

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!



Happy Independence Day

July 4



Independence Day

Wishing you a safe holiday weekend and in observance of Independence Day, the office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

Subcontracting

Subcontracting is a practice that any Producer can engage in but does not excuse them from obligations under the Agreements. In fact, as of November 1, 2024, the producers working under the Basic Agreements must notify the IATSE and the Locals if they intend to subcontract bargaining work, even if they did it before that date.

If you see any signs of subcontracting, or nonunion work on set regardless of the department, please let me know.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



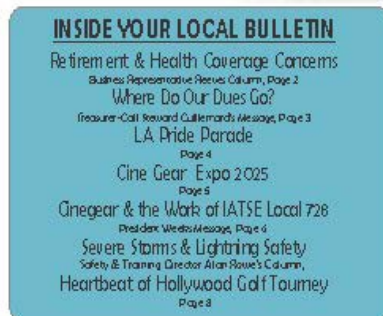
The IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

The Bulletin – EXPANDED Online version is now available!

In this issue:

- Retirement & Health Coverage Concerns
- Where Do Our Dues Go?
- LA Pride Parade
- Cine Gear Expo 2025
- Cinegear & the Work of IATSE Local 728
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- Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Tourney

Read More (login for access) [The Bulletin No. 6 - Expanded Version](#)



Direct Action Training

This interactive session equips participants with the principles and practical tools of non-violent direct action. Rooted in a rich history of social change, the training will cover strategy, group dynamics, creative protests methods, and how to stay grounded and safe during action. Whether you're new to activism and organizing or looking to sharpen your skills during this era of resistance this training offers a collaborative space to build courage, clarity, and community.

When: Thursday, July 10th

Time: 5PM-8PM

Location: Los Angeles Convention Center | 1201 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

RSVP: [Direct Action Training](#)

NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION TRAINING

DATE: THU. 07.10.2025

TIME: 5-8 PM

LOCATION: LOS ANGELES
CONVENTION CENTER

1201 S. FIGUEROA ST. LOS ANGELES

FACILITATOR TRAINING:

DATE: TUE. 07.01.2025

TIME: 10 AM - 12 PM OR 5 PM - 7 PM

LOCATION: LA COUNTY FED
2130 JAMES M. WOOD BLVD. LOS ANGELES

“NONVIOLENCE IS THE
SCIENCE OF HOW YOU
CREATE A WORLD
THAT PRACTICES
JUSTICE, TRUTH, AND
COMPASSION.”

- REV. JAMES LAWSON

**SCAN THE CODE
TO RSVP:**



New Classes Available with Richard Cadena

We are pleased to announce two training opportunities with Richard Cadena in August.

Power Distribution/Electrical Safety for Live Events is a great class for anyone preparing for ETCP, works in the Live Event portion of our world, or just wants to learn more from one of the top trainers in the industry.

For more information, please visit <https://training728.org/cadena-power>

The Lighting Controls, Networking, Programming Workflow class focuses on lighting control networks and is perfect for members who are working (or want to work) as Control Systems Technicians as well as anyone who is preparing for the ETCP Entertainment Electrician Certification.

For more information, please visit <https://training728.org/cadena-control>

These classes are being made available through the CSATF Unrestricted Skills Training program which is by reimbursement and is different than our usual mode of training classes. Please read the application instructions carefully.



ACADEMY
OF
PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY
TRAINING BY RICHARD CADENA
ETCP RECOGNIZED TRAINER/CERTIFIED ENTERTAINMENT ELECTRICIAN

2 Courses Now Available
for reimbursement from CSATF

EXCELLENCE IN THEATRE AND LIVE EVENT PRODUCTION

**TRAIN.
LEARN.
ADVANCE.**

etcp
★RECOGNIZED★
Approved trainer for
ETCP renewal credits

Power Distribution/Electrical Safety
for Live Events
August 5 & 6, 2025

Lighting Controls, Networking,
Programming Workflow
August 7 & 8, 2025

Labor 411 | July 4th Cookout List

Labor 411 has put together an exclusive list of union items so that you can celebrate July 4th while supporting union jobs!

[Union Made Shopping List](#)



The graphic is a dark blue poster titled "Union-Made July 4th Shopping Guide". It features a fireworks explosion in the top left, a map of the USA in the top center, and three stars in the top right. The poster is organized into six categories, each with a representative icon: Hot Dogs (a cartoon hot dog), Condiments (two squeeze bottles), Soft Drinks (a Coca-Cola bottle), Snacks (a pile of chips), Ice Cream (a cup of ice cream), and Beer (a Budweiser can). Each category has a list of recommended brands. At the bottom, there is a top hat icon on the left, a shopping cart icon with the text "Be an Ethical Consumer" and "BUY UNION" in the center, and the Statue of Liberty on the right.

Union-Made July 4th Shopping Guide

- Hot Dogs**
 - Ball Park
 - Butterball
 - Hebrew National
 - Hormel
 - Oscar Mayer
- Condiments**
 - French's Mustard
 - Gulden's Mustard
 - Grey Poupon
 - Heinz Ketchup
 - Vlasic Relish
- Soft Drinks**
 - Coca-Cola
 - 7 Up
 - Pepsi
 - Sprite
 - Dr. Pepper
- Snacks**
 - Cheez-It
 - Fritos
 - Mission
 - Ruffles
 - Sun Chips
- Ice Cream**
 - Ben & Jerry's
 - Good Humor
 - Prairie Farms
- Beer**
 - Budwesier
 - Coors
 - Goose Island
 - Miller
 - Sam Adams

Be an Ethical Consumer
BUY UNION



THIRD QTR 2025 Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website.

Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at www.iatse728.org

Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1



NEW! Production List available on the Local 728 website Dashboard!
Thank you to Local 600 for compiling and sharing this resource.

Action: Sign the IATSE Local B-192 Petition in Favor of Dodgers Tour Guides Receiving Fair Wages & Benefits

Despite Dodger tour guide's essential role, they're being underpaid and unfairly treated. The Dodgers are trying to take away existing benefits - benefits that were promised as part of the job - simply because the guides voted to unionize.

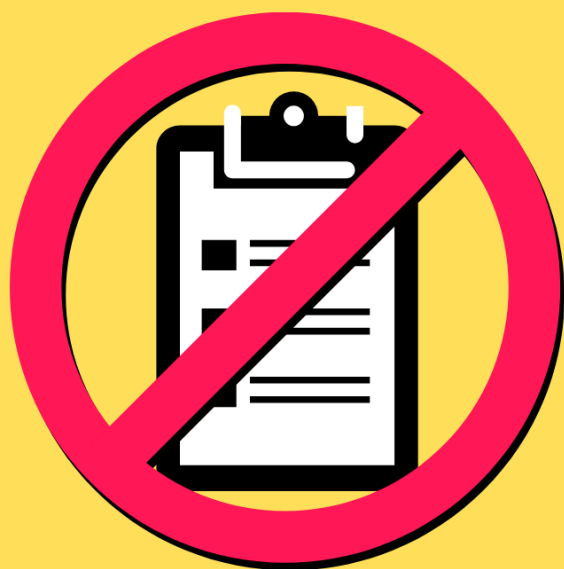
Signing this petition means standing up for fairness, decency, and the workers who make the Dodgers experience great.

[Sign the Petition](#)



Do Not Sign the Boss's Phony Petition | Unite Here!

For the next 30 days, if anyone at the grocery store, park, or in the neighborhood asks you to sign something, DO NOT SIGN IT! The hotels and airlines are circulating a petition to take away the Olympic Wage passed by LA City Council.
defendthewage.la/



DEFEND THE WAGE!

DON'T SIGN THE MISLEADING PETITION!

DEFENDTHEWAGE.LA

Ad paid for by Citizens in Support of the LA Olympic Wage, Sponsored by Labor and Charitable Organizations Supporting Working Families. Ad Committee's Top Funder UNITE HERE Local 11
777 S. Figueroa St., Ste 4050, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Funding details at ethics.lacity.gov

Upcoming Events

Stamp Out Hunger | Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sort out the food that was collected during this year's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive!

When: Various Dates through July 2025

Time: 8AM – 1PM and 1PM – 4PM (2 shifts)

Location: Salvation Army | 5600 Rickenbacker Road, Bldg 1D | Bell, CA 90201 (Take Mansfield Way & Continue on the road to destination)

Sign-Up: [Here](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help Labor
Community Services
sort out the donated
food that was collected
during this year's Stamp
Out Hunger Food Drive!



**MONDAY - SATURDAY
MAY 20TH - JULY 1ST
2 TIME SHIFTS
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**SALVATION ARMY
5600 RICKENBACKER ROAD, BLDG 1D
BELL, CA 90201**

**TAKE MANSFIELD WAY & CONTINUE
ON THE ROAD TO DESTINATION**

**To Sign Up To Volunteer, Please Sign Up At
<https://lcs-la.org/stamp-out-hunger>**

**For Organizations and Groups Who Would Like To
Volunteer, Please Contact Marcos Juan at
(323) 620-3030 | marcos@lcs-la.org**

Palos Verdes ~ An Old Fashioned 4th of July | Honoree Pete Villani (HW 728)

Join us for the 60th Annual Palos Verdes 4th of July Celebration! This year, our very own Hometown Hero Pete Villani (HW 728) will be honored for his bravery in the Altadena fires.

Time: Begins at 9:30AM

Location: Malaga Cove School | 300 Paseo Del Mar | Palos Verdes Estates

Admission: Free

Details: pvjuly4.org

PALOS VERDES

4th of July

An Old-Fashioned

Our 60th Annual Event

CIVIC AWARDS
MUSIC • FOOD
BIKE PARADE
FAMILY GAMES
APPLE PIE CONTEST

FREE ADMISSION

BEGINS 9:30 AM at MALAGA COVE SCHOOL
300 PASEO DEL MAR • PVE

= HOMETOWN HEROES =
2025 Honoree Pete Villani
Saved neighbors' homes in Altadena Fire

Remembering Palos Verdes' community leader **Les Fishman**

Follow us  



Save the Date | IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting

Save the date for Local 728's Hybrid Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 19th.
RSVP details coming soon!

When: Saturday, July 19th

Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY 19, 2025



RSVP details
coming soon!

🕒 9AM

📍 IATSE Local 728
In-person & Zoom

Save the Date | Day at the Ranch

Join us for a great family picnic and help raise funds for MPTF's programs and services. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details coming your way.

When: Sunday, November 16th

Time: 11AM- 3PM

Location: Calamigos Ranch | Malibu, CA

mptf.com/dayattheranch



Union Resources

IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including: Unemployment/Disability Insurance, Sick Dues, Life Insurance, Honorable Withdrawal, MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans, Motion Picture & Television Fund, Assistance Information

Log-in required to view content: [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

Mental Health Tools and Resources

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Optum Mental Health Resources| Accessible all year-round](#)

[Mental Health First Aid Resources](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes Video](#)

[Behind the Scenes - Supporting Mental Health and Wellness](#)

Log-in for access to the following:

[MPI's Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#)

[Wondr Health- Cope Better, Stress Less](#)

[CALM Subscription Information](#)

[Optum- Tools and Videos related to Mental Health](#)

Behind The Scenes | New Mental Health Survey

Working in this industry is hard – physically and mentally. Behind the Scenes has launched a survey to aid in developing new tools and resources for our industry during these changing times. We want to hear your thoughts on what you need now. If you're in the US or Canada please take this brief survey and share it with your colleagues. btslink.org/survey



Take the survey today!
btslink.org/survey

What tools and resources
can support your mental health?

Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions-EHISCA

If you are in need of alternative to employer provided health insurance, please reach out to Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions at MPTF. Their staff is trained to assist members of the entertainment community navigate the complex California health insurance marketplace.

ehisca.com

IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

iatse.net/socal-fires/

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

Union Plus | Health Discounts for Union Members

Check out the list of Union Plus Health Discounts for Union Members and their families.

unionplus.org/benefits/health

IATSE PAC

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The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today! L728.co/iatsepac

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

In Memoriam

Brother David Blundell

A 21-year member of Local 728, Brother Blundell passed away at the age of 56.

[Notice of passing: David Blundell](#)

IN MEMORIAM *Brother David Blundell*



A member since December 15, 2003

Passed away at the age of 56