

** A Message From the CEO **

Gifts From the Club Make Season Bright

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Here's the situation: Christmas is around the corner, and you need to buy a gift for that someone special.

What do you do?

Go to the Club! Have you seen all of the Club's amazing and high-quality City-themed merchandise? You should. It's good stuff



You can walk down to Club Headquarters, of course, but it's so much easier and faster to order from the Club Website. Whatever you're looking for — T-shirts, watches, hats or pins — you're sure to find something for that special person in your life



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And if you're cutting it a little close to Christmas, just give us a call. We can usually have our merchandise in your hands within two days of placing your order.

We're really proud of our new watches. The Ticket Guy had them custom designed and manufactured to his stringent specifications. How does this sound: Solid stainless steel case; genuine leather or solid stainless steel band; hardened glass; and Japanese quartz movement, the most reliable in the industry. Also, take a look at the ad on the back cover, featuring our very own Ticket Guy (a.k.a. Navin Cotton).

This issue of *Alive!* has other great content, too: Read our interview with the Port's Harry Hunold; it's impressively entertaining (his description of his last day in New York is priceless!).

And, as you've read in our last issue and again in this issue, there will not be a refund check this year. The good news, though, is that even with the record amount of death claims (more than \$3.9 million), the Club had no problem ensuring that every claim was paid. That's what our Club insurance is all about, taking care of those who face a death in the family. Consider, again, how much sense it makes to have our Club insurance.

Also, we have a special guest-writer for this and next month's *History Comes Alive!* It's the world-renowned historian Tom Sitton, and he's written a wonderful two-part series on John Randolph Haynes, one of the most dominant and influential men in Los Angeles history. The *History Comes Alive!* column is one of our most popular every month, and, with excellence like this, it's no wonder.

Lastly, from everyone here at the Club, and from my wife, Kelley, and I, have a safe and happy Christmas and Hanukkah. Here's to you, for what you do for the City.

JOHN

Coming in the January issue:

- A look at the City's departmental holiday parties.
- A look back at some of the best photographs from *Alive!* in 2006.
- The latest and greatest Club merchandise.
- And much, much more!

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