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2007 Lincoln Navigator is ultimate 4X4

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The Lincoln Navigator is America's original luxury SUV. Navigator has set the bar as the premier luxury SUV. The 2007 Lincoln Navigator has been substantially redesigned. Now with its redesign the Navigator raises the bar to a whole new level.

For 2007 the Navigator gets a facelift with a distinctive new design that is dominated by a bold chrome grille integrated with HID headlights, with the lower fascia mirroring the same pattern, a grille that rises into the power-dome hood, new taillights, fender flares and body-side trim integrated into the lower cladding and 18" aluminum wheels. One of my favorite features is the power retractable running boards, which deploy automatically when any side door is opened and retreat neatly out of sight when all doors are closed.

The interior is showcased by premium luxury seating in all three



Specifications: 5.4-Liter 24-Valve V-8 Engine; 6-Speed Automatic O/D Transmission; 12-City 17-Highway MPG; \$58,915 MSRP

rows, a flow-through center console, real wood trim, additional noise-damping insulation and thicker side glass for improved quietness, an acoustic windshield, tuned mirrors and an available Powerfold third-row seat that folds flat into the floor.

Under the hood, the 2007 Navigator is powered by a SOHC 5.4-liter Triton V-8 that delivers a smooth 300-hp and 365 pd-ft. of torque through a 6-speed automatic transmission. The four-wheel drive uses a two-speed transfer case with electronic shift-on-the-fly capability. In low range it shifts the

engine's electronic throttle control to a special off-road calibration for more precise torque management in the worst con-

ditions, such as climbing muddy hills in the rain. The 2007 Lincoln Navigator

plus. Even with the 300-hp engine the Navigator is a bit sluggish and will not be the quickest

off the line. Properly equipped however, the Navigator's towing capacity is 9,100 pounds. The Lincoln Navigator is the only vehicle in its class to earn the government's highest five-star front crash-test rating seven years in a row. Standard safety features on the 2007 Navigator include AdvanceTrac with Roll Stability Control (RSC), four-wheel anti-lock brakes (ABS), dual-stage front air bags, seat-mounted side airbags and third-row side-curtain airbags with roll-over protection technology.

The 2007 Navigator hits the most important marks for a full-

size luxury SUV. It's relatively smooth, quiet and huge both inside and out. All models are equipped with lots of safety features and nearly all the luxury bells and whistles. Its base price is lower than most of its competitors and it runs on regular gasoline where nearly all the others require premium. Its towing rating is among the highest in the class.

The 2007 Lincoln Navigator is meant to reflect the brand's fresh philosophy regarding 'American luxury'... civilized, sophisticated understated elegance.

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HIV Film Reception and Screening

"Who Will Speak for Me?," a 30-minute video documentary about the impact of HIV/AIDS among African Americans and African/Caribbean immigrants living in the Pacific Northwest, will be screened at Reflections Coffee House, 446 N.E. Killingsworth and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Local HIV/AIDS activist/educator Rev. Renee' Ward will be among those featured in the video.

A reception begins at 6 p.m. and a DVD will be available for a requested \$20 donation. For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Ward at 503-548-7537 or email chrystalisministries1@hotmail.com.

Public Discussion on Statewide Black Affairs

A public meeting hosted by the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs will take place in Salem on Friday, July 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Morrow Crane Building, 3218 Pringle Road SE.

The mission of the OCBA is to implement and establish economic, social, legal and political equality for African Americans and blacks in Oregon. For more information about this meeting, contact OCBA at 503-378-2139 or email oaco.mail@state.or.us.

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RELIGION

Dear Deanna!

I want to respond to the comments you gave to Overweight Wife in Toledo, Ohio. I think you were out of place and crazy to say that her husband is changing because she gained weight. He has fallen out of love and has probably changed his mind on a few things. You need to apply more mental applications with some of these things than look at physical. If her mind and outlook is the same, then he will still love her regardless of the weight gain. -- *Debra; Jacksonville, Fla.*

Dear Debra:

You know good and well a man will lose his mind if he marries his bride as a size five and then she blows up to a size 15. For the record, it will become a mental and sexual issue because men are always more physically stimulated. By the way, perhaps you should experiment and throw on a few extra pounds and see if your man still comes home on

Ask Deanna!



Real People, Real Advice

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time every night or gets intimate with the lights on.

Dear Deanna!

I'm close to an emotional breakdown. My boyfriend is causing me so much stress that I can't eat, sleep or do anything. I have lost so much weight. He comes in late, criticizes everything I do and he smokes inside the house. I think he's also cheating too. I stay because he takes care of me but there's no love. I'm at the point where I feel he views me as his personal maid. The verbal abuse is too much but I can't seem to

break away. What should I do? -- *Jasmine; Chicago*

Dear Jasmine:

You're in the middle of a serious time bomb that's going to explode and you'll be the one hurt. This is a relationship of convenience and your man gets all the benefits and you get nothing but stress. If you're seeking a future heart attack, nervous breakdown and severe weight loss, then stay for the ride. If you're interested in good health, peace and respect then raise your standards, love yourself, find a new love and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My best friend from high school needs to get her life together. I have a job, responsibilities and I'm paying my way through college. She's a nice person but doesn't understand that I no longer want to reflect on high school days or hang at the mall. She works at a movie theater and she doesn't understand

and can't relate to my conversations about life or business. I don't want to hurt her feelings so please tell me how to deal with her? -- *Anonymous; On-Line Reader*

Dear Anonymous:

In simple terms you've outgrown your friend and the days of being a high school kid. No, you haven't been around the block yet but you're beginning to figure out a few things that make sense. The most you can do is encourage her to strive for things in life and set some goals. However, don't spend too much time because it's always easier to pull someone down than lift them up and that should help you as you be a good friend and good role model.

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Church Hosts Summer Fest

Everyone is invited to join the Youth Department at Vancouver's Community A.M.E. Zion Church for a weeklong series of events.

SummerFest '07 - "How Ya Livin'" opens Wednesday, July 18 and continues through Sunday, July 22. Each day has a different event including worship, music and dance.

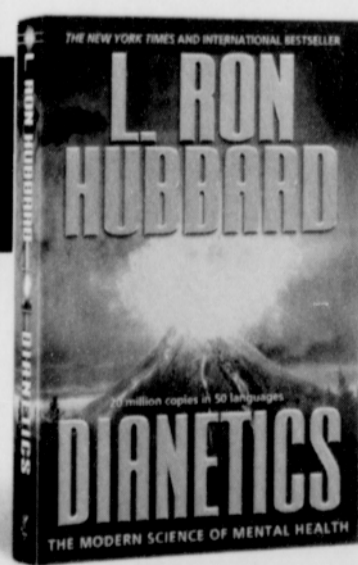
On Friday July 20, participants will head over to Oaks Park for an activity night. On Saturday, July 21, they will attend an "Evening of Elegance" dinner and dance party at the Water Resources Education Center in Vancouver.

A concluding morning worship service is planned for Sunday, July 22 at 11 a.m. with Minister Walter L. Smith Jr. All other events start at 7 p.m. and are held at the church, located at 3605 E. 13th St.

For more details, call youth advisor, Sister Kathy Parrish at 360-991-4426 or Senior Pastor, Rev. Robert F. Kemp at 360-693-4566.

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