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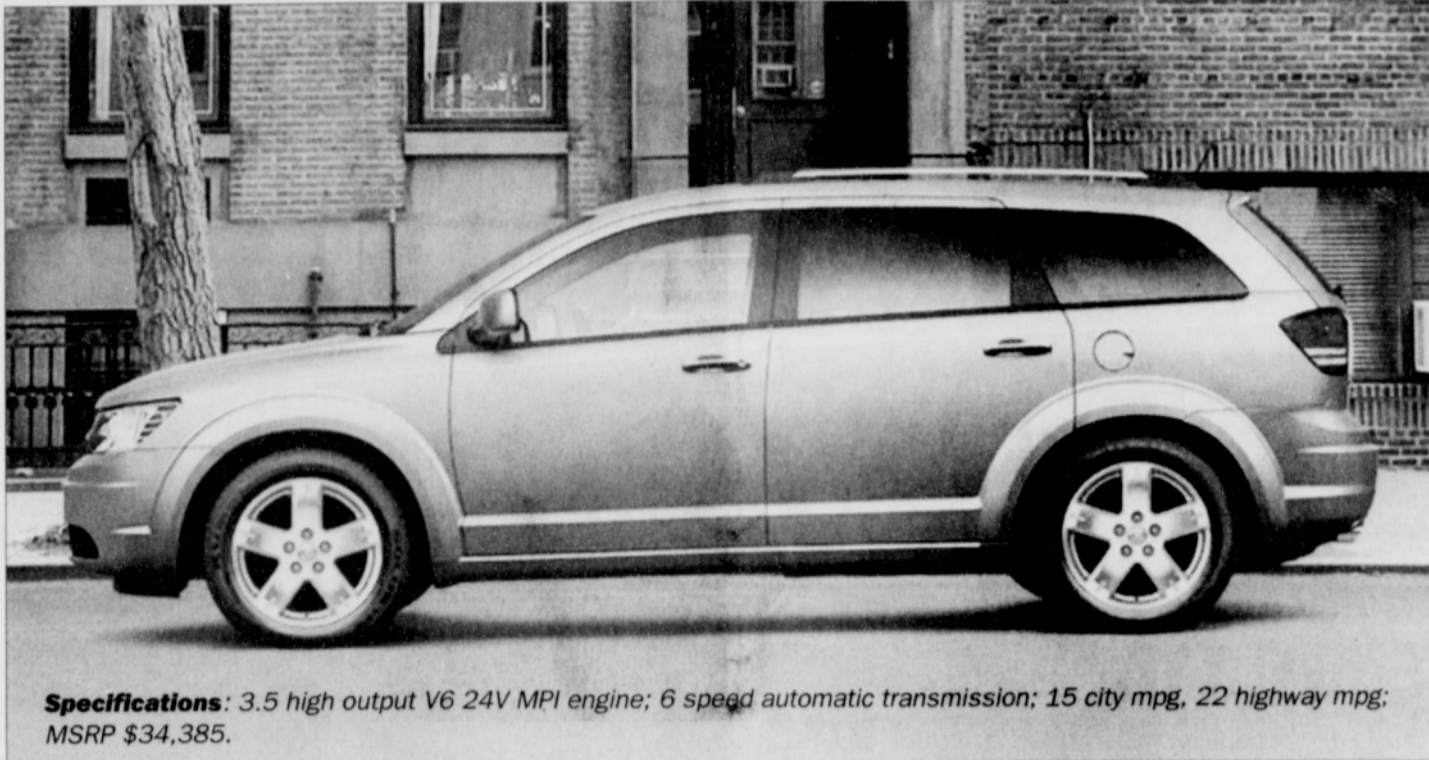
News and reviews on new motor vehicles

## 2009 Dodge Journey R/T AWD

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The 2009 Dodge Journey is the brand's long-overdue pitch to buyers who want minivan conveniences without the minivan stigma. It's versatile and spacious, but it doesn't really stand out against more polished competitors.

The base-model Journey SE comes with a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine rated for 173 horsepower and 166 pound-feet of torque. It drives the front wheels through a four-speed automatic transmission. Journey's upgraded SXT and R/T trim levels employ a 3.5-liter V6 that produces 235 horsepower and 232 pound-feet of torque. It's matched to a six-speed automatic transmission with manual shift control. On these trim levels, buyers have a choice of front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. The R/T model fare a bit better, thanks to a more capable V6 engine and six-speed auto-



**Specifications:** 3.5 high output V6 24V MPI engine; 6 speed automatic transmission; 15 city mpg, 22 highway mpg; MSRP \$34,385.

matic, but there's little doubt that athletic prowess isn't the Journey's strong suit. Even the sport-styled R/T comes off less planted and certainly less fun to drive than some of its rivals. The EPA gives an AWD Journey a 15 mpg city/22 mpg highway fuel economy estimate, about average for this segment.

The Journey's main strength is its well thought out cabin. It offers plenty of room for passengers and cargo, available seating for seven, and several smart and convenient storage solutions. Getting into the third row is very easy. The second row folds forward in an accordion style, like some competing models do. The

handle can be easily pushed from the side or when sitting in the third row. I find the escape route from the third row vitally important, especially if you're wedged back there as tightly as in the Journey.

The R/T model (\$25,920) and R/T AWD (\$27,670) come standard with leather upholstery,

heated front seats, dual-zone automatic climate control, front floor console with premium armrest, universal garage door opener, premium door trim panels, bright instrument panel bezels, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, leather-wrapped shift knob, front and rear LED lights, fog lights, remote engine

starting, plus performance steering and suspension, dual exhaust, and P225/55R19 tires on aluminum wheels.

R/T options include chrome-clad aluminum wheels (\$625), Convenience Group II (\$695), which includes a cargo compartment cover on five-passenger vehicles, as well as a vehicle information center, interior air filter, driver and front passenger lower LED lamps, adjustable roof rail crossbars and UConnect. Also offered is the Flexible Seating Group (\$1,295) which includes a third-row 50/50 folding/reclining seat, a second-row 60/40 Tilt 'n Slide seat, and three-zone automatic climate control (including the rear).

The Dodge Journey is an all-new entry in the midsize crossover SUV class. It also isn't as sporty as such rivals as the Nissan Murano or Mazda CX-7 and lacks the available power and refinement of better competitors. However, the Journey makes up for those deficiencies with clever cabin design and the availability of family friendly entertainment features

# RELIGION

## 'Fun in the Sun' was Theme for His Life

Geary Lockett

Funeral services for Geary Lee Lockett were held Monday at Albina Christian Life Center.

He was born Aug. 15, 1949 in Portland on a beautiful 84 degree day, an appropriate day because "fun in the sun" became the theme for his life.

He spent his youth growing up in north Portland, attending local schools where he made many friends. He met and later married Diane and from that time was forever linked. He enjoyed playing ball and cards with his brothers and teasing his sisters with love. He enjoyed going to the casinos, listening to the blues and talking to people he knew.

He was also known to help anyone that had a need. He adored



his grandchildren. Nothing pleased him more than to sit in his living room chair on Christmas morning while his grandchildren opened gifts followed by a nice big dinner and his wife's home-

made desserts.

You'd hear him say, "Yea, baby, I think I will have some of that." He was also known to step in the kitchen and show off his culinary skills. Nobody could make cornbread like Geary.

He retired from Wonder Bread Bakery and was a past member of the Masons and a current member of the African American Men's Club.

God called him home in the arms of his beloved wife Aug. 29, 2008 on a warm sunny day.

He was preceded in death by his grandson Quintrell, sister Pamela Lockett, brother Milton and sister-in-law Maria Lockett.

He leaves behind his wife; daughter Yollanda; sons Bryant, Dontae and Quincy;

eight grandchildren, Dorian, Glen Jr., Cameron, Malaka, Tyrese, the twins Gearicen (little Geary) and Brycen and Jaxson (born on Geary's birthday this year); his loving mother and father Suno and Herculene Minnieweather; brothers and sister-in-laws, Bradford and Marcella Lockett, Frank and Gwen Lockett, and Herbert and Parlor Lockett; sisters Eula Lockett and Angela Covington; as well as a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

He will be missed! Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home.

## In Loving Memory

Wilber D. LyDay

A memorial service for Wilber D. LyDay, who died Sept. 1, 2008 at the age of 55, will be held Thursday, Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. at Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church. He was born Dec. 26, 1952 in Portland and worked as a draftsman for

the Portland Water Bureau.

Survivors include his wife, Felita; a son, Wilbert D. LyDay Jr.; a brother Robert LyDay; and three sisters, Jeannie LyDay, Debbie LyDay and Juanita Lewis. Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home.

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## Will be Missed

Peggy Lee Nelson

Peggy Lee Nelson of Vancouver died Aug. 21, 2008 at age 61.

She was born July 22, 1947, in Miami, Okla., and moved to Portland in 1963.

She graduated from Roosevelt High School and was a phlebotomist for Portland Family Practice.

She moved to Vancouver in 1985.

Survivors include her daughter Melanie Goodrich; sons, Randy Blevins and Robert Blevins; sisters, Gloria Mullen and Wendy Carter; brothers, Atlen Carter and Chet Handley; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She will be missed dearly.

Arrangements by Cox & Cox Funeral Chapel.



## Gospel Workshop at Celebration

Celebration Tabernacle music department will host a three day music workshop, Sept. 18-20.

John Gainer, former adjunct assistant professor at the University of Oregon School of Music and founder and director of the University Gospel Ensemble, will host the event.

The community is invited to join the workshop to meet new people, learn music fundamentals and participate in the church's community concert. Registration is \$12 and \$6 for students

The uniform for the community choir will be black shirts and denim jeans for men and white shirts and denim skirts or pants for women.

Celebration Tabernacle is located at 8131 N. Denver Ave. For more information, contact John Tolbert, Celebration Tabernacle assistant music director, at 503-490-4344.

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