

Portland Observer Auto Review



SPECIFICATIONS: 3.0-liter, 16, 215 horsepower engine; 6-speed manual-overdrive transmission; MPG is 20 in city and 29 on highway; \$43,500 MSRP.

2007 BMW 525i

BY KATHLEEN CARR

A BMW is truly the ultimate driving machine that provides the ultimate driving experience to its owners. No other car handles like a BMW. You have to drive it to really understand why it's called the ultimate driving machine. BMW officials confirm that 70 percent of 5-Series owners are men and say BMW owners are people who love to drive, love a sense of control and appreciate technology. Like all BMWs, the 5-Series is a car that's driven, not something you sort of point in the direction you want to

go and then float over road surfaces without a sense of being connected to anything in the process. You will revel in the driving performance, and cherish the moment you can get back on the road.

Driving the 525i is effortless. The active front steering in the 5-Series is unbelievable. Nothing seems to upset its kind nature. The high-tech, 'active steering' senses your turning needs; based on the car's speed, that a lot of turning is being requested and automatically adjusts the steering ratio for quick response. Gone is the need to turn and turn and keep turning the steering wheel when exiting a parallel

parking spot. So you can get out of just about any parking spot with no fuss. It takes a while to master the quick steering. The 525i has near perfect 50-50-weight distribution, which helps to reduce weight swings as the car travels around curves. Yes, effortless.

The 525i comes loaded with equally impressive standard features such as: dual front and side airbags, front and rear side head-protection airbags, antilock 4-wheel disc brakes, brake assist, antiskid system, rain-sensing wipers system, Dynamic Stability Control, active cruise control, tire pressure monitors, dual zone air control, BMW Assist (emergency

and concierge service) system, outside-temperature display, a theft-deterrent system, remote keyless entry and so much more. The iDrive is the only feature that is bit troublesome. This system handles so many features that it can absorb the driver's attention from the road. The iDrive has a joystick knob that works controlling most of the key functions for the entertainment system, navigation, communication, climate controls and computer data informational system. Also available is BMW's Night Vision, which projects onto a dashboard screen images of objects beyond headlight range, very cool.

The 525i overall is the ultimate luxury sedan. BMW owners expect the ultimate driving experience and expect to pay a premium price for that privilege. However, the average consumers must ask themselves: "Can I afford to support my BMW's premium gas addiction?" and "How much does it cost to replace those run-flat tires?" If you have the means then the ends would be to step up and take the ultimate driving experience in the ultimate driving machine. If you are budget conscious but still have the 'BMW Need', this would be a perfect lease vehicle.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Aubrey Joyce Russell
born on October 25, 2006;
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RELIGION

Cardinal Says Fence Inhuman

(AP) -- A senior Vatican cardinal on Tuesday condemned the building of walls between countries to keep out immigrants and said Washington's plan to build a fence on the U.S.-Mexican border was part of an "inhuman program".

Cardinal Renato Martino made his comments at a news conference presenting Pope Benedict's message for the Roman Catholic Church's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, in which the Pope called for more laws to help immigrants integrate.

"Speaking of borders, I must unfortunately say that in a world that greeted the fall of the Berlin Wall with joy, new walls are being built between neighborhood and neighborhood, city and city, nation and nation," said Martino, head of the Vatican's Council for Justice and Peace.



Workers build a fence along the U.S.-Mexican border.

President Bush signed legislation last month approving the construction of a 700-mile fence -- a move that angered Mexico's government.

Bush defends the fence as necessary to tighten control of the border to keep criminals and terrorists out. Thousands of poor Mexicans risk their lives each year sneaking across the 2,000-mile border to seek jobs.

Homebound Thanksgiving Meals

Loaves & Fishes Centers, The Meals-On-Wheels People will deliver more than 1,000 hot tur-

key dinners to homebound seniors on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. The organization will also host community Thanksgiving Dinners in the Portland-Vancouver metro area.

Join a Thanksgiving dinner at one of these locations between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23: Beaverton Loaves & Fishes

Center, Elsie Stuhr Center, 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd.; Belmont Loaves & Fishes Center, Southeast Multicultural Center, 4610 S.E. Belmont; Centro Cultural, 1110 N. Adair, Cornelius; Cherry Blossom Loaves & Fishes Center, Eastside Community Center, 740 S.E. 106th Ave.; Elm Court Loaves & Fishes

Center, YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave.; King City City Hall, 15245 S.W. 116th Ave.; Tigard Loaves & Fishes Center, 8815 S.W. O' Mara; and Manor Evangelical Church, 17913 N.E. 72nd in Battle Ground, Wash.

For information, call 503-736-6325 or 360-693-7125.

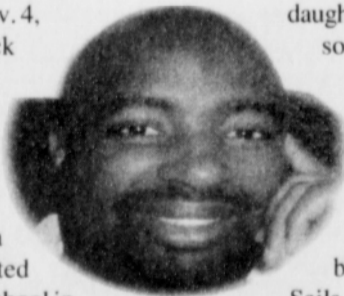
Obituaries

Grant Graduate Remembered

Floyd 'Tony' Sails

Funeral services were held Monday in Rose City Funeral Home followed by a memorial service at the First AME Zion Church for Floyd Anthony "Tony" Sails, who died Nov. 4, 2006 of a heart attack at the age 38.

Mr. Sails was born Feb. 7, 1968, in Sandusky, Ohio, and moved to Portland as a child. He graduated from Grant High School in 1986, and held several jobs, including stocker, janitor and laborer, and most recently worked for Unisource Manufacturing. He married Tasha Malloy; they divorced.



He was baptized at the First AME Zion Church where he sang in the youth choir. He also attended Albina Church of God and Life Change Christian Center.

Survivors include his daughter, Elexis R. Sails; son, Adante Sails; mother and step-father, Willie and Curtis Carr; father, Hugo E. Sails; sisters, Cynthia Perry; brothers, Hugo D. Sails, Maury A. Sails, Frankie Stoudamire and Pierre Sails; companion and her sons, Sherri Thompson, Terrance and Latrell; former wife Tasha and her son (his stepson), Teafan Malloy.

Grace Holiday Bazaar

A holiday bazaar with arts and crafts for sale will take place Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, 1535 N.E. 17th Ave.

The event will also include a raffle for a handmade quilt created by the Women of Grace, a gourmet lunch for \$7, preserves and homemade foods and a treasure sale.

Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

Celebrate hot meals, good fellowship and free clothing with Brothers on the Move as they present their 9th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Corner Stone Community Church of God in Christ, 2216 N.E. Killingsworth.

Arrange for a free ride to the dinner from either of these pick-up points: Third Avenue and East Burnside at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., or at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Wygant Street at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call 503-281-4587 for information.

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In Loving Memory

Shirley Jean Cunningham

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 13, in the Church of the Living God, 6401 N.E. 10th Ave. in Portland, for Shirley Jean Cunningham, who died Nov. 2, 2006 at the age 58.

Shirley Jean Micheaux was born April 8, 1948, in Portland, where she lived all her life. She

graduated from Lincoln High School and was a self-employed adult caregiver.

Survivors include her sons, Michael G. Morton Jr., Anthony L. Morton and Charles E. Cunningham; mother, Hazel Micheaux; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Ross Hollywood.

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