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2007 Infiniti M35 AWD Sedan Infiniti M: Designed to Outperform

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The Infiniti M successfully blends aggression and sophistication to create visual flair and dynamic performance. There are plenty of cars in this class that provide luxury and a few that might have better performance. But the Infiniti M-series put the two together in a more engaging package than any of its peers.

The M35 features a muscular 3.5-liter V6 that pumps out 275-hp and 268 lb-ft of torque.

The M35 AWD we tested sprinted to 60 mph in 6.9 seconds and ran the quarter-mile in an a cool 14.9 seconds. This brawny motor is coupled to an awesome 5-speed automatic with automanual capabilities and

downshift rev-matching transmission that offers up an impeccable degree of responsiveness, making for fun times behind the wheel. Topping things off is a double-wishbone front, multilink rear suspension system that does out just the right mix of compliance and firmness. The M35 challenges competitors in this segment to step up the pace.

Standard safety features on the M35 are antilock disc brakes (with brake assist), stability control, front-seat side airbags, full-length side curtain airbags and active head restraints for the front seats, tire pressure monitoring system w/location display and a first aid kit. One of the coolest safety features is the lane departure warn-



Specifications: 3.5-Liter 24-Valve 6-Cylinder 275-hp @ 268 lb-ft torque engine; 5-Speed Auto Transmission w/Manual Shift Mode & Downshift Rev Matching; Intelligent All-wheel Drive System w/ Snow mode; 17-City 24-Highway MPG; \$54,900 MSRP

ing system that alerts drivers of unintended lane drifting.

With its understated good looks, the 2007 Infiniti M35 is attractive,

but its appeal isn't merely cosmetic. The car's cabin is decadently spacious, with class leading amounts of head and legroom. The Infiniti

M35's interior is comfortably appointed with well built leather seats, 10-way adjustable driver seat, heated and cooled front seats, one-

touch power windows, dual-zone automatic climate control, compass and a HomeLink transmitter, auto-dimming rearview mirror, heated outside mirrors and an in-dash six-CD changer with MP3 playback capability, voice-recognition navigational system and Bluetooth technology. However we still found the layout of the center stack controls not as intuitive as expected.

The 2007 Infiniti M35 AWD offers luxury, performance and caboodles of user-friendly technologies that make for a compelling package. The M35 is a comfortable good looking ride worth consideration as a serious contender for buyers in this class. In this reviewers opinion the Infiniti M lineup is among the best cars in this class. Infiniti has created a distinct identity with the stylish techno-savvy M35.

Mobile Command Serves Ice Cream

The large RV that serves as the Portland Police Bureau's East Precinct Mobile Command Center was stocked and ready to go. Only it wasn't preparing to go to an emergency, it was stocked with ice cream and popsicles.

Organizers have used the Mobile Command Center on some recent warm summer days to give way ice cream and connect with neighbors. Kids, parents and anyone who come by during these stops had an opportunity to interact with officers in a positive, relaxed environment.

"I didn't know what was up at first," said Rocco Caravelli, a skateboarder at Glenhaven Skate Park. "I think this is pretty cool."

"It is important for our community to see the police in a friendly setting," said Ruth Hander, Chair



Portland Police Bureau officers hand out ice cream and popsicles.

of the Madison South Neighborhood Association. "The kids and adults were able to enjoy ice cream

and talk to our police without being afraid of them."

Hander helped organize the

event in his neighborhood and even secured an ice cream donation from the local Fred Meyer store.

Child Waits for Adoption

Jakara is a sweet little girl whose eyes light up when she talks about having a forever family. She is looking forward to being part of a family that will love her and claim her as their own.

Jakara loves anything girlish. She loves stuffed animals, swimming, doing art projects, and watching movies. Thanks to her giving spirit, Jakara enjoys helping out around the house as well as helping others.

She will need the support of counseling to help her sort through and cope with her feelings of grief, loss and rejection. She needs a family that can provide her with unconditional love, understanding and the devotion



Jakara

to make her feel special.

Jakara is one of approximately 300 Oregon children available for adoption through the state, generally because of abuse and neglect.

For more information on the availability of this child, or on how to become a foster or adoptive parent, contact the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 503-542-2392 or DHS at 1-800-331-0503.

Gospel CD Release Concert

The General Baptist Convention of the Northwest invites the community to join them in a concert to kickoff its annual session on Monday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

The concert will benefit the Williams-Allen Scholarship Fund and serve as a CD release party for a locally produced gospel album "Heavenly Brother," produced through Patrick Lamb Productions.

The Gospel Northwest Project Artists featured on the CD will perform during the event, a roster that includes The Brown Sisters, Linda Hombuckle, Patrick Lamb, Julianne-Johnson Weiss, Liv Warfield, Janice Scroggins and others.

"Ninety percent of the CD proceeds go toward the Scholarship Fund to develop, overtime a "Northwest Dream Team. Our goal is to generate \$50,000 within the next 12



Rev. J. W. Matt Hennessee

months. Proceeds will be split among districts of the state convention to assist students attending college," said Rev. J. W. Matt Hennessee, chair of the Williams-Allen Scholarship Fund and Senior Pastor of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church.

Resurrection Play Breaks New Ground

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going to work on had been written in only two months.

"Inspiration doesn't have a time limit, especially if the story is based on divine intervention," said Solomon-Rogers, who contends that the play will impact everyone, regardless if they have ever had a substance abuse problem. Monique has never used crack cocaine but was able to collaborate with her husband on reliving the painful journey of getting clean.

"The play is really about redemption and that no matter how far out there you can go there is always an opportunity to be redeemed," said Monique, who Sultan feels was pivotal in his three years of being drug free.

"Monique had a lot to do with me and my recovery and she was someone I felt I could trust and was very considerate. She was a God send," said Sultan, who also credits his religious faith of the Nation of Islam for guidance through the production of the play.

The project that started back in

April is being co-directed by Blacque Butterfly, she also plays Sultan's sister, Carmen. For Solomon-Rogers, becoming part of this project was about more than acting.

"I am always about community, it was definitely a project that fits that bill and an issue dealing with this community," she said. "I also just wanted to support Brother Sultan." But mostly she is looking forward to the dialogue after the play, and the possibility of expanding the production into two-acts and a national tour.

"I think it's very important that all communities can benefit from this play," said Solomon-Rogers.

The Resurrection of the Sultan "From Death to Life" is Saturday July 21st at the Portland Center for Self Improvement, 700 N. Killingsworth St.

The ticket amount includes dinner, which begins at 6 p.m., and the play, which follows at 7:30 p.m. Children 15 years of age and older can be accompanied by a parent or guardian, but due to strong language and subject matter youth

under 15 will not be admitted. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 for couples. For more information contact Sultan X at 503-875-4041 or visit www.myspace.com/openeyesproductions.

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Obituary

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A funeral was held Monday, July 16, 2007, in Albina Christian Life Center in Portland for A.C. Green Sr., who died July 9 of a heart attack at age 74. Mr. Green was born Dec. 31, 1932, in Ballinger, Texas.

He moved in the mid-1950s to Portland and in 1987 to Gresham, and was a detail man for Bud Meadows Auto Dealer-

ship. In 1961, he married Leola M. Thompson.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Vanessa; sons, Lee, Steve and A.C. Jr., the former NBA basketball player; brother, Chester; sisters, Lena Buggs and Mary Cooper; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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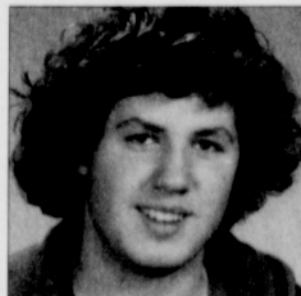
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