vic- ented team in the group. But the tory over Slovenia on Tuesday Slovenians have lost consecutive games to the group co-The Americans (3-0) re- leaders after beating Senegal on mained unbeaten and clinched Saturday in their world champi-

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Hurst Finishes on Top



Pat Hurst receives the winning trophy Sunday at the Safeway Classic at Columbia Edgewater Colf Club.

pressionless as Jeong Jang prepared to putt on the 18th hole Hurst had already wrapped up one shot back of Hurst. her round, a 4-under 68 that gave

birdie putt was less than 18 feet Hurst said. away. If she sank it, a playoff would

"I kept thinking I didn't want to State Farm Classic.

(AP) -- Pat Hurst watched ex- miss on the low side," Jang said. "But I did.'

Jang finished with a 70 for a 9-

Sunday at the Safeway Classic at under 207 and was the runner-up at Columbia Edgewater Golf Club. the tournament for the third time -"I had a pretty hot start. I birdied

three of the first four holes, I think, Jang was a shot back, but her and I just kept it steady after that,"

It was Hurst's fifth victory on the LPGA Tour and first since last year's



Woods Earns 12th **Major Title**

Tiger Woods rests his chin on the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 88th PGA Championship golf tournament and his 12th career major Sunday at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, III. (AP photo)

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