

# Portland Observer Auto Review

News and reviews on new motor vehicles

## 2009 Infiniti M35 AWD

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The Infiniti M35 builds on this successful foundation, it continues to be a great choice in the performance-oriented luxury sedan segment. The Infiniti product line has always offer an excellent ride with best reduction in road noise.

The Infiniti M does not drive like a big car. Part of the reason is aluminum. The hood, trunk lid and doors are all aluminum, reducing the body's weight and helping lower its center of gravity. Also, the electrically controlled rack and pinion power steering is precise, with good road feel.

The 2009 Infiniti M35 draws power from 3.5-liter DOHC 24-valve V6 engine capable of delivering 303 horsepower at 6800 RPM and

252 pound-feet of torque. The engine has got 5-speed automatic transmission system. Thanks to 5-speed automatic transmission system, the 2009 Infiniti M35 offers exemplary fuel economy. Enthusiast drivers will particularly like Sport Package, which features a firmer suspension and active rear steering.

The 2009 Infiniti M35 has got an extensive range of standard features such as automatic dual-zone air conditioning with outside temperature display, 10-way power driver's seat, power windows with express up/down, xenon high-intensity discharge headlamps, Infiniti Voice Recognition, temporary spare tire, remote keyless entry, Bluetooth technology, rear active steering,



Specifications: 3.5 Liter DOHC 24-valve V6 Engine; Electronically controlled 5-speed automatic with drive sport (DS) mode; 16 city mpg, 22 highway mpg; MSRP \$58,415.

AM/FM/cassette sound system with MP3 and in-dash 6-disc CD changer, air filtration system, dual power heated mirrors with memory and automatic reverse tilt, Intelligent Key with push button ignition, 19-inch alloy wheels, climate controlled front seats, aluminum trim, leather-wrapped steering wheel with wood trim and audio controls, Vehicle Information System with 7-inch LCD screen tire pressure monitor etc. The optional Journey Package contains HomeLink, Navigation system, RearView video monitor, Bose sound system, front pre-crash seatbelts, compass etc.

The M35 offers luxury, sports sedan performance, and user-friendly technologies that make for compelling packages. They're interesting, comfortable, and now better-looking than ever.

## Election Brings Unity in the Community

### NAACP activists to meet Saturday

BY BISHOP H. L. HODGE

The election of Barack Obama as President of the United States will be indelibly stamped in the memory of all Americans and etched in stone in the heart and soul of Black America.

Dr. Martin Luther King proclaimed, "We shall overcome." Nov. 4, 2008 was the day when the "Red Sea" of Black America was parted but not crossed. There are still some spots that are not dry. We can and must begin to ad-

vance on "dry land."

The President-elect has an enormous task before him. As a people, we too have an unspoken mandate and responsibility to be supportive of this Drum Major General.

The NAACP and other activists must step up and step out by encouraging those enveloped in the component realities of Mr. Obama's journey and the emotional impact of the moment..

We must not allow this unprecedented achievement to lull us into a state of complacency. It is imperative that as people of color and a country of diversity, we must work to forge identity and unity based on appreciating

who we are culturally and demonstrating what we can do together.

This is our quest at the Portland Branch NAACP! We seek and encourage the involvement of the youth, the adult, and the vintage as we support the national agenda and address local needs.

Join us as we "press toward the mark" to support President-elect Obama as he seeks to actualize the foundation of "The Dream". Remember, all change and growth takes time to become familiar with the process.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, Nov. 22, for the Portland Branch Installation Ceremony for the new officers. The

meeting will be held at Emmanuel COGIC United, 4800 N.E. 30th Ave., beginning at 5 p.m.

Dr. Leroy Haynes, pastor of Allen Temple CME, will serve as speaker, and Mr. Oscar Eason, State NAACP Conference President, will deliver the oath of office. All local officials, state, and regional officers are invited.

We encourage all NAACP members and potential members to attend. The NAACP Portland Branch lives! We need your embrace and support. The community is strengthened by unity!

Bishop H.L. Hodge is president-elect of the Portland Branch of the NAACP.

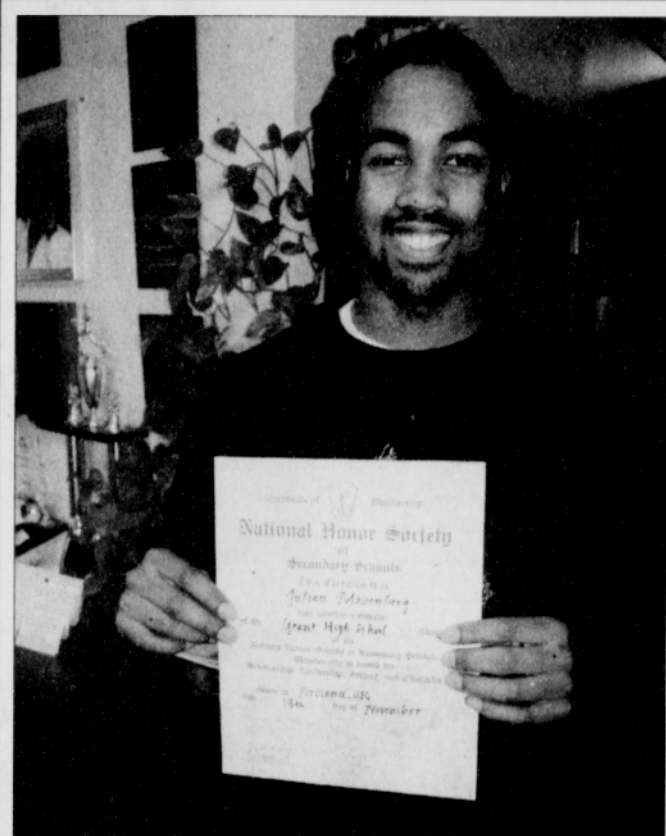


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### High Achieving Student

Julian Massenburgh of Grant High School holds a certificate that acknowledges his induction into the National Honor Society. The honor is bestowed on students who achieve the highest academic standards and personal character.

### Weatherization Saves on Energy

The Community Energy Project, 422 N.E. Alberta St., is offering a series of weatherization workshops at locations around the city in December. 108 or email energy@communityenergyproject.org

The workshops are geared for people in drafty homes. Qualified participants receive a free kit of weatherization materials worth \$150 after attending workshop. To get a list of the workshop times and locations, call 503-284-6827, ext. 108 or email energy@communityenergyproject.org. You can also visit the website communityenergyproject.org

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## Obituaries

### In Loving Memory

#### Clarence Johnson

Funeral services for Clarence Johnson, who died Oct. 30, 2008, were held Nov. 8.

He was born in Portland on March 27, 1971 to Debra Payton and Lamont Johnson. He was raised by his mother and aunt Phyllis Roper.

In younger years, Clarence enjoyed playing basketball, pop dancing, breakdancing, drawing and hanging out with his friends. Later years were spent listening to music, socializing with his friends and eating all types of good food. His daughters, Claresha and Shakia were the highlight of his life.

Clarence was smart, ambitious, friendly and gifted. He was admired by his family and friends for so many things. He had a beautiful smile that he carried with him at all times.

Before he left this world, Clarence had made peace with God. Even though he had challenges throughout his life, he held on to the values in which his family instilled in him.

Preceding him in death, were his grandmothers, Irene Johnson and Pearl Johnson; grandfather: Densber Johnson and a brother, Shaunte Johnson.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories, his wife, Kimia Johnson; his daughters; mother and father; a sister, Deanna Hampton-Johnson; his special aunt, and a host of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

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### She Loved her Family and Friends

#### Earlene Staples

Funeral services for Earlene Staples, who died Nov. 4, 2008, were held Nov. 12 at Calvary Christian Center Church.

She was born on June 26, 1946 to Grant and Earline Brown in Lexington, Miss. She married David Staples and to this union five children were born.

In the late 60s, in pursuit of a better life, they moved to Portland and found employment. Earlene worked at the Dell Nursing Home, which is presently the Marquis Piedmont, for over 30 years, until her retirement earlier this year.

Earlene was a good mother.

She enjoyed cooking southern food such as fried chicken and collard greens. She loved to go fishing, play bingo and watch her favorite soap opera "The Young and The Restless".

Earlier this year she walked into Emmanuel Temple Church of God In Christ and gave her life to the Lord.

In the end, her heartfelt wish was to see Barack Obama elected President of the United States. Her dream came true and she passed quietly soon after his brilliant acceptance speech.

More than anything she loved being around her family and friends.

Preceding her in death was her father and her grandson, Dennis Utuk.

She is survived by her husband, David Staples; daughters, Denise Brown, Lisa Staples, Dorothy Staples, Ann Staples, and Daisy Staples; her mother, Earline Davis; sisters, Maddie Staples, Lillie Issac (Mitchell), Emma Ruffin, Marie Johnson (Roosevelt), Martha Robinson (Leand), Bobbie Brown, Ideal Ragland and Rosie Pilcher (Willie); brothers, John C. Brown, Lester Brown (Marcia) Grant Brown (Margaret) and Donnie Brown; 14 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

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### He was Well Known and Loved

#### Carl Campbell

Carl Oliver Campbell died Oct. 29, 2008. He was born on Feb. 20, 1962 to Edna William and Wilfred Campbell in Lafayette, La., the sixth of 12 children.

He would recall how his mother was his second grade teacher in Louisiana, and how he decided to be the class clown and not do his homework. He though she would just automatically promote him to the third grade. Little did he know that his mother would make him repeat the second grade, because his mother knew he had more in him then he was giving.

He later moved to Portland

to be closer to his dad, Wilfred Campbell. Carl had three beautiful daughters with Ann Badon; Carla (too-too) Jeanette (girdie-girdie) and Janita (nita). He loved singing oldies but goodies. In the community, he was well known and loved by many.

Preceding him in death was his mother and father. He leaves to cherish their memories of him, his three daughters; seven sisters and brothers, Margaret, Boo Boo, Wilfred, Mallory, Walter, Paul, Paulette, Tina, Edna, Donna, Robin and Jamie; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He had a talk with his sister in regards to his death. He told her

## Mother, Grandmother Remembered

#### Annie Mae Miller

Funeral services for Annie Mae, Miller who died Oct. 19, 2008, were held Oct. 31 at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

She was born on May 7, 1925 in Marshall, Texas, one of eight children born to James and Surmentha Scott.

She was received her education in Marshall and accepted Christ at an early age. In 1964, she moved to Oregon and became a member of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church.

Annie was a Hair Stylist at Dean



Beauty Shop and later became a homemaker.

In 1981, she returned to Texas with her grandson, Leroy Johnson.

She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother and friend who would be there to assist anyone. She loved cooking and canning.

Preceding her in death was her mother and father; husband, Jacob Miller; a son, Zebedee Manning; three brothers, Fred Scott, Hayward Scott and James Scott Jr.; and two sisters, Helen S. Murray and Alice Johnson.

She leaves to cherish their

memories of her, two sisters, Beatrice Scott and Lillian Jones of Fortworth, Texas; her children, Leola McSwain, Yvonne Lawrence (Stevie), and Surmentha Ann Miller; a God daughter, Jenese Fayson; grandchildren, Marcella Lockett (Brad), Carla Smalley (Darry), Leroy Johnson, Jeanette Manning, Janel McSwain, Warren Wallace, Whitney and Britney Bickham; 7 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and special friends.

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