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## Chevrolet 2010 Equinox FWD LTZ

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The 2010 Chevrolet Equinox is a five-passenger, mid-size crossover that Edmunds says is "available in LS, 1LT, 2LT and LTZ trim levels." For the 2010 Equinox, Chevrolet has completely redesigned the lineup. It has different styling inside and out and two new engine choices. The base engine is an

upgraded version of the 2.4-liter four-cylinder that powered the last model. That makes this the second generation of this crossover SUV.

All models come standard with GM's Ecotec four-cylinder engine, now with direct injection technology that improves horsepower from 164 to 182 and torque from 160 to 172 pound-feet. Fuel economy is also improved, as GM says the 2.4-liter four cylinder with achieve 22/32 mpg. The transmission is a six-speed automatic with an Eco feature that alters the shift



Vehicle Specifications: 2.4L 4 cyl, DOHC SIDI; 6 speed automatic transmission; 22 city MPG, 32 Highway MPG; MSRP \$28,045 Test vehicle price \$32,230.



## Happy 80th Birthday Daddy

Mr. Jennings is a long time resident of Portland Oregon and a World War II veteran. He worked at

Richmaner Factory, Coast Janitorial and was an auto mechanic. Those who know him, know he's always ready to help whoever is in need and never says no to anyone.

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points to increase fuel economy by about 1 mpg.

The Equinox has an attractively designed interior. There are some nice amenities, including ice blue ambient lighting, dual-zone automatic climate control, a hard-drive audio system, a dual-screen rear DVD entertainment system, and a power rear liftgate. It

offers plenty of space for passengers and cargo. The front seats are comfortable and supportive. The useful MultiFlex rear seat carries over, offering eight inches of travel, so tall passengers can ride in back or the driver can push the rear seat forward to carry more cargo.

The Equinox handles bet-

ter than its predecessor. It is more carlike than the pre-2010 models, with less lean in turns. It's not sporty, but the ride is also quite good. It absorbs even sharp bumps without disrupting passenger comfort.

The 2010 Chevrolet Equinox's acceleration with the new four-cylinder engine is quite reasonable for the class

and should be good enough for most consumers and its conservative fuel consumption is a plus. A snazzy new control panel and eye-catching two-tone color schemes make its rivals' cabins seem dreary. The strong value and appealing styling, spacious passenger compartment adds to the appeal of this value.

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## Prof Looks at Lower Expectations

Rick Orozco knows the soft bigotry of low expectations all too well.

As a fifth grader, he remembers his parents being told by his teacher that they shouldn't expect too much from him academically, and were told that pushing or encouraging him would only result in his humiliation and disappointment.

However, Orozco didn't give up. He went on to college and became a high school teacher at a predominantly Mexican-American school in Tucson, Ariz.

There he heard teachers utter the same things about their

students as his teacher once did with him.

"I would hear these discussions between teachers and students, and between teachers and teachers, which emphasized the idea that these Mexican-American students were going nowhere," said Orozco.

Orozco wanted to understand the issue better, so he went on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

Now a professor at Oregon State University, Orozco studies where the negative messages about Mexican-American students come from, and

how they tickle down to the students.

Orozco examines the mission statements of schools and school districts that serve predominantly white students, and compares them to their counterparts that serve mainly Mexican populations. He found that there are lower expectations and more negative attitudes toward Mexican students.

The next step, for Orozco, is to determine how these lower expectations make their way down to the teacher-student level, and what can be done to address the issue.

"My purpose was not to find anything new, but rather to understand how those attitudes and expectations are transmitted, what is the vehicle with which those things are sent, and that they might be picked up by students," said Orozco.

Orozco wants to apply his research to Oregon, where the Mexican American population is expected to rise to levels seen in the southwest.

"I'm sure that most of this is unintentional, but that doesn't mean it doesn't happen. What I hope my work does is to help people recognize how discourses have an effect," he said.

## Gallery to Showcase Artist's Surreal Work

The Onda Gallery, on 2215 Northeast Alberta Street, is currently showcasing the surreal artwork of Eugene artist Rogene Manas, which draws on her Mediterranean heritage and passion for Mexican folk art.

Manas' art attempts to draw on what she characterizes as the "essence within." She uses papier mache, collage materials, and acrylic paint to depict natural images in a figurative manner.

The University of Oregon art



Rogene Manas will showcase her figurative work at the Onda Gallery through the end of the last week of October. It seeks to draw on the "essence within."

major graduate worked for more than 35 years as the co-owner of a design company before retiring to pursue her love of art. She studied with a number of artists in the Pa-

cific Northwest, Italy, and France. Previously, Manas focused on plein-air landscape painting and impressionistic still life before making a sudden departure in

style after spending time in Mexico, where she developed a deep interest in Latin American art.

Manas work will show until October 27.

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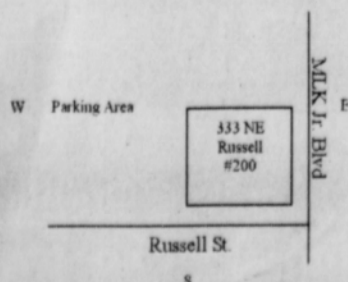
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## Refineries Buy Stolen Oil

(AP) -- U.S. refineries bought millions of dollars worth of oil stolen from Mexican government pipelines and smuggled across the border, the U.S. Justice Department told The Associated Press — illegal operations now led by Mexican drug cartels expanding their reach.

Criminals — mostly drug gangs — tap remote pipelines, sometimes building pipelines of their own, to siphon off hundreds of millions of dol-

lars worth of oil each year, the Mexican oil monopoly said. At least one U.S. oil executive has pleaded guilty to conspiracy in such a deal.

"The United States is working with the Mexican government on the theft of oil," said Nancy Herrera, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Houston. "It's an ongoing investigation, with one indictment so far."

In that case, Donald

Schroeder, president of Houston-based Trammo Petroleum, is scheduled to be sentenced in December after pleading guilty in May.

In a \$2 million scheme, Herrera said, Schroeder purchased stolen Mexican oil that had been brought across the border in trucks and barges and sold it to various U.S. refineries, which she did not identify. Trammo's tiny firm profited about \$150,000 in the scheme, she said.