

# Portland Observer Auto Review

News and reviews on new motor vehicles

## 2007 BMW 328i Sports Wagon

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The 2007 BMW 328i wagon comes with a powerful new engine, a couple of new colors and some minor interior tweaks. The 328i accelerates more quickly, stops shorter and turns with more lateral grip than any previous models. It offers plenty of room, with more standard and optional equipment and more sophisticated electronic controls. BMW's x-Drive all-wheel drive system is available on the 328i.

This BMW 3 Series are the largest cars in the 3 series ever. They're more than two inches longer and three inches wider, and wheelbase has increased 1.4 inches. Most of



Specifications: 3.0 liter dual overhead cam (DOHC), 24-valve in line 230 horsepower 6-cylinder engine; 6-speed automatic overdrive transmission; 19 city mpg, 28 highway mpg, \$34,200 MSRP

the increased exterior dimensions translate into more interior space, particularly in the back seat. The 3 Series Sport Wagon is identical to the sedan from the center roof pillar forward. Rearward, its roofline tapers slightly all the way to the rear of the car, while the bottom line of

the rear windows tapers upward slightly, creating something of a teardrop shape. Roof rails are standard.

The 328i wagon's rear gate opens electrically, with a switch on the key fob or dashboard, and swings high for easy access to the load

floor. A reflector on the bottom of the gate adds an element of safety in darkness. The glass rear window opens separately, which is convenient for quickly loading light weight items.

The 328i wagon was fun to drive. It felt as if you were driving the

sedan instead of a wagon. It has many of the attributes of a sports car with the practicality of a sedan. The 328i wagon engine offers the unique performance characteristics and smoothness that make it a favorite among enthusiast drivers who want the sport sedan driving experience. It pulls like a sprinter and never misses a step.

The 328i has perfect balance front to rear, the right touch of suspension compliance and the smooth torque delivery is all there. It delivers an impressive balance between ride and handling. Although it may be a wagon it clearly still has all the quality of a true BMW sedan. You will not be disappointed with the 328i sport wagon.

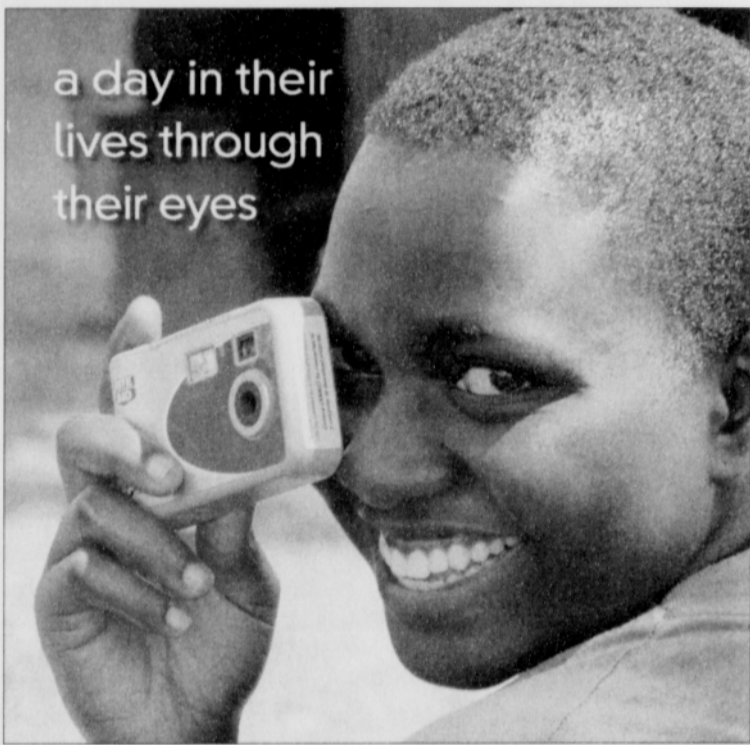
## Zoom Uganda at Forestry Center

Photo essay created by orphaned girls

The World Forestry Center opens Zoom Uganda, a stunning and thought-provoking photo essay created by 12 orphaned girls in Uganda, Africa, on Saturday June 16 with the exhibit running through Aug. 31 at the Discovery Museum in the Special Exhibits Gallery.

The photos tell the journey of 12 girls who were each given a camera and asked to capture her own story in a 24 hour period. Most had never seen a camera before, let alone operate one. The girls, aged 14 through 18, are from the AIDS ravaged Rakai district of southern Uganda and are all orphans of the AIDS epidemic. They are students at St. Andrew's Secondary School in the village of Kalisizo.

Presented by the Harambee Centre, a nonprofit organization that connects people and groups in the US with the peoples and cultures of the African continent, Zoom Uganda was directed by Julie Resnick, who joined The Harambee Centre's cross-cultural exchange trip to Uganda last year. Recalling



a day in their lives through their eyes

the first day of the project, Resnick says, "I handed out the cameras with their names written on duct tape to each girl. I drew a camera on the blackboard and explained each part: 'This is the lens. This is the shutter. This is the zoom.' The girls immediately repeated 'zoom! zoom! zoom!' in many voices. They had named their project."

The Harambee Center is par-

ticularly committed to empowering girls to continue their educations, as girls in Uganda are far less likely than boys to receive support for their studies and disproportionately bear the burden of the ways that AIDS has ravaged their community.

## Obituary In Loving Memory Ora Harden

A memorial service was scheduled Wednesday, June 13 at Adams Chapel at River View Cemetery for Ora Beatrice Harden, who died June 8, 2007 at age 57.

Miss Harden was born March 26, 1950, in Portland, where she lived all her life. She graduated from Jefferson High School and was a homemaker and professional cake decorator.

Survivors include her sons Orbray C. Davis and Cleo E. Davis Jr.; daughter Tastonga I. Davis; sisters, Jeanetta Lauderdale, Chitagawaa Cook, Gwen Reed-Thrasher and Sandra Harden; brothers, Herman Sr. and William; and three grandchildren. Remembrances to Adventist Health Hospice. Arrangements by Autumn.

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Speaker: Dr. Cole Dawson of Warner Pacific College  
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