

Portland Observer Auto Review

News and reviews on new motor vehicles

2010 Volvo XC60 T6 AWD

This five-passenger premium utility vehicle is aimed against a growing group of competitors may be one of the least-accident-prone automobiles to yet hit the market.

The Volvo XC60 wrapped in an appealingly sculpted body, provides families with a reliable, comfortable and safe ride. The XC60 clearly stands out in the Volvo line due to the fact it is not the boxy vehicle.

The XC60 is a new model from Volvo, a crossover that seats five people and has plenty of cargo room. The XC60's rounded edges and sporty style make it clear that the car was designed from the ground up to be a crossover, with no SUV DNA apparent. In fact, with its low nose, it owes some of its style to Volvo wagons. Volvo made the ascendancy to a premium brand over the last few decades, and luxury elements show in the XC60's interior, as well as its price.

Safety comes first with Volvo the company has packed more safety goodies than would seem possible. Tricks like blind-spot warning indicators, a lane minder, adaptive cruise control, a following distance minder and

most importantly, City Safety, all combine to keep you safe and sound inside. The XC60 turbocharged, all-wheel-drive, is the first vehicle in the world to come standard with a low-speed (19-mph or less) accident-avoidance system. Known as City Safety, it uses an infrared laser sensor at the top of the windshield to detect a vehicle within 13 feet of the XC60's front bumper that is either stationary or moving in the same direction. If the system feels the XC60 is about to strike that vehicle, and the driver hasn't reacted, it applies the brakes, bringing the car to a stop if possible.

It comes with the same transversely-mounted 3.0-liter turbocharged inline-6 as found in T6 versions of the XC70 and S80. That means 281 bhp and best-in-class torque of 295 lb.-ft., the latter from 1500-4800 rpm. This super-smooth engine is mated to a 6-speed Geartronic automatic, the power put to the road by Haldex's fourth generation all-wheel drive with Instant Traction. The MPG on this vehicle is low, however the T6 engine was designed to run on cheaper regular gasoline, as opposed to premium like most



Vehicle Specifications: 3.0 Liter, 6 cylinder alloy engine w/DOHC Continuous variable timing; Geartronic 6 speed transmission w/Adaptive Shift Logic; 16 city mpg, 22 highway mpg; MSRP \$44,240.

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The exterior of XC60 has outdone itself inside. Beautiful cream and brown leather is everywhere you look, and brushed accents on the door handles and center stack work

well. Speaking of the center stack, Volvo's airy unit is a smart touch with its real-wood inlay. The driver gets treated to easy-to read gauges with floating needles, though the navigation interface is awkwardly located behind the steering wheel.

The XC60 is a new great edition to the Volvo line up. It offers a new style that is very pleasing to bring in another group of consumers. Its inte-

rior is two tone leather seats which conveys luxury feel to the XC60. Loaded with safety features and a new sporty style the XC60 is going to make a mark in this hard hit industry.

Local Youth Earns Gold Medal



Kalaiza Mitchell

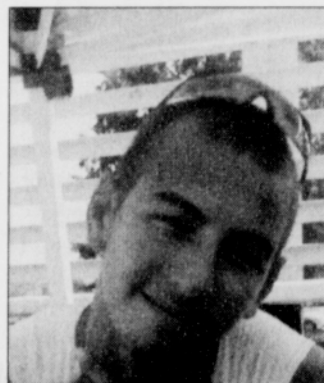
Kalaiza Mitchell of Humboldt Elementary in north Portland has won a national gold medal championship in track and field.

Mitchell, 10, the daughter of Collette Wallace and a member of Portland's Allegiance Athletic Club, recently competed in the Junior Olympics in Greensboro, N. C. where she beat out 43 other girls from around the nation

with a throw in the javelin of 102 feet and 11 inches.

Ranked number one in the state all season, she proved her abilities on this even bigger scale.

Another local youth at the tournament, Jordan Burkestrum of Clackamas High School, took fifth in the 400. He also came home with a medal and is ranked fifth in the nation.



Jordan Burkestrum

Dear Deanna!

My husband of 12 years and 3 children dropped the bomb on me that he had an affair and a pregnancy occurred. The woman didn't tell him about the baby until it was 4 years old. I didn't want him to have anything to do with the child. The child now calls asking for her daddy but I think the mother is behind this. Our kids talk about meeting their new sibling but I don't want to consider it. What do I do? --Keep it Real; Jacksonville, FL

Dear Real:

Your husband had a party without the balloons and now he's caught. The child is here and he has to pay child support, be a father figure and maintain his marriage and family. You can't punish the child and need to prepare yourself and children for their new sibling. Although you aren't feeling it, you need to be on civil terms with the baby's scandalous mother because it's your husband's child. Seek for-

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giveness, embrace counseling and lead and live by a Godly mother example and you'll get through this.

Dear Deanna!

I noticed that since high school my friend list has been reduced. I'm now over 40 years with no friends. I've put a lot of strain on my husband due to not having anyone but him. When he goes

out with the guys, he looks at me and knows how much I want a friend. He'll cancel his plans and we'll do a girly thing like shop or see a movie. Other than work and church how can I make new friends? --Friendless; Anonymous On-Line Reader

Dear Friendless:

Get out of the house, join the gym, go to the library and do something with yourself other than complain and stay under your husband. You can make new friends by talking to people while in line at a restaurant, talk to women at the hair salon or join a book club. You've outgrown your friends which is common and now you can start a new circle of friends who do some of the same things you enjoy. Stop being scared and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

After being married for 10 years I love my wife but I think I'm in love with someone else. I'm ready to file for divorce

because I want to be with the other woman. My wife and I don't have any children and I would be willing to split our assets in order to be happy. How do I make sure the love is gone with my wife? --David; Memphis, TN

Dear David:

Check on your love through prayer to seek forgiveness for your adultery and violation of wedding vows. You're confused and sound selfish because things may not be going your way in the marriage. The other woman has no place in this decision and you need to make her disappear. Seek professional marriage counseling so your wife's story can be heard and a decision made together about your future.

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Help Available for College

Oregon is reaching out to people interested in returning to college or enrolling for the first time.

Funded through a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the Adult Learner Line is geared to helping Oregonians ages 25 and older who are interested in going to college, but need some help and direction on how to enroll, seek financial aid, and generally navigate the process.

"All of Oregon's public and private nonprofit colleges and universities are involved in this initiative, and are working collaboratively to reduce the bar-

riers that often hinder prospective students from enrolling in a community college or a 4-year college or university," said Joe Holliday, assistant vice chancellor for the Oregon University System. "As more Oregonians are making employment transitions in the current economy, going back to college is a good option for re-training and re-tooling one's skills."

Oregonians can access the Adult Learner College Line Monday-Friday, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., at 1-877-848-4669, to speak with a specialist about enrolling in college in Oregon, how to get financial aid, transfer credits, or

get specific information on programs for returning or first-time students, childcare options, and other areas. On-line users can have live chats with counselors, email in specific questions, and access information on colleges, programs, and careers at OregonOpportunities.gov.

The Adult Learner College Line and website are supplemented by other Oregon-based resources, such as the Oregon Student Assistance Commission's financial aid website, GetCollegeFunds.org, which helps to understand the types of aid available to them, how to apply, and other information.

Energy Project Workshops Open

The non-profit Community Energy Project, 422 N.E. Alberta

St., is launching a series of home hazard prevention and weatherization workshops for September.

Lead-Safe Home Projects is a free seminar that teaches par-

ticipants how to do small lead paint disturbing projects in a lead-safe way.

For information and to register, call 503-284-6827 or visit communityenergyproject.org.

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