

## 2006 NISSAN ARMADA SE-OR 4X4

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The Nissan Armada is available only as a four-door SUV. There are three trim levels: SE, SE Off-Road and LE. Base SEs come well equipped with 18-inch alloy wheels, dual-zone automatic climate control, three rows of seating, a power driver seat, a tire-pressure monitoring system, power-adjustable pedals, rear parking sensors, rear-seat air conditioning, an eight-speaker stereo with an in-dash CD changer and an auto-dimming rearview mirror. The SE Off-Road adds Rancho shocks, a lower final drive ratio, 17-inch wheels and all-terrain tires, fog lights and skid plates. The high-line LE model loses the hard-core off-road equipment but gains upscale items like a power liftgate, heated leather seats, driver-seat memory, a power front passenger

## Portland Observer Auto Review



2006 Nissan Armada SE-OR 4X4 has 13 mpg city / 18 mpg hwy gas mileage; 5.6L V8, 32 valve, 305 hp @ 4900 rpm engine; 5 speed automatic transmission.

seat, second-row bucket seats, and an upgraded 10-speaker Bose audio system. Many of these features are optional on SE and SE Off-Road models. A sunroof and rear DVD entertainment system are optional on all trims. A DVD-based naviga-

tion system with a rearview monitor is an exclusive LE option.

The Armada is big. There's no two ways about that. It's big, even for a large SUV. At 78.8 inches wide (without mirrors), 206.9 inches long and 78.7 inches high, the Armada

casts an impressive shadow. The Armada's styling is going to be a "love it or hate it" issue for most people.

Releasing the latch and pulling open the door is one fluid motion. Splashes of chrome on the side

view mirrors and bumpers bring excitement to the overall look. No tricks employed to look smaller — the Armada celebrates its massiveness. The middle 40/20/40 bench seat drew high praise for space and comfort.

With two child car seats, there was room for an adult to ride comfortably in the middle — a useful

parental buffer between squabbling kids. Access to the third row of seating was easy from either side of the Armada. The third row is not bad at all. The seat is elevated so you can see over the headrests and not feel totally isolated back there. There's enough legroom and depth so that the seating position is not fetal.

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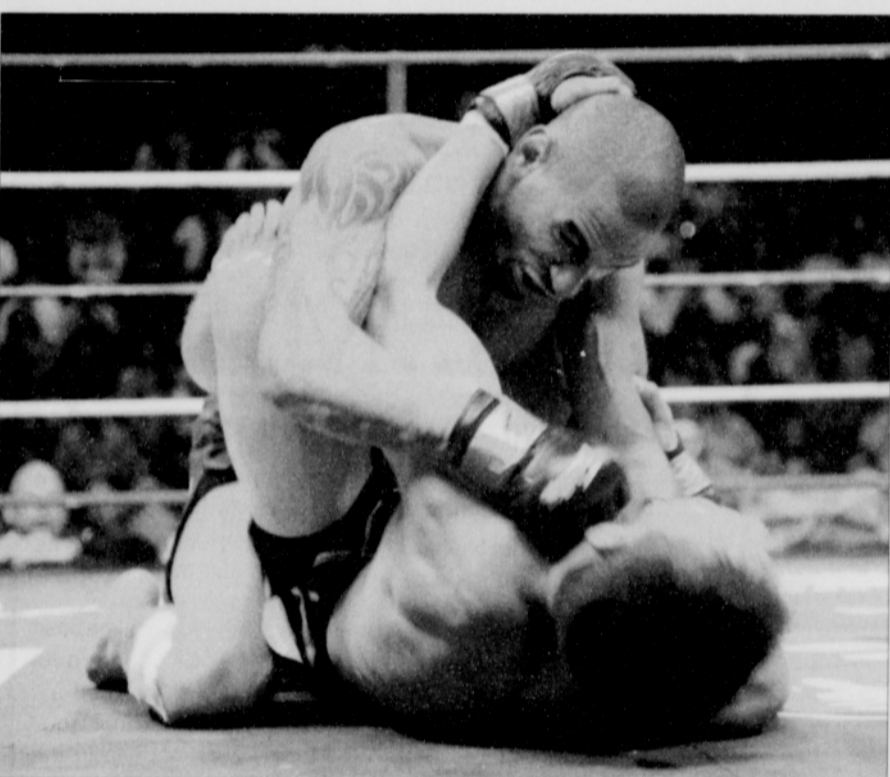
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## SPORTS



Jay Herson pins Jake Ellenberger to the mat in an International Fight League. Herson is one of the top mix martial artists in a new league that will include a team from Portland.

### Fight League Debuts in Portland

Mixed martial arts fans will get their first look at their newest sports franchise, the Portland Wolfpack, when the International Fight League debuts at the Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m.

The event will feature four teams competing: Matt Lindland's Portland Wolfpack vs Maurice Smith's Seattle Tigersharks and Bas Rutten's Los Angeles Anacondas vs Antonio Inoki's Tokyo Sabres.

Inoki, an icon in Japanese professional wrestling, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his historic 1976 fight with Muhammed Ali on June 26.

Coaching the Wolf Pack will be Portland's own Olympic Silver Medalist, Ultimate Fighting Championship star and local Sportfight promoter, Matt "The Law" Lindland. Lindland won the Silver Medal in the 2000 Sydney Olympics in Greco Roman Wrestling and a World Silver Medal in 2001.

Officially announced in January 2006, the International Fight League is the brainchild of Kurt Otto and Gareb Shamus. The matches allow mixed martial arts, the combination of jiu-jitsu, karate, judo, kick-boxing, wrestling, and boxing to reach a broader audience.

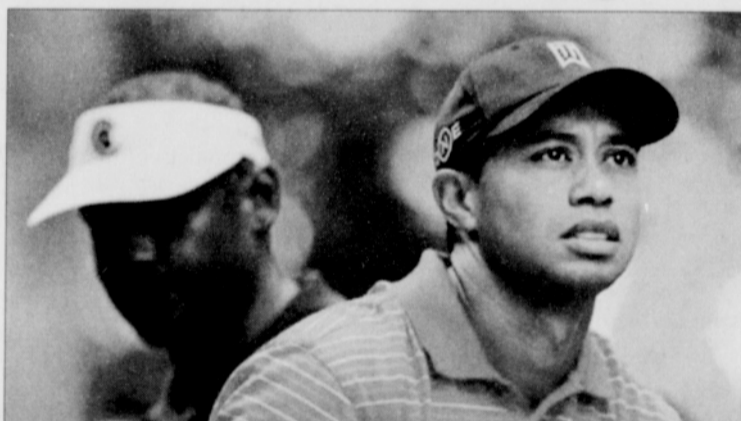
## Woods Makes Five Straight Victories

(AP) - Tiger Woods needed only three holes to make it a fair fight. Before long, it was no contest.

Woods made two eagles in his first seven holes to turn a rally into a rout, matching the best final round of his career with an 8-under 63 to win the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Mass., on Monday and stretch his PGA Tour winning streak to five tournaments.

It was the first time Woods has won five straight times in one season, and his two-shot victory over Vijay Singh gave him seven titles in only 14 tournaments this year, a staggering victory rate of 50 percent.

About the only thing capable of stopping him right now is the schedule.



Tiger Woods outdueled Vijay Singh over the final round to win the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday.

Woods is taking next week off.

"It's nice when you get on a roll like this where things are just happening," Woods said.

It all happened so quickly on

Labor Day, where thousands of fans crammed behind the ropes to witness what was supposed to be a duel between Woods and Singh, who started the final round with a

three-shot lead.

Woods hit a towering 6-iron from 210 yards that carried a swamp and plopped down 10 feet away from the hole for eagle on the par-5 second. Then came a tee shot to 15 feet for birdie on the next hole to give him a share of the lead.

"I just had to run him down as fast as possible, try to at least get him by the time the front nine was over," Woods said. "But I was able to do it within three holes."

Two holes later, he raised the putter in his left hand toward the sunny skies as a 25-foot birdie fell to give him the lead. And his best golf was yet to come.

Singh was helpless, a feeling that is spreading quickly on the PGA Tour.

## RELIGION

### Morning Star Conference Set

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church encourages early registration for their first women's conference, "Women Fulfilling Their Destiny with a DIVA Attitude,"

scheduled Oct. 6 and 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Discussions will be based on the book "The DIVA Principle" and the "Secrets to Divine Inspiration for

Victorious Attitude" by author Michelle McKinney Hammond.

For cost and registration, visit morningstarportland.org or call Gwen Magee at 503-281-4925.

## Obituaries

### Homegoing

C.D. Harris

A homegoing celebration was held Aug. 28, 2006 for C.D. Harris who died at the age of 96.

His family expresses sincere thanks for every act of kindness showed to them during this time of grief.



### Advocate Remembered

Marie Mitchell

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, in Ross Hollywood Chapel for Marie Annette Mitchell, who died Aug. 28 of a stroke at age 60.

She was born Jan. 22, 1946, in Monroe, La. and moved to Portland in 1974. She married Jerry Mitchell in 1966; he died in 1971. She was a community advocate

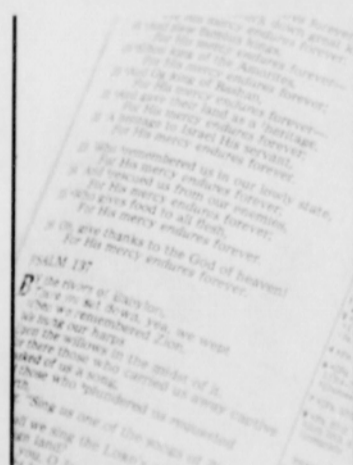


and worked at Portland Community College. She attended college at Grambling State University.

Survivors include her daughter, Terri; sons, Jerry Mitchell Jr., Colleh Mitchell; sisters, Betty Glover and Mary Lou Davis; a brother Henry Whitfield; and 13 grandchildren.

Remembrances to the building fund of Rehoboth World Healing Center.

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