# Portland Observer Auto Review

# 2006 Volvo C70 T5 Hardtop Convertible

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The all new C70 is one of the first open-top cars in the premium segment with both a steel roof and space for four adults. The C70 intelligent structural rigidity, amazing list of standard features, agreeable driving characteristics, and all-out good looks in both convertible or among open-top cars. The lack of a curtain cannot be fitted within the coupe format, makes an excellent fixed roof has been compensated headliner like other Volvos, it is choice.

veloped to offer new standards of nology. One unique example is the



Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$40,400; Engine: 2.5 5 Cylinder; Transmission: 6 Speed Manual.

The all-new Volvo C70 was de-ture and sophisticated safety tech-wards when it is deployed

several solutions that make it unique Since the door-mounted inflatable for by reinforcements in the struc- fitted in the door and inflates up-

preventive and protective safety in new door-mounted inflatable cur- the T5, which means a light-pressure the convertible market. The car has tain, which is part of the enhanced turbocharged 2.5-liter five-cylinder an advanced body structure and protection system for side impacts. engine with 218 hp and 236 lb-ft of

torque. The C70 feels solid and has plenty of torque down low and at mid-range, so it pulls in just about any situation. The turbo is well behaved, with minimal lag and minimal noise under pressure. An independent suspension transitioned easily between smooth ride and sporty handling. The lower, wider stance made maneuvering around the road's tight turns an easy drive.

Pricing for the C70 starts at \$38,710, not including the \$695 destination charge. Optional equipment includes a Premium Package with leather seats and a few other items for \$1,395, an upgraded Dynaudio Package for \$1,550, and the auto transmission for \$1,250. A climate control package tosses in heated front seats, headlamp washers, and Rainsensor wipers for \$675. Only a few stand-alone options: There's only one model choice, High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamps, the 5-speed, and a navigation system for \$2,120 bring the loaded total to \$46,832.

Racial Prank,

**Job Loss Brings** 

**NASCAR Suit** (AP) -- A former NASCAR

team member who was the vic-

tim of a 1999 racial prank is suing

NASCAR, claiming the sanc-

tioning body failed to deliver on a promise to provide him work

David Scott, 43, is a former

motorcoach driver for car own-

ers Roger Penske and Michael

Kranefuss and now lives in

Oregon. Scott, who is black,

was subjected to racial slurs

and harassment in several run-

ins with a handful of white

motorcoach drivers during the

The racial situation exploded

during a race at New Hampshire

International Speedway when

two white motorcoach drivers

confronted Scott with one wear-

ing a white pillowcase over his

head to imitate a Ku Klux

The offending coach drivers

were fired from their respective

teams and NASCAR revoked

the licenses needed for them to

But Scott lost his job. He

accepted a settlement in 2000,

but said he only did so be-

cause he believed NASCAR

would hire him back in some

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# SPORTS

# **Murrayhill Celebrates**

### Little league team finishes third in the world



Second baseman Sam Albert scores during Saturday's Oregon-Georgia Little League U.S. Championship game in South Williamsport, Pa.

It was a great run and great fun for the Murrayhill Little League team that captivated the state during the World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., but Saturday's 7-3 loss to Coweather wiped out a tie-breaking

The 12 all-star boys from Beaverton were the first Oregon team to make it to the Little League World Series since 1958.

In the U.S. Championship game lumbus, Georgia tied them for the Saturday, Murrayhill fell behind third place title with Mexico after in the first inning as Georgia came out strong and built a 3-0 lead. By the third inning a home run with

men on base by Murrayhill knotted the score at three apiece and from there it was a pitching chess match as both teams left men on

Georgia's bats woke up again in the sixth and final inning and four runs crossed the plate to build a comfortable cushion, and the Murrayhill batters hit consecutive fly balls to end the game.

On Monday, Georgia went on to defeat Japan 2-1 to win the World Series. A day earlier driving rains soaked the field and ended the adventure for Murrayhill team, wiping out not only their chance to face Mexico in the third-place game, but its lone shot at an international team and an opportunity to finish the series with a win.

However, they still made waves this summer, evidenced by the grand and spirited reception at Portland International Airport when the team arrived home late Monday. Portland's Royal Rosarians also showed up at to extend congratulations and attach a small rose, symbolic of the city, to each boy's

"I'm exhausted," said second baseman Sam Albert, nearly yelling to be heard above the media and family frenzy at the airport. "It's really good to be home again."

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# Surgery **Sidelines** Top Pick

Portland Trail Blazer forward LaMarcus Aldridge, the second pick in the NBA draft, has undergone a successful surgery to repair a small ligament tear in his right shoulder, team officials announced last week.

Aldridge had the operation in Los Angeles and is expected to return to Portland in two to three weeks to begin rehabilitation. He anticipates returning to the basketball court in mid-to-late November.

The 6 foot 11 inch Dallas native averaged 11.6 points, 6.6 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.8 blocks in five games during the 2006 Vegas Summer League.

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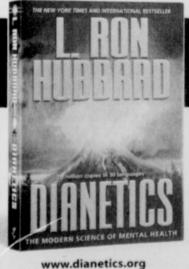
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