

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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## *In The Spotlight this week!*



### **Fractional Payroll Weeks**

Beware of Paragraph 4. **Fractional Payroll Weeks**

\*If you're on a Weekly, you'll want to read this.\*

I am seeing more usage of this provision lately by producers to get around paying members on Weeklies during a hiatus, both scheduled or otherwise. It states:

*(a) The parties confirm that any day worked by a weekly schedule employee in a partial workweek either before or after one (1) full week of employment may be prorated at the rate of one-fifth (1/5) of the studio weekly rate for each studio workday.*

I'm not a fan either. So if you are on a Weekly, and going on hiatus, either confirm with the show you are working that down week, OR that you will be unavailable for ANY AND ALL communications from the production.

If you are facing this situation, please reach out. We must remain vigilant and always prepping for negotiations.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



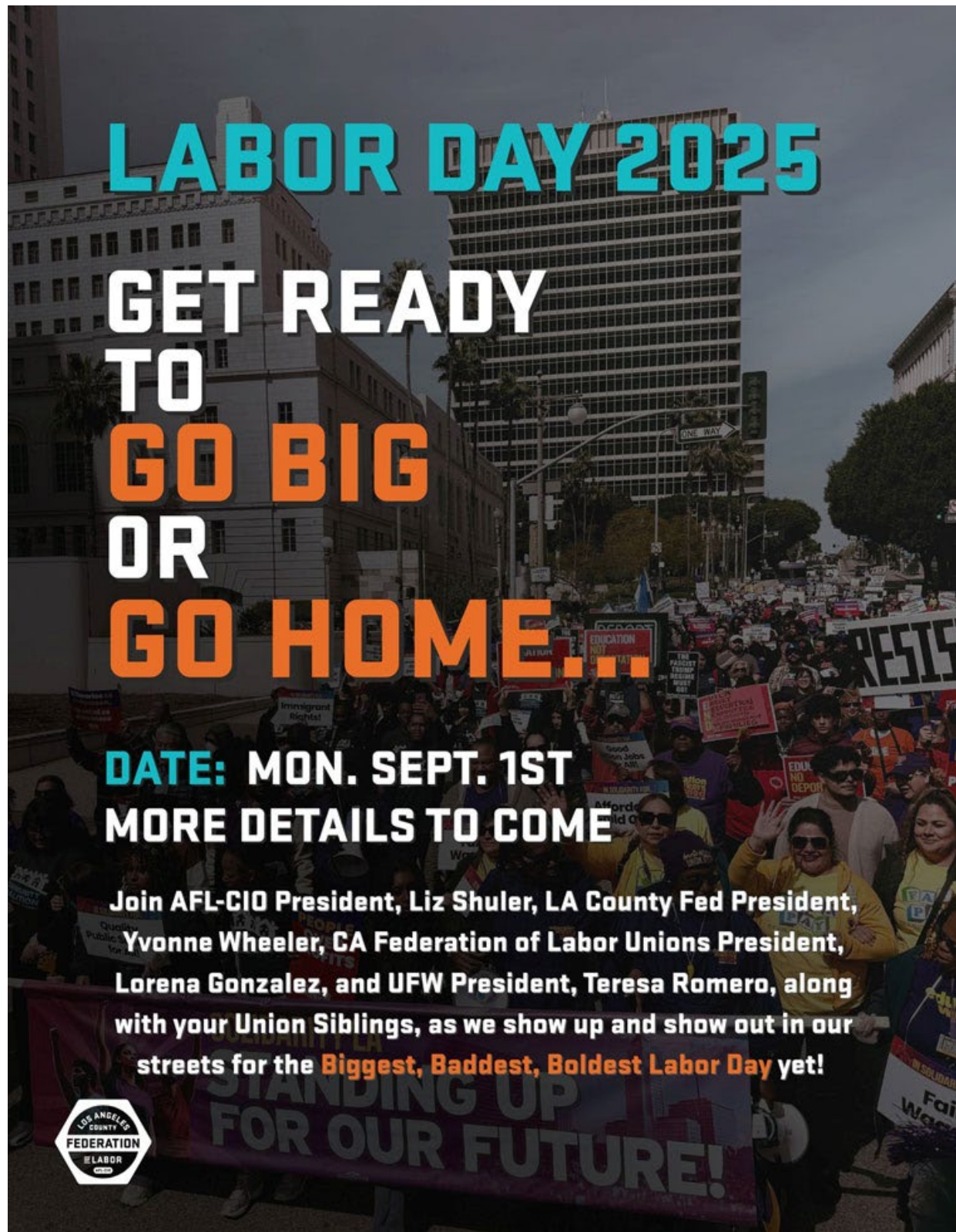
Production List now available on the Local 728  
website Dashboard!



# Labor Day 2025

Date: Mon. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

MORE DETAILS TO COME.




# LABOR DAY 2025

## GET READY TO GO BIG OR GO HOME...

**DATE: MON. SEPT. 1ST**  
**MORE DETAILS TO COME**

Join AFL-CIO President, Liz Shuler, LA County Fed President, Yvonne Wheeler, CA Federation of Labor Unions President, Lorena Gonzalez, and UFW President, Teresa Romero, along with your Union Siblings, as we show up and show out in our streets for the **Biggest, Baddest, Boldest Labor Day** yet!



STANDING UP  
FOR OUR FUTURE!

## **MyConnex Reporting Tool Webinar Recording and Impact Survey**

The recording of the MyConnex Reporting Tool webinar is now available on the website in the video library.

[iatse728.org | video-library](http://iatse728.org | video-library)

In order to assess the impact that MyConnex Ombuds is having on the industry, your support is appreciated by completing the following survey. The survey can also be found if you login to the Local 728 website and click the Dashboard.

[Complete a short survey](#)



## **Behind The Scenes | Explore Career Options**

With work at historic lows, many members are looking for additional opportunities to work while we wait for more shows to return to LA. We have specialized skills that can be transferable. Behind The Scenes has a great selection of resources under the "Career Expansion/Transition" tab. Check it out!

[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)

Short, Mid, and Long Term Strategies to help you plan, prioritize, create manageable steps and take action:

[Next Steps: Strategies for Earning and Planning](#)

The following link has resume tips, Industry career support, finding industry jobs and more:

[Tools for Next Steps](#)

**Is it time for a change?**

**Tools to help you  
explore career options**

**[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)**

*Upcoming Events*



## **ADG Local 800 | Blood Drive**

Join the ADG Local 800 in giving back to Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the ADG Blood Drive on Friday, August 15th.

**When:** Friday, August 15th

**Time:** 10AM - 3:45PM

**Location:** Art Directors Guild | 11969 Ventura Blvd, 1st Floor | Studio City, CA 91604

**Appointments:** [Click Here](#)

Blood Donor Qualifications can be found [here](#)

# 1 PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE UP TO 2 OF OUR PATIENTS' LIVES.





Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Time: 10am - 3:45pm

Hosted By: Art Directors Guild

Location: 11969 Ventura Blvd. Studio City 91604

To schedule an appointment,  
visit [CHLAdonateblood.org](https://CHLAdonateblood.org) or call us at **323-361-2441**.

### DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

Every month, Children's Hospital Los Angeles has to collect 2,000 units of blood products to meet the needs of its patients. Please schedule an appointment for our upcoming blood drive, where each donation can help two children, and you can double your efforts by bringing a friend!

### DONOR REQUIREMENTS

- At least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds
- Must provide valid photo ID (driver's license preferred)
- Should be well hydrated and feeling healthy

Please contact us if you are on any medications, have an existing medical condition or recently traveled outside the United States.

## **Techquity Showcase #3 | August 16th**

Join us for a mini Cine Gear product demo! Aava Dental, REON, General Lighting Dynamics (GLD), Betty Lights and just added in-person demo with Len Levine (Set Logic).

**When:** Saturday, August 16th

**Time:** 10AM - 2PM

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

[Techquity Showcase | IATSE Local 728](#)



The poster features a dark blue background with a yellow and white geometric pattern on the left and right sides. The main title 'techquity showcase' is in a large, stylized, yellow and white font. Below it, 'SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH' is written in white. Three small photos show people at a trade show. A blue box contains the text 'IN-PERSON DEMO w/LEN LEVINE (SET LOGIC)'. A yellow box contains the text '10AM-2PM' and 'IATSE LOCAL 728'. The bottom section is yellow and contains the IATSE Local 728 logo, the text 'PREMIER SPONSORS', the Aava DENTAL logo, the REON logo, and a QR code.

# techquity showcase

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

IN-PERSON DEMO  
w/LEN LEVINE (SET LOGIC)

10AM-2PM  
IATSE LOCAL 728

**PREMIER SPONSORS**

Aava DENTAL REON





## **IATSE Local 728 Women & Kin Committee Summer BBQ**

The Women & Kin Committee are having a Summer BBQ! Details below.

**When:** Sunday, August 17th

**Time:** 4-8PM

**Location:** Los Angeles, CA

**RSVP:** Laura Stewart | [lstewart728@yahoo.com](mailto:lstewart728@yahoo.com)

Women & Kin of 728 Social Event

**SUMMER BBQ**

Sunday, August 17th



4PM-8PM

Location: Los Angeles, CA

RSVP: Laura Stewart

[lstewart728@yahoo.com](mailto:lstewart728@yahoo.com)



## **IATSE West Coast Office | Blood Drive**

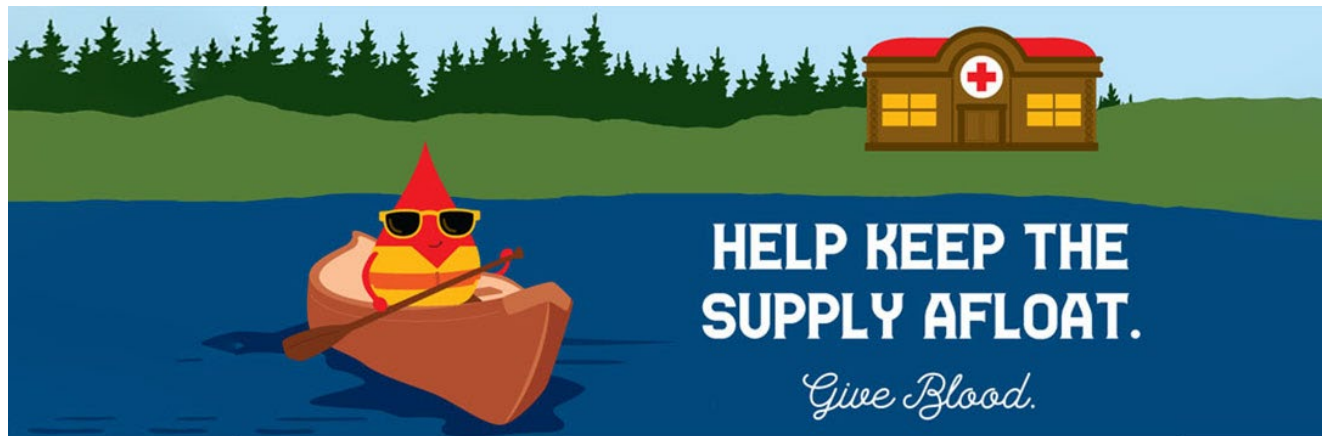
Join IATSE West Coast Office and Osbrink Agency for a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 19th.

**When:** Tuesday, August 19th

**Time:** 9:30AM – 3:30PM

**Location:** 2210 W Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91506

**Appointments:** [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter OSBRINKIATSE to schedule.



### **Blood Drive** **IATSE West Coast Office and** **Osbrink Agency**

Held in Large Event Room  
2210 W Olive Ave  
Burbank, CA 91506

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**  
**9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: OSBRINKIATSE to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass.it

**Give Aug 1 to 28 for \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: [rcblood.org/Test](https://rcblood.org/Test)**



Scan to schedule an appointment



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## **MPTF Special Screening | Severance**

Join us for a special screening of the Season 2 Finale of Severance. After the reception there will be a Q&A with actor/executive producer Adam Scott. Seating will be limited and will be first come first served.

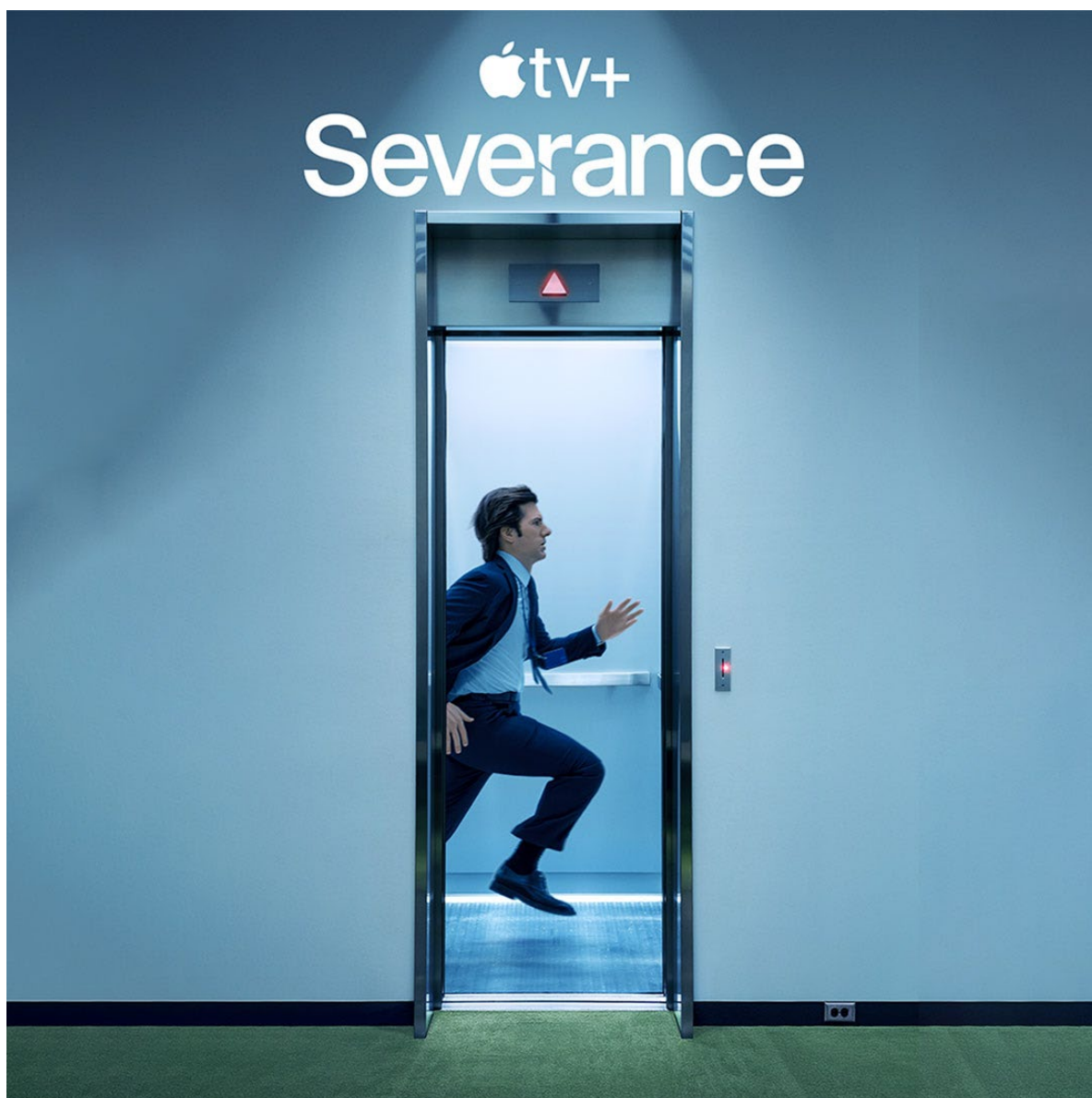
**When:** Tuesday, August 19th

**Time:** 6PM Outdoor Reception | 7PM Conversation and Screening

**Location:** MPTF Louis B. Mayer Theater | 23388 Mulholland Dr. | Woodland Hills, CA 91364

**RSVP:** [Here](#)

*Note: Front gate will open at 5:45pm. No early entry to the Campus will be allowed. Only the Theater and Plaza is open for visitors, please do not enter restricted areas.*



## **MPTF Webinar | Your Guide to Medicare Options for MPI Covered Participants**

Please join representatives from Motion Picture Industry Health Plan and Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions for an important webinar on Medicare Coordination of Benefits.

**When:** Monday, August 25th

**Time:** 6PM-7PM

**Location:** Zoom Workshop

Please RSVP by August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Register** [HERE](#)



### **Navigating the Health Care Maze: Your Guide to Medicare Options for MPI Covered Participants**

Join Us From The Comfort Of Your Home



Please join representatives from Motion Picture Industry Health Plan and Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions for an important webinar on Medicare Coordination of Benefits.

**Monday, August 25th | 6:00-7:00 PM PT**



## **Save the Date: IATSE “ALL-IN” Mixer**

Save the Date for the Hollywood IATSE “ALL-IN” Mixer. Details forthcoming.

**When:** Saturday, October 11th

**Time:** 6PM-12AM

**Location:** TBD



# *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

[Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#) (Log-in for access)

## **Food Distribution & Assistance**

Labor Community Services continues to have food distributions for those facing hardship or food insecurity. For upcoming dates and times, please continue to check the following link (updates regularly)

[Events | Labor Community Services](#)

To locate a pantry near you and for information on LA Regional Food Bank, CalFresh, Meals on Wheels, WIC, and more, click on the following link.

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

## **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](#)

### **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](http://ehisca.com)

### **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

[iatse.net/socal-fires/](http://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](http://unionplus.org/benefits/health)

## *IATSE PAC*

### **IATSE PAC**

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](https://L728.co/iatsepac)

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



# IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of  
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

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