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When last we left Playfaire, the shower was done, the house was not, the little cars rested, the big equipment worked, some neighbors smiled, others grumbled and she had just become unemployed ...

Corporate Hat Trick2,9
IBM, AOL ... Microsoft. The journalism major finds herself surrounded by the technical, the foreign and the geeky as she enters the world of MSN TV.

Arts & Leisure3,5
Music in Austin, Plays in Ashland. Another year of South-by-Southwest & Shakespeare, co-starring Ken and Johnson Parentals respectively.

Cars, Their Numbers Increase3,5,6
The Geo narrowly escapes execution while the Innocenti Mini T awaits restoration. Meanwhile, Al, dubbed Tiger by Nick, finds a new home at Playfaire. And, neighbors ooh & ahh over the March arrival that sports a very large emblem.

The Mercedes Benz3
Technically, yes, but not what you're thinking eBay's March purchase: 1963 Mercedes Benz Unimog S-404. The ultimate off-road vehicle.

Babies Are So Cute7
Skirting through narrow passageways and moving large quantities of dirt, the latest skid loader is a chip of the ol' block.

Exploring Exotic Locations *2-12
Excavator spends six months on a hilltop at the site of a new 6,000 sq. ft. house. Forklift explores a 72,000 sq. ft. building. Skid Loader Sr. cruises several new driveways.

Some We Even Call Friends1-12
Truth is stranger than fiction. He helps stabilize the neighbor's deck and rebuild her retaining wall. By the time the work is finished, all of Hungary follow the progress.

The Year of Leather & ~~Love~~ China1-12
Swearing they can't possibly have been married that long, the couple finds their Wedgewood pattern discontinued. eBay purchases ramp up to complete the set. While on eBay, over 220 skins are purchased for future upholstery work.

Editors Note: Please do not comment on the reliability of Windows, the functionality of Office or the quality of Internet Explorer. The writer has nothing to do with these products.

* None of these locations are ours.

The Road Less Traveled6,7
Two new roads -- one upper, one lower -- are carved to get cars and equipment to the back yard.

One Born Every Minute8
Or, *A Tale of Two Tents*. One evokes Shoreline when lit at night while the other mimics circus poles. Both will cause a stir if noticed.

That Dam Wall4-11
April to November, damn! Work goes slowly when there's no crew. Now a wall holds back the constant stream of water running out of the hill.

The Incredible Shrinking Big House1-12
Back to the drawing board to account for the spring, the cost and the planning commission. However, plans still call for a great room and a library. In the ever-growing little house, flooring is laid.

The Association of Men10-12
The politics of Francis (Oaks). To form an official road association, and ensure no 'homeowners' control is given to the neighbors, he joins three others to draft the agreement.

Santa's Workshop2-12
More like an evil elf in a dark cave, the garage begins to transform to house art and craft supplies.

The Concert Season2-12
Rick Springfield, SXSW (41 bands & Wayne in 4 days), John Wesley Harding, Sal Espana, Patton Oswalt, Calexico, Ken Stringfellow, Aimee Mann, Richard Thompson, Nick Lowe, REM, Bridge School Benefit (Paul McCartney, Neil Young, Tony Bennett & others), Ted Leo, Ed Helms, The Posies, Tom Jones

Mery Krimble12
Another year over and another attempt to communicate the goings-on of life during the past 12 months. Cheers to all and to all a good nite. - *Kristy Duncan Johnson*

