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March 2005

Mark Your Calendar—

JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH LUNCHEON

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 16. This month, we will announce our **2004 Building Engineer of the Year**. We encourage you to invite your managers to this meeting where we recognize excellence in the building engineering trade.

The meeting will be held in the first floor Travis/Bowie rooms, to the right of the entrance. There is plenty of parking at the back of the restaurant. **Please make sure to check in at the front desk when you arrive.**

Please RSVP to (210) 408-1699 by Tuesday, March 15. **PLEASE RSVP** so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand!

We hope to see you there! ♦

Celebrating Twenty Years of Excellence in Building Engineering!

2004 BUILDING ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

The San Antonio Association of Building Engineers names its 2004 Building Engineer of the Year at its March meeting. This special award recognizes an outstanding contribution to our industry, and we congratulate all the finalists and nominees for a job well done!

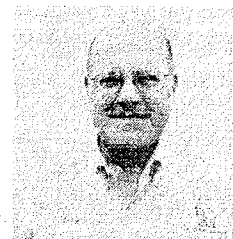
Finalists



Jock Tilghman, CBE-J
Corporate Square (Transwestern)



Charlie Mikolajczyk, CBE-M
The Forum Building (Endeavor
Real Estate Group)



Tony Norton
Weston Centre (Weston
Properties)

Other Nominees

- **Robert Divin**, Broadway Bank
- **Roland Ortiz**, North Frost Center Building
- **Joseph Basta**, Travis Park Building (Baxter Southwest Corporate Realty Services)
- **Andy Vivian, CBE-J**, Colonnade Center (USAA Realty Company)
- **Cesar Alvarado**, GPM Life Building
- **Mark Rybczynski, CBE-J**, Westgate Medical Center (Cambridge Healthcare Management) ♦

A Message from the President

by Bob Beal

Calling All Engineers

I would like to thank all the folks that came out to the Chapter 10 electrical revision meetings with the city on March 1 and 10. The turnout was outstanding. We had a full house, and you can be sure that your interests were well represented. The "Charlie," Mike Halverson, and I went to bat for our trade and I think (along with San Antonio Building Owners and Managers Association, SABOMA, and the San Antonio Apartment Association, SAAA) we got our point across. Keep your fingers crossed and be prepared to go in masses to the city council if necessary. Our friends at SABOMA and SAAA would have made you proud. They "let them have it" on your behalf. Be sure and let Tomi Sue Beacham know how much you appreciate how she and others at SABOMA stood up on behalf of those whom she called "our partners." That Be Us! We will keep you informed of any other meetings including the City Council when it becomes available.

We Have a Winner!

Find out who won the Building Engineer of the Year 2004 at our next luncheon on March 16.

Trade Show

In the upcoming months, we will be concentrating a lot of effort on the SABOMA/SAABE Trade Show on Thursday, May 19 at the Airport Convention Center. See page 4 for

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more details. Give SAABE and our vendor members your support by attending the show. It will be lots of fun.

Closing

There are a lot of reasons why SAABE exists. For one, I will always remember and be proud of the professionalism of its members. I have always been impressed how you folks come out of the woodwork to help when needed. I would like to say thanks to Mike Halvorsen and Doug Graves for all they have done for the BEOTY Program. Also, thanks to all who helped us with the short list. And a special thanks to the following judges that visited the final three nominees.

- Howard Newsome and Robert Ramos from Trammell Crow
- Art Martinez and Franklin McCartney from R M Crowe
- Justin Jauer and Art De Hoyos from Transwestern Commercial Services ❖

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Please RSVP if you plan to attend the monthly luncheon. RSVPs are very important – they let us know how many meals to order! ❖



Tech Talk #92: Don't Wait 'Til It's Too Late, Part 2 by The Charlie

Dial the Credit Bureaus

Finally, a break: When you suspect fraud, pick any of the three credit reporting agencies and it will share the information with the other two and add a "security alert" to your file. This alert is a temporary statement that advises any company accessing your report to please verify your identification before granting credit because you may be a victim of fraud. After you receive your reports you can determine if there has been any fraudulent activity and decide if you need to add a "permanent" alert.

To do so, you must provide proof of your address and proof of your phone number such as a copy of your phone bill. That statement does not block access, but provides a phone number for the company to contact you to verify your identity before granting credit.

The temporary alert period varies by credit reporting agency (Experian's remains for 90 days). The permanent alert remains for seven years on all the reports. To remove that alert, you must send the request in writing with proof of your identity.

Contacting a credit bureau to report fraud:

- Equifax: Call 1-800-525-6285 and write to P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA. 30374-0241
- Experian: Call 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742) and write to P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013
- TransUnion: Call 1-800-680-7289 and write to Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

Tell Your Local Bank

According to the FTC, no federal law limits your losses should someone obtain your checks and forge your signature. State laws usually hold the bank responsible in this case, but the Catch-22 comes when they also require you to "take reasonable care" of your account. Stay in the law's good graces by closing your current checking account and reopening a new one. The bank will notify its internal processors about the now defunct account, but the FTC recommends you also get on the horn and call the check verification services to stop someone from using one of your checks at a merchant's cash register.

Check verification services:

- TeleCheck: 1-800-710-9898 or 927-0188
- Certegy, Inc.: 1-800-437-5120
- International Check Services: 1-800-631-9656

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

Thieves are wising up— if your wallet has fallen into the wrong hands, the criminal's latest trick is to spend the cash and save the department store-issued credit cards. Four days later, they test the shopping waters to see what you've forgotten to close. So don't put off contacting Home Depot and Target to cancel those cards— even if the Visas and MasterCards register no illicit use.

Although crooks could use your Blockbuster ID, union membership certificate, or library card to build the illusion needed to establish bogus credit down the line, it is doubtful that these cards represent immediate financial loss. Replace these at your convenience.

If you do discover later that Fido hid your wallet in the closet, just move forward with the new credit card numbers. However, conduct a proper burial for your old accounts!

CHARLIE'S LAW: The best happiness in the world is still a belt-fed weapon!

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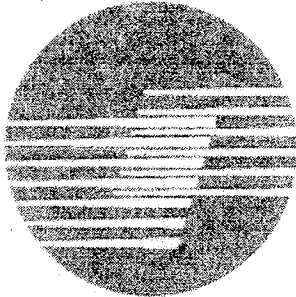
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THURSDAY, MAY 19 · 4:30–8:00PM
AIRPORT CONVENTION CENTER

Mark your calendar! The SABOMA/SAABE Trade Show is back—Thursday, May 19 at the Airport Convention Center from 4:30–8:00 pm. Vendor booths are nearly sold out; let Laura Bray know if you'd like to be on a waiting list. You can find an exhibitor contract and booth map on our web site at www.saabe.org. We're still looking for door prize donors (minimum value, \$100) and food sponsors (\$100). This is a great way to get some name recognition for your company. Call Laura Bray (210-408-1699) if you'd like to sign up.

To cut down on that long registration line which forms during high traffic times, you will be able to **pre-register** your attendance. That way, your nametag will be ready for you to pick up at a separate desk dedicated to pre-registered attendees. Stay tuned for more details on how to take advantage of this time-saving option.

The Trade Show committee adopted a new policy this year with regard to non-exhibiting vendors. Non-exhibiting vendor companies who are SAABE/SABOMA members will be charged a \$100 entrance fee (\$200 for non-members). This policy protects the investment that exhibitors made in their booth purchases. You may donate a door prize (minimum value, \$100) or a food sponsorship (\$100) in lieu of this fee. Please call Laura Bray if you have any questions or would like to donate a door prize or food sponsorship.

This year's theme is “Get Smart at the SAABE/SABOMA Trade Show,” featuring classic TV shows. Vendors are selecting “classic TV” shows as booth themes, and many of them will attend “in costume.” There will be lots of great door prizes and good food. Come in costume, or come as you are, but do not miss this fun event!!



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If you'd like more information on the CBE program, download an application from the SAABE web site at www.saabe.org, or call Education Director Jock Tilghman at 681-2494. ♦

Vendors Wanted to Offer Training Sessions

SAABE is looking for vendors to offer lunchtime classes or seminars on topics of interest to building engineers. Our goal is to have a supplemental class on the last Thursday of every month (except November and December). Please contact Education Chair Charles Gilbert (charlesgilbert@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to offer a training session to SAABE members. ♦



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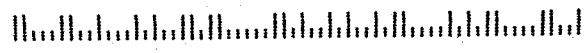


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