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*Comments from members such as "you guys" spurs discussion
about policy, procedure and member involvement*

You Are the Union!

**By Norman Glasser
Business Representative - Secretary**

It is becoming tiresome and sad to hear members call the Local office and make statements such as "you guys are changing this" or "you guys are making us take this class now." You are "you guys." You are members of this union and have a voice in the workings of this union, if you take the time, six times during the year, to attend a General Membership Meeting. I know that some members feel that the Local is the enemy and that some members feel, the Local feels the members are the enemy. This is not the case and if you feel that way then you do not have a proper understanding of how this Local works. The Local office is here to help, whether you need contract questions answered or assistance with your dues during disability or illness or most importantly assisting you in your job as a Set Lighting Technician.

My most important job as Business Representative is to enforce the Constitution & By-Laws and the contracts you work under. The Constitution & By-Laws are what governs this Local union; without them there would be no order. Do you prefer anarchy over order? Or just doing as you please? Secondly, contracts are negotiated by the International Alliance. The contracts are in place to make sure you are protected as an employee and have rights and privileges in order to receive fair wages, health and welfare and a safe work environment.

An example of the some of the derisive comments about "you guys" concerns the Safety Pass Training Program. Once again, I want to remind you, that the training program was mandated by the State of California, Cal-OSHA, due to serious accidents over the years. Local 728 does not make our members take safety classes. It is the responsibility of the Producer, as mandated by Cal-OSHA to ensure every member is qualified for their craft by taking these classes. The one and only goal is to have a well educated workforce to help make everyone safer on the job. Equipment and technology are ever changing, which is why the rules of the game sometimes change and therefore, the training programs must adapt to these changes.

I would also like to mention that our office staff are not members of the Local. They do not set policy; they follow the direction of the Officers of the Local. If you have questions or concerns regarding policies of Local 728 please see myself, the Call Steward-Treasurer, or ask to make an appointment to come before the Executive Board to express any concerns you may have.

To me it is a privilege and an honor to work in this industry and be a member of Local 728. No one is forced into working in this business. There are many other jobs out there that do not enjoy the distinction or admiration that people in this industry receive professionally or personally. There are many members retiring just as there are many new members joining Local 728. It is up to the newer members and members who still have a long career ahead of them to honor those retirees who helped build this Local and industry into what it is today by taking pride in their job and their Local by working together!

Your Children's Photos and the LA Mayoral Race: How the Internet Affects Both

By Patric J. Abaravich, *President/Editor*

On May 17th, many Local 728 members will have the important opportunity of choosing who will lead the City of Los Angeles for the next four years. Thanks in part to modern technology – and frank comments by city workers – the voting public, interested parties and even the media can view comments and get some very telling, firsthand accounts of what really goes on at city hall.

In January, the Engineers and Architects Association launched www.blog-city-hall.squarespac.com. This popular journal web site has become a terrific avenue for city employees to anonymously speak out on a variety of hot topics surrounding LA city government.

Perhaps more telling are their detailed writings regarding the upcoming mayoral race. Bloggers are reporting on a number of alleged infractions by the sitting mayor and his staff.

We are not here to support or endorse either candidate. If you want to know what they are saying, you have to visit the site. It is not the union's nor my stand to encourage you to vote for Mayor Hahn or Antonio Villaraigosa. Our goal is simply to get you to the polls.

Check out the blog site, and if it helps you make a better-educated decision before Election Day, then I feel I've done my job.

(In fairness to both candidates, you can also find more information at these web sites: www.lacity.org/mayor/ and www.antonio2005.com.)

In November, we began the series, *Supporting Our Troops, Our Children* which highlights members' adult children serving overseas in the military. It is both our honor and privilege to feature these brave young men and women and the dangerous jobs they do.

Just recently, members have begun sending in pictures of their young children. We're delighted to get these photos and I encourage you to continue sending them to us. I would love to do nothing but articles about our children; however what I plan to do over the next few months as more people send in their pictures is to strategically place them in upcoming Bulletins. I think it's just as important to share work-related news and information as much as our joys of *why* we are working.

Keep sending in those pictures, but there are a couple of things I need to remind you of. Because of the techno-advanced world we live in, please keep in mind that The Bulletin also gets placed on the Internet. If you want to share pictures of your children, pets, kid's sports accomplishments, academic achievements, etc., etc., please send them in. If you feel uncomfortable with us publishing (either in The Bulletin or on the Internet) your child's name or other data (such as name of school), it is possible to avoid that. But please let us know ahead of time.

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Call Steward INFORMATION

Any Local 728 member representing the producer in filling calls or needing assistance, please contact this local during business hours. The local office operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you need to hire prior to 8 a.m., after 6 p.m., or over the weekend, please phone the Call Steward at 818-207-3094.

Members seeking weekend work should call the Steward at the Local on Friday to put your name on the weekend availability list.

Anyone who hires off roster or hires any member who is not current with their dues without first calling the Call Steward, shall have charges filed against them and shall be subject to the assessments levied by the Trial Board if found guilty.

Our present contract work week consists of any five (5) consecutive days out of seven (7) consecutive days.

**Exciting things
are happening at
your union! Don't
miss the next
regular
General
Membership**

Meeting

Saturday,

May 14, 2005

9:00 a.m.

at

**IATSE Local 44
12021 Riverside Drive
North Hollywood**

***No R.S.V.P.
needed!***

***Be sure to bring
your union card!***

First Notice

New applicants for membership are: Patrick Brennan, Marc Bussio, David Chung, Bernard Cistrunk, Chris Greene, Todd A. Helsley, Trish Herremans, Charles Sears and Matthew Zschoche.

Second Notice

New applicants for membership are: Norman Ash, Allen E. Barnwell, Edward Carlile, Gabriel Hays, Joshua L. Huber, Jose H. Martinez, Timothy Molina, Aaron Peterson, Ruben T. Ramos, Roberto A. Schein, James Strong and Neil A. Young, III.

New Members

The following members were sworn into Local 728 on April 1, 2005: David J. Besdesky, Anson Beck, and Vladimir A. Tamayo.
The following member was sworn into Local 728 on April 4, 2005: Kenneth P. Ratliff.

The following member was sworn into Local 728 on April 8, 2005: Mike Strand and Robert C. Waers, III.

The following member was sworn into Local 728 on April 11, 2005: Peter Villani.

The following member was sworn into Local 728 on April 15, 2005: Brandon Cunningham.

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Hollywood Heard and his talented lighting crew filming "Heaven's Fall" on location in September in Monroeville, Alabama save the town's historic courthouse

A Worthy Commendation

At the March Local 728 General Membership Meeting, President Patric Abaravich presented longtime member Hollywood Heard with a special commendation plaque honoring his quick-thinking and skill during the devastating storm, Hurricane Ivan.



President Patric Abaravich and Hollywood Heard

Hollywood and the lighting crew helped save Alabama's historic Monroeville County Courthouse and greatly assisted the county's emergency officials in the aftermath.

Word of the oncoming storm shut down production of "Heaven's Fall" which was shooting at the courthouse. When others took cover and refuge, it was Hollywood and

his crew that offered the service of two 60-foot boom arms to secure the courthouse's 99 windows. The group also used their equipment to cut plywood to the proper sizes of the windows then boarded up the notable building.

Monroeville suffered the full force of the devastating storm. The courthouse – not only significant for its age, but it also boasts the courtroom used in "To Kill A Mockingbird" – escaped without a scratch during the estimated 113 mph winds. County officials wrote to the Local and said preservation of the building was solely because of the outstanding efforts of Hollywood and the lighting crew.

If that weren't enough, the morning after the hurricane the city had no electricity. Hollywood then learned that the county's 911-center generator had malfunctioned. He drove the production's generator to the center and wired it giving the 911 emergency facility power for 12 hours before another generator could be found.

Local 728 professionals have a proud and rich history of going above and beyond the call of duty. We salute Hollywood Heard and his crew on "Heaven's Fall" for their initiative and willingness to put their safety and well-being aside to save an historic courthouse and greatly assist the people of Monroeville, Alabama in their time of need.



What Are Your Summer Plans?

There is no doubt we work hard ... and Local 728 members play hard, too. With vacations and studio hiatus starting up, many members take extreme vacations. Hiking the Himalayans? Biking around Europe? RVing around the States? Are you doing something crazy, staying local, or going to some far exotic island to lie on a beach and regroup? Let us know. We'd like to feature what Local 728 members have planned for Summer '05 in an upcoming issue of The Bulletin.



Welcome New Members! On March 12, Local 728 inducted 16 new members into the union. Taking part in the swearing in ceremony were: Steve T. Brock, Michael Callahan, Devin D. Campbell, John Cropley, Russell E. Curtis, Sean S. Emmons, Patrick J. Gaynard, Jerry Gregoricka, Brady M. Gurley, Richard Lyons, William McLachlan, John J. Moriarty, Steve Rollins, Ramiro Ruiz, Sean-Michael Smith and Tony Sweeney.



Congratulations to first-time parents Nathan and Wendy Johnson who celebrated the birth of their son Maximillian Bruce Johnson on December 14, 2004. The proud papa is a day player Lighting Technician who has been a member of the Local since 2001.



Delinquent List Second Quarter 2005*

ADAMSON, ERIC S.
ALARIAN, RICHARD C.
ALBALA, MICHAEL G.
ALDERSON, RANDY
ANGUS, JASON M.
ANTENORCRUZ, FRED B.
AREVALO, SOLOMON
BARNES, EDWARD J.
BARRERA, REYNALDO
BARRETT, JAMES
BARTEL, II, EDWARD C.
BERARDI, PHILIP N.
BITHELL, WALTER
BOUZA, DAVID
BOX, HARRY C.
BOYER, NANCY ROCHELLE
BRACAMONTE, DANIEL
BRAY, CHARLES DEAN
BREEDLOVE, SHAUN
BRISBIN, JAMES E.
BROWN, JOEY D.
BRYANT, WILLIAM B.
BRYCE, MALCOLM JOHN
CALAS, ERIC PATRIC
CERDA, CONRAD T.
CHARLES, CHRISTOPHER R.
CHASSLER, JEFF
CHRISTIAN III, HENRY F.
CHRISTMAN, PATRICK E.
CLARK, DENNIS
CLEAR, KELLY D.
COCHRAN, ERIC H.
COHLMIA, CHAD M.
CONKLIN JR., CHARLES R.
DAHLQUIST, DONALD E.
DALY, JUSTIN
DAMBRA, CHRIS J.
DE BLAU, JOHN W.
DE LA ROSA, JEFFREY
DIAL JR., HARRY E.
DILLINGER, JAMES F.
DOWLING, ROBERT D.
DURR, TIMOTHY R.
DUTKOWIAK, ROCH C.
EDNIE, DOUG
ELLIS, JIMMY
ENDEWARDT, FRANK E.
ENGEL, MARK A.
EUBANKS, JERRY
FINO, CRUZ S.
FISCHER, SAMUEL M.
FLAIM, JEFF
FRANCHETT, TOM
FROHNA, JAMES

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GALINDO, RENAN
GALLART, MICHAEL
GARCIA, CHRISTOPHER D.
GRAJEDA, FAUSTO
GRAVER, CHRISTOPHER W.
GREENBERG, BILL
GROSHON, HAL
GUERINO, JOSEPH F.
GUERRERO, CHRISTOPHER
HAESSIG, RHIO
HANEY, CHRISTOPHER PATRICK
HANNAS, RONNIE MARKWOOD
HART, JOHN BRUCE
HART, RICHARD T.
HASELBUSCH, HAROLD F.
HASTINGS, WILLIAM R.
HAWKING, DANIEL
HAWKINS, MATTHEW W.
HEARD, HOLLYWOOD KEVIN A.
HINKLE, BRADLEY
HOLT, JAMES P.
HOOD, ALBERT A.
HOUSTON II, LAMAR
HUME, ROB
ISWARIENKO, KURT A.
JACKSON, RENALDO
JOHNSON, VAN
KALLEN, JASON A.
KALOUS, ALFRED E.
KANESHIRO, ALAN
KEARNS, PATRICK J.
KELLEY, KEVIN THOMAS
KENT, HAKIM
KIBBE, JAMES MAXWELL
KIM, KAISER KAI
KNIEST, JAMES
KOVALESKY, STEVEN J.
KUCHARSKI, STEVEN D.
LEVIN, RONALD M.
LINDSAY, DAVID T.
LIPSON, BRADFORD A.
LUCA, IAN E.
MAGARACI, TIMOTHY
MALDONADO, RICHARD G.
MANDLEY, JERRY L.
MANNING, WRIGHT K.
MARQUEZ, MICHAEL S.
MAYBERRY, WILLIAM R.
MC EACHEN, JAMES
MC EWEN, JAMES MARK
MC GEHEE, STEPHEN W.
MC GONEGLE, JOHN J.
MC GOUGH, II, THOMAS P.
MC HUGH, DENNIS

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Identity Theft: Where To Go For Help and a Few Tips

**By R. Bruce Prochal
Call Steward/Treasurer**

Greetings everybody! The month of March was truly something else. With all the pilots and a few low budget features in town, there were just not enough members available to accept all the work calls. Expect to see a lot of new faces later in the year.

It has come to my attention that a few of our members have recently become victims of identity theft in one form or another. Government estimates report that 500,000 to 700,000 may have had their identity stolen last year and the numbers continue to increase. Some of you have called asking me where to go for help. I did some research and I am presenting the fruits of my labor.

First and foremost, if you think you have become a victim of identity theft, get to a secure computer (more on that later) and go to the Identity Theft Resource Center (www.idtheftcenter.org). This a non-profit organization established by a woman who had her identity stolen by, of all people, her employer. Her story is on the website and it has been covered by national press, TV and radio. It is a very highly rated organization and has answers to everything related to identity theft. There is not enough space in our bulletin to review it in detail here, check it out yourself.

To finish this month's offering, I thought I would present some of the things that I do to protect myself from identity theft. Most of it is culled from magazines, newspapers, TV news, and radio, so the information is out there.

If you do not have one, go out now and buy a shredder, preferably a cross cut or confetti type, forget the straight cut type. The smaller shred size is better in this case. This action is essential as you have no idea who might be going through your trash, day or night. A good one costs around \$150 and many of the office supply stores regularly have sales or offer discount coupons on them. I shred everything that has my name, address and anything else that could be associated with me. This is particularly important if you receive a lot of credit card, mortgage refinance and life insurance offers.

Next, do not sign your credit cards. I write in "Check Photo ID." Most business establishments post a sign claiming "We check photo ID for credit card purchases." My experience tells me that 90% of the businesses that post the sign do not. If you go to a store that displays such a sign and make a purchase, inform the management if you are not asked for photo ID and let them know you may not frequent their store because they did not ID you.

Make your computer secure. At the very least, if you access the internet, have at least an anti-virus program, a software firewall, and maybe two or three spy ware removal tools installed. Run them regularly. If you have DSL or cable modem access, get a router, even if you connect only one computer to it. Routers have a hardware firewall built into them. Also, store all personal information (especially banking information and tax records) on removable media, such as a floppy disk or a CD-RW. Consider purchasing a separate bare bones computer, not connected to the internet, for financial records.

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Contract Service Renews 728 Training Program

Contract Service has renewed the Local's training program. The Safety Qualified Technical Training Program is now looking for a new Master Instructor. A letter was sent to all members listing the suggested requirements for the position. All interested and qualified members are highly encouraged to submit their resume by May 6th.

President's Column

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Also, to do justice to the photos, please send in hard copy, scanable photos or a digital picture emailed to us with at least 300dpi. Keep in mind that photos are processed in black and white. Unfortunately, the quality of picture phone photos is too grainy and not reliable enough to render an adequate reproduction. Additionally, please include a contact name and phone number when submitting photos.

Where To Submit Your Photos

The Bulletin welcomes pictures of your children - including the four-legged members of your household. Please send digital photos via email to www.iaatse728.org. Hard copy photos can be sent to the Nordhoff address found on the mailer portion of this publication. For more information, please call the Local.

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MC KAY, JR., ROBERT A.
MEADOWS, TERRANCE D.
MOODY, SCOTT
MORRIS, TAMI LEI
MORTON, MARK A.
MURCHISON, DARRYL L.
MURPHEY, NICHOLAS J.
NEVILLE, ROBERT S.
NEWBURN, WILLIAM R.
NGUYEN, BRUNO T.
NORWALL, DARRIN
OLIVER, MARK R.
O'MELIA, MICHAEL K.
ORSA, JEFFREY E.
PARKS, DINO
POE, BRENT W.
POTTER, DAVID K.
PRITCHARD, DERIK
PULFORD, DARRIN M.
RAKE, BRUCE
RALSTON, PATRICK G.
RAMOS, ROBERT J.
REGAN, ROBERT A.
RICE, DENNIS B.
RICHARDS, AARON
ROY, ROBERT W.
SAUCIER, PHELT MICHAEL
SECKAR, JOHN EDWARD
SELICEO, ERNEST A.
SKINNER, HAROLD J.
SNEED, GARY M.
SORIANO, ANTONIO
SOWLES, ALAN R.
SPARKS, TAYLOR
STEWART, JOHN JEFFERY
STILLMAN, ALLEN
STOCKWELL, PAUL
STROMP, MICHAEL G.
SVOBODA, MARTIN P.
SWEZEY, BRYAN L.
TAKAMURA, SATOSHI
TANDROW, WILLIAM RILEY
THOMPSON, ELI
TOBEE, AKIN
TREMBATH, MARK E.
VALENTI, JORDAN
VALENTINE, MICHAEL L.
VEGA, DONNA
WALTS, PETER D.
WEAVER, MICHAEL N.
WEISS, ROBERT RYAN
WHITE, FRED G.
WHITESIDE, MATTHEW T.
WOTHERSPOON, JASON PATRICK
ZAMOSCIANYK, CHRIS
ZUCKER, JEFFREY A.

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Preventing Identity Theft

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If you regularly make Internet purchases, be sure you are in an "https" website and not an "http" website. The "s" on the end is your verification that any information transferred is secured and encrypted. This varies with each website, so it is your responsibility to verify how secure it may be.

Many of us receive lots of email. The caveat here is do not open any attachment if you are not familiar with the source. There could be Trojan horses, worms, viruses, and/or spy ware. If you can, call the source of the email if you feel it is suspect.

Also regarding email, do not respond to any email claiming to be from a major corporation requesting you to update your account information, such as E-bay, PayPal or a major bank. In many cases, and I have gotten these

emails, you may not even have an account established with the company in question. If in doubt, check them out. Call them.

Watch out for email scams, such as the infamous Nigerian and similar scams. Take a minute and consider, do you really think anybody is going to deposit twenty-five million dollars into your checking account?

Most of what has been presented here are just common sense ideas. It is unfortunate that we have to be concerned about them. Protecting our identities is now, unfortunately, a proactive job.

Anyway, check out that website (www.idtheftcenter.org) and if you have any other things you would like me to research, let me know.

Until next time, RBP.

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AASLAND, JOSEPH D.
ABBOTT, MARK
ALONSO, GARY
AMINI, CYRUS
ANDERSON, RONALD
BARNETT, BILLY H.
BLACK, CHARLES D.
COHEN, MARC
CRONN, ROBERT
CROSS, WILLIAM
DAHLQUIST, D. MICHAEL
DAVIS, MARISA J.
DE PERNA, ROBERT J.
DELGADO, DAVID
DORSEY, J. MATTHEW
DOUGHERTY, JOSEPH E.
DUNN, REGIS J.
FERRAT, RICARDO F.
FORTUNE, JAY
GHEGAN, DAVID S.
GRADZHYAN, HARRY H.
GUZMAN, ANTHONY D.
HOLMES, TREV M.
HOLT, KENNETH J.
JORDAN, MICHAEL R.
KIMURA, JAMES
LAYNE, JOHN L.
LOGAN, GUY

MYGATT, JEFFREY C.
NYIRENDA, NGOLI V.
PENTEK, JEFFREY D.
PETERSON, DENNIS L.
REDDISH, PATRICK M.
ROFFREDO, JOSEPH F.
SCHMEHR, KENNETH L.
STERN, THOMAS EVANS
THORPE, JAMES R.

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BAYER, JOSH M.
COX, THOMAS P.
FEINBERG, ADAM R.
HOLMES, KRIS
JUNGE, RAYMOND
MITROVICH, RUSSEL
PATCHETT, ERIC SHAMUS
THOMPSON, FRANCIS R.
TYRELL, KEITH

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REMINDER

*The 2nd Quarter
2005
Membership
Dues were due
on April 1st.*

Cine Gear Expo 2005

*Local 728 members are cordially invited
to attend the annual film, video and
digital media expo featuring exhibits,
seminars and much more!*

Friday, June 3rd 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 4th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at Warner Bros. Studios

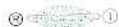
*Register by May 27th and receive
free admission, free parking and
complimentary bar on Saturday.*

For more information
or to register, visit
www.cinegearexpo.com

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