

CELEBRATING  
SEATTLE FOR  
**40**  
YEARS

# INSIDE SEATTLE'S GUN CULTURE

▶▶▶ PLUS: TACKLING THE  
GUN CONTROL ISSUE

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THE PREMIER SEATTLE MONTHLY

DECEMBER 2006

## THE BEST OF 2006

MORE THAN

**226**  
**WINNERS**

FOOD, ARTS,  
DATING, PETS,  
SHOPPING  
**AND MORE**

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**THE BEST  
OF THE WORST**

THE YEAR'S MOST  
CRINGE-WORTHY EVENTS



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### MEET THE GEEKS

THE CREATIVE  
MINDS BEHIND  
OUR VIDEO  
GAME INDUSTRY

**ALSO:**  
CAN SDOT CHIEF  
**GRACE  
CRUNICAN**  
KEEP SEATTLE  
MOVING?

**WINTER STORM  
WATCHING**  
ON THE COAST  
(TRUST US, IT'S  
WORTH THE TRIP)

BONUS INSERT:  
**BEST  
REAL ESTATE  
AGENTS**  
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▼ **FOR THE BEAUTY OBSESSED**  
**BARE ESSENTUALS RAREMINERALS**  
**SKIN REVIVAL TREATMENT**

Winters—even mild Seattle ones—can wreak havoc on skin, making this nighttime treatment in powder form a welcome addition to the cosmetics addict's arsenal. Packed with organic minerals, the preservative- and irritant-free powder heals skin while masking flaws. \$60 at **Sephora** (multiple locations, including Downtown, 415 Pine St.; 206.624.7003; [sephora.com](http://sephora.com)).



▲ **FOR THE FASHIONISTA**  
**LULY YANG COUTURE UMBRELLA**

Even those who insist real Seattleites don't carry umbrellas may change their tune after spotting this corset-inspired waterproof creation from local couturiere Luly Yang. \$28 at **Luly Yang Couture** (Downtown, 1218 Fourth Ave.; 206.623.8200; [lullyyang.com](http://lullyyang.com)).



▲ **FOR THE BATHING BEAUTY**  
**SANTA MARIA NOVELLA**  
**POMEGRANATE BATH SALTS**

People rarely treat themselves to luxe bath products, and these fragrant and natural Italian salts, hand-made and infused with the essence of pomegranate, are ripe for the giving. \$42 at **Mario's** (Downtown, 1513 Sixth Ave.; 206.622.6161; [marios.com](http://marios.com)).



▲ **FOR THE TRENDY**  
**TWEENAGER**  
**POTLUCK PARIS RINGS**

The chunky metal designs from this little-known Parisian jewelry line are a twist on the very trendy cocktail ring—and hip enough for you to score some cool points. \$54–\$72 at **Frenchy's** (Madison Park, 3131 E Madison St., Suite 103; 206.325.9582) or at [potluckparis.com](http://potluckparis.com).