

# Portland Observer Auto Review

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## 2007 Subaru Legacy 2.5 GT Spec-B Sedan

The Legacy: A Gentlemen's Sport Sedan

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Two years ago, Subaru moved upscale with the Legacy sedans and wagons. For 2007, the carmaker hits its stride with premium technology, including an upgraded engine and a sporty new Legacy GT Spec B. Subaru introduced the Legacy GT Spec B in 2006 as a limited-production model, with only 500 scheduled for release. The raving success of this launch prompted Subaru to bring this beauty on in full production for 2007.

The 2.5-liter turbocharged boxer engine has been upgraded to an impressive degree with the introduction of a technology that's cur-

rently only available on some BMWs and Ferraris. Called Subaru Intelligent Drive (SI-Drive), it allows a driver to twist a knob to select one of three engine performance levels: Intelligent (economy), Sport (sport) and Sport Sharp (high performance).

The SI-Drive influences horsepower, torque and throttle response, but not turbocharger boost. SI-Drive also changes the shift points. The throttle response in Intelligent level is quite soft, designed to make stop-and-go driving smoother, but the response gains power with the Sport level. For the best throttle response, kick the dial up to the Sport Sharp level, the car zooms as if it had just been kicked in the rear license plate; not surprising considering it is an instant addition of nearly 50-horsepower.

The 2007 Subaru Legacy GT Spec



**Specifications:** 2.5-liter Turbocharged intercooled aluminum alloy twin-cam 16-valve flat 4-cylinder engine; AWD 6-speed manual transmission with SI-Drive; 19-City mpg 26-Highway mpg; \$33,995 MSRP.

B delivers a speedy 0-60 mph in 5.1 seconds. The engine incorporates AVCS (Active Valve Control System) which electronically varies the camshaft and timing for optimum efficiency in pursuit of the sweet

spot between torque and horsepower. The ECM regulates the AVCS based on input from various sensors.

There's also a new Torsen limited-slip rear differential, and the

Spec B gets a stronger, four-pinion front differential. The Spec B delivers a smooth ride, despite the stiffness of the Bilstein shock absorbers; this versatility is the mark of excellent suspension. We threw the

Spec B around as many corners as possible, and it responded with the same kind of tenacity and performance as was expected, thanks in part to the excellent inherent balance of the boxer engine with horizontally opposed cylinders.

The Legacy GT Spec B is definitely a gentlemen's sport sedan, complete with navigation system, exotic sound system (6-disc in-dash CD changer with MP3/WMA capabilities and XM Satellite Radio), with the only color option being the distinguished Diamond Gray Metallic exterior and charcoal leather seats with smoky blue suede-like Alcantara inserts. The more aggressive wide, low-profile summer performance tires on 10-spoke, 18-inch alloy rims are in keeping with the clean lines of the Legacy GT Spec B.

For drivers looking to fly under the radar with confidence-inspiring, all-wheel-drive performance prowess and to understated elegance, the 2007 Legacy GT Spec B definitely represents Subaru's legacy with style and distinction.

## Cancer Claims Trail Blazing Congresswomen

(AP) -- Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, who fought for electoral reform and reached new heights for a black congresswoman in seven terms serving Southern California, died of cancer Saturday. She was 68.

"Juanita Millender-McDonald was a trailblazer, always advocating for the full participation of all Americans in the success and prosperity of our country," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement. "The dignity with which she

faced her illness was an indication of the determination with which she always served the people of her district."

Millender-McDonald represented a heavily Democratic Southern California district that includes Compton, Long Beach and parts of Los Angeles. This year she became the first black woman to chair the Committee on House Administration, which oversees operations of the House and federal election procedures.



Juanita Millender-McDonald

She recently worked on issues including election reform and opposing the genocide in Darfur. She drew national attention in 1996 when she took then-CIA director John Deutch to Watts to address the community following a newspaper report alleging that profits from domestic sales of crack-cocaine were funneled to the CIA-backed Contras in Nicaragua.

She is survived by her husband, James McDonald, Jr., and five adult children.

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## RELIGION Church Builds Scholarship Fund

The First Annual Jennie T. Kemp Memorial Scholarship Awards Program takes place Sunday, April 29 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Community A. M. E. Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St. in Vancouver. The main purpose of this program is

to raise tax-deductible donations to support scholarships for qualified recipients.

A dedication ceremony for the Jennie T. Kemp Outreach Center, with Pastor Rev. Robert F. Kemp officiating, is also

planned.

Rev. Joyce Smith, Pastor of Pauline Memorial in Salem will be guest speaker.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Smith, Memorial Fund Committee Chairperson, at 360-693-4566.

## Obituary In Loving Memory

Iola Turner

Funeral services were held April 20 in Ross Hollywood Chapel for Iola Turner, who died March 25, 2007 at age 75.

Iola Carter was born Dec. 10, 1931, in St. Louis, Mo. She moved to Portland in 1951, and was a housekeeper in private homes. In 1948, she married Kelsie L. Sr.; he died in 1978.

Survivors include her daughters, Shirley A. Bell, Carolyn Jean Turner, Rebecca Lynn Turner, Theresa A. Turner and Janell Heriford; son, Fredrick Turner; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren. Remembrances to the American Diabetes Association.



Asia Bell

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My sister hates my boyfriend because she feels he doesn't treat me right. My boyfriend doesn't like her because he feels she is too nosy. They always argue, try to embarrass each other and do dirty things to each other. I'm at the breaking point after my sister stole a check from his checkbook and cashed it. On the other hand, my boyfriend told her boyfriend that she was cheating. Where do I draw the line with them before someone gets hurt? --Gina C.; Charleston, S.C.

### Dear Gina:

Almost like school kids you would think they have a crush on each other. You have to decide how much time you have to babysit while they play games. Take control of your relationship and put your sister in her place. Your boyfriend needs to know your expectations as you give him your verbal thoughts on dealing with your sister. If he doesn't behave erase him and remember that boyfriends without rings come and go, but sisters are always around.

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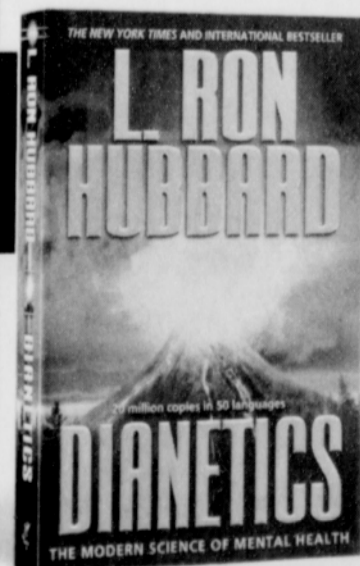
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