

# bûr'nəm-ish

**Burnhamish Mini-edition**

**Holiday 2008**

Happy holidays and all that- let's get down to it. Rather than completely eliminate *Burnhamish* this year, we wanted to provide at least a little cheer amidst the worst economic downturn since *Saturday Night Live* was funny. Economic downturns really bite, and this one has bitten off two-thirds of the page. Ouch.

This year, while many curtailed travel while gasoline prices were at historic highs, we traveled more! We even did Disney World in July, where apparently you can't have too many "rides" through life-size dioramas, and you can't pay too much for a dry cheeseburger.

Lauren, 8, continues her taste-testing through sports, adding basketball to the list that includes swimming, soccer, gymnastics, ice skating, and T-ball. We're still waiting for something to stick. Shae, 5, was sidelined from gymnastics after sustaining a buckle fracture near her wrist when she miscalculated on the rings at the playground.

John and Carolyn are *still* employed. For the first time in eight years, we can even say something good about Dub'ya for throwing a \$17B lifeline to the Big Three. Listen- Michigan was in a recession long before it became fashionable. You want us to be a bellwether for the next depression? I think not.

Finally, after eleven years of venerable, gas-guzzling service, the Jeep was ~~dumped off on~~ sold to nephew Malek for an undisclosed sum, replaced by an Escape Hybrid. Just when gas prices fall to two-year lows. But it's about saving the environment, really.

"Be sincere, be brief, be seated." -FDR