

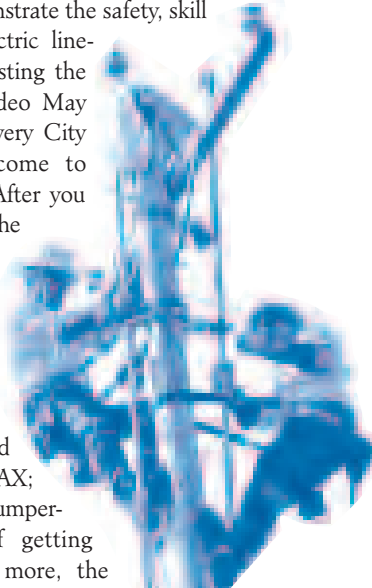
** A Message From the CEO **

Lineman's Rodeo Shows DWP Skill

by **John Hawkins**
President and CEO, The Club



But you didn't know that our DWP is the largest municipal utility in the good ol' USA! And, as you can imagine, supplying water and electricity to more than 3.87 million residents of this great City is a grueling, and often thankless, task. Just one of the many jobs required of DWP employees is installing, repairing and maintaining thousands of power poles and lines throughout California, Nevada and Utah. It's a dangerous job, as you can see from the front cover shot. To recognize the profession of "line work" as well as demonstrate the safety, skill and education of electric linemen, the DWP is hosting the annual Lineman's Rodeo May 6. Employees from every City department are welcome to come and have fun. After you take another look at the awe-inspiring cover photo, go to page 17 for all the details.



On a different note, if you're like me, you appreciate the lower cost and flight availability of LAX; but, you dread the bumper-to-bumper traffic of getting there. Well fear no more, the Union Station to LAX FlyAway has just begun service. See the front page for the story and take special note of our fearless leader, Mike Biagi, who was an instrumental team member in bringing this idea to reality.

Now, let's talk about something bizarre, mind numbing, gluttonous, comedic and thoroughly entertaining ... RenFair, more formally known as the Renaissance Faire. If you've never been you must go, and if you've been before go for old time's sake. It's from April 8 through May 21, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year it's at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. The Club has tickets at an unheard-of 40 percent off for adults and 34 percent off for kids (adult Club price, \$13.75; child Club price, \$8.25. Regular prices are \$22.50 and 12.50, respectively). Life is short; go to "RenFair" and live large!

Also, Michelle (a.k.a Club Events Guru) is already making plans for ClubFest 2006. We're putting the call out for bands that want to audition, so if you know of any City employees who play in a band, tell them to contact us (see the notice on page 14).

Last but not least, a big shout out to Lori Gastelum and her son, Steven. Lori sent us an awesome photo to add to our *Alive!* Around the World feature that you have to see. It's on page 42. Go ahead, take a look.

That's it for now. Enjoy your *Alive!*

Until next month,

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p.s. And don't forget to see a great shot of our "Mr. Los Angeles" on page 20!

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The Club adds two more scholarships in its member program, bringing the total to five. Plus, there's a new deadline: May 31.

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