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## HAPPY 2006!

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"Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks, as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).

The Babylonian New Year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the New Year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian calendar. It again established January 1 as the New Year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.



The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

The Germans brought the use of an image of a baby with a New Years banner as a symbolic representation of the New Year to early America. They had used the effigy since the fourteenth century.

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," playing in the background, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the New Year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

Wishing everyone the best for this New Year!

*Valentine's Getaway for January or February!*  
*Try our Spa, Romance or Diner & Wine Packages.*

**Newlife Fitness & Spa** for men & women and family has a 15,000 square-foot, state-of-the art facility that offers its members and guests the replenishing, relaxing, and revitalizing beauty and health care services including spa, fitness, skin care, beauty, massage, and much more **Newlife Spa** wants to share their Asian wisdoms, culture and lifestyle to help you explore a new healthier lifestyle of your own by providing you with its unique services that combine the benefits of mind, body, and soul. This exclusive well-being center is also designed for you to enjoy time with your family and friends as your new healthy hangout spot. Located about 10 minutes from the hotel, it's a great way for everyone in the family to unwind from the stress of the holidays!

**Olympus Spa** is the premiere day spa in the Puget Sound area where just **women** come together in a warm and comfortable environment. They have inviting, therapeutic whirlpools with hydro jets, radiant energy rooms, the Olympus signature massage, cleansing skin scrubs, a Mugwort steam sauna and Herbal dry sauna. Spa services also include healthy Asian food and a traditional Korean Tea Ceremony for an experience like no other.

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**Spa Package Includes:**

- **Overnight stay**
- **Welcome Spa Gift**
- **\$25 Certificate to the Spa of your choice**
- **Hotel 24hr Indoor heated Pool & Relaxing Jacuzzi**
- **Hotel On the house hot breakfast 6-10am**
- **Hotel Evening Reception 5 to 7pm nightly**

Nightly Rates from

**\$159-\$188 US ( Prices do not include tax and subject to availability. )**



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Round out the evening just watching one of the new release movie you never have time to see! The next morning send him down to our On The House Hot Breakfast Buffet. We will send him back with eggs, sausage, freshly made biscuits, breakfast breads, juice and coffee. See? That was easy!

**Romance Package Includes:**

- **Overnight stay in a Whirlpool Room**
- **Long stem Rose**
- **Champagne**
- **Chocolates**
- **\$25 Victoria Secret gift certificate**
- **Evening reception**
- **On The House Hot Breakfast**

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**DINNER & WINERY TOUR**

Includes two nights accommodations, A Hampton welcome gift, and winery tours of Chateau St. Michelle & Columbia Winery. \$50.00 Gift Certificate to one of the following Alderwood Mall Restaurants: Claim Jumper, McGrath's Fish House, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Romano's Macaroni Grill, or Ruby's Diner.

**Dinner & Winery Package Includes:**

- **Two Night Stay**
- **Wine welcome gift**
- **\$50 Alderwood Restaurant Gift Card**
- **2 Passes to Chateau St. Michelle Winery Tour**
- **Columbia Winery tour (no passes required)**
- **Evening Reception**
- **On The House Hot Breakfast**

Nightly Rates from **\$124 TO \$159 US ( Prices do not include tax and subject to availability. )**



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*A new year with a new look and  
new name!  
At our Sister Property....  
**The Best Western Cambridge Inn  
and Suites!***



The Best Western Cambridge Inn our sister property located in Everett, Washington is undergoing some changes for the new year. They now have a **Shuttle Service** to take their guest (within a 10 mile radius) to a lot of fun things to do in the area. Starting on January 9th they will be adding an **evening reception** from 5pm to 7pm, Monday through Thursday, for their guest. There will be beer and wine along with some snacks to munch on. Other news is that they will be adding on **Suites , indoor pool and spa** all to be completed by summer of 2006. The lobby is currently getting a brand new look and ... We are now a **totally smoke free** hotel! So really exciting things are happening at Best Western Cambridge Inn. Watch for updates as the make over proceeds during the next few months.

## It's Time for January White Sales!

With all the mark downs taking place with after Christmas Sales of 50% to 70% off at the local retailers. With them getting ready for January White Sales 2006. It's a great way to pick-up that Christmas gift that you did not get. Hampton Inn & Suites Lynnwood have two wonderful shopping packages for you to take part of. So leave the kids at home with dad. An let's go shopping....

### Shop and Drop Package Includes:

- Overnight stay
- \$25 gift certificate to Alderwood Mall
- Shopping Gift
- 24hr Indoor Pool and Relaxing Hot Tub
- Evening reception
- On The House Hot Breakfast

Nightly Rates from  
\$114 TO \$159 US



### OUTLET SHOPPER

Package includes:

- Overnight Stay
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# Extra News to Share!

## January Events ...

### Seattle Boat Show

**January 13-22, 2006 - [Qwest Field and Event Center](#) - Downtown Seattle Washington**

The **58th Annual Seattle Boat Show** will be bigger than it's ever been before due to the recent opening of **Qwest Field**. The **2006 Boat Show** runs from **January 13-22** and will feature **more than 1,000 New Boats** and a **wide-variety of Boating Accessories** representing the latest in technological marine innovations.

Additional activities will include a special high-tech section, a **Sailing Center** with over two dozen boats, 30 sailing related exhibits and **Free Seminars** hosted by Authors & Experts on boating topics ranging from fishing to cruising.

## February Events ...

### Northwest Flower & Garden Show

**February 8-12, 2006 - [Washington State Convention Center](#) - Downtown Seattle**

Celebrating **18 Years**, the **Northwest Flower & Garden Show** will offer visitors a rare chance to view **30** beautifully landscaped, *full-scale Gardens* created by top designers, nurseries and organizations from throughout the Northwest-area and beyond.

In 2004 ... activities included a **Sculpture Park** featuring original artwork, an expanded **Orchid Display**, Florist Competition, and more than 300 vendors.

**Northwest Flower & Garden Show** hours are Wednesday-Saturday 9 AM - 9 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 6 PM. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$7 for kids ages 4-11, free for kids under 3.

### Seattle RV & Outdoor Recreation Show

**February 9-12, 2006 - [Qwest Field and Event Center](#) - Downtown Seattle**

Celebrating **43 years...** the **Seattle RV & Outdoor Recreation Show** has become the largest indoor RV Show on the West Coast ... with thousands of people from all over the country in attendance. The 2006 **Seattle RV & Outdoor Recreation Show** showcases everything the market has to offer. From **daily seminars** & informative **exhibits...** to the latest and greatest in RVs plus, other outdoor recreational gear and equipment.

**Event Hours** are Thu-Sat: 10 AM - 8 PM; Sun: 10 AM - 5 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students.

### 2006 Seattle Home Show

**February 18-26, 2006 - [Qwest Field and Event Center](#) - Downtown Seattle**

The 62nd annual **Seattle Home Show** will feature over 500 displays of home and garden products, fully furnished and landscaped model homes open for tours; **free seminars** on home improvement topics; more than 50 model kitchens and bath vignettes. *Plus*, lots of arts & crafts and other great home decorating ideas.

**2006 Seattle Home Show** hours are Saturday(s): 10 AM - 9 PM; Sunday(s): 10 AM - 6 PM; Mon: 10 AM - 8:30 PM; Tue-Thu: 11 AM - 8:30 PM; Fri: 11 AM - 9:30 PM. **Tickets** to this year's show are \$9 for adults; \$3 for children 7-15; children under 7 are free.

## Everett Event Centre



**January 8th VS Kamloops Blazers 5:05pm**  
**January 11th VS Tri-City Americans 7:05pm**  
**January 13th VS Portland Winter Hawks 7:05pm**  
**January 16th VS Tri-City Americans 7:05pm**  
**January 20th VS Seattle Thunderbirds 7:05pm**  
**January 21st VS Vancouver Giants 7:05pm**  
**January 25th VS Seattle Thunderbirds 7:05pm**  
**January 27th VS Tri-City Americans 7:05pm**  
**January 29th VS Spokane Chiefs 5:05pm**

*We love having you here!*