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CELEBRATING BUSINESS YEARS ADVOCACY

Dave Golonski Elected to Serve as Mayor



Photo by André Murray

City Council members pictured at the reorganization meeting May 1st were, from left, Marsha Ramos, Vice-Mayor Gary Bric, Mayor Dave Golonski, Anja Reinke, and Dr. David Gordon.

Dave Golonski began his third term as mayor of Burbank on May 1st after a vote by the city council at its annual reorganization meeting. One of his first tasks was conducting the group's annual goal-setting meeting on May 3rd. The top five list from that session included conservation efforts, alleviating traffic, strengthening the city's financial position, a new central library, and a year-round aquatic center.

To contact all City Council members, email CityCouncil@ci.burbank.ca.us

Barry Burnett Realty Relocates



Mike Flad Named Next City Manager

MikeFlad. a Burbank native son, will assume the position of City Manager when Mary Alvord retires from that role in January. Raised and educated in Burbank, Flad began his career with the City in 1988.

In 1998, Flad left Burbank for a position as Assistant City Manager in Ukiah, an opportunity he

says helped Mike Flad

prepare him for his new role. He returned to Burbank in 2000 and was appointed as director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. He has served as Assistant City Manager since 2003, working closely with Alvord.

City Council members praised Flad's experience and his dedication to Burbank before unanimously naming him to the position of City Manager at their May 6th Council meeting. His responsibilities will include overseeing 10 city departments and 1,500 employees.

Flad graduated from UCLA with a degree in Political Science, holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from California State University Northridge and has completed advanced work from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

> Burbank Councilmember Anja Reinke joined Barry Burnett (center, with scissors) to celebrate the grand opening of his new Barry Burnett Realty office at 2106 W. Magnolia Boulevard. Also on hand were dozens of local officials, business owners, Chamber members, family, and friends.Representing the Chamber were Don Baldaseroni. Garv Olson. Ruth Bennett, Scott Rife, J.J. Connaughton, Jeanne Vlazny, Debbie Mannino, Mike Thomas, Marcia Amoroso, and Mike Corona.

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Burbank Healthcare Foundation Donates \$200,000 to Athletic Fields Project



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The Burbank Healthcare Foundation announced at the April 17 meeting of the Burbank Board of Education that it is donating \$200,000 over two years to the Athletic Fields Project. Sunder Ramani (far right) presented the donation. Pictured with Sunder are Superintendent Greg Bowman, Foundation Board members Gary Olson and Tomme Lenz, and Board of Education member Debbie Kukta.

Business Briefs by Gary Olson, President/CEO

Burbank News

- Congratulations to **Dave Golonski** and Gary Bric on being chosen Mayor and Vice Mayor for the coming year. They were unanimously elected by their fellow City Council members at the May 1 transition meeting.
- · On Saturday, May 3, Council held their annual Goal Setting Workshop. Key discussion points were sustainability, traffic, funding for a new Central Library, overall financial planning, addressing infrastructure needs, and looking into the possibility of building a new aquatic center.
- Developer M. David Paul unveiled plans concerning their recent NBC property acquisition. Four office towers are being contemplated to coincide with existing soundstages.
- Recent decisions by City Council include approving the creation of a **Zero** Waste Strategic Plan, and directing staff to come back with a suggested plan for eliminating the use of polystyrene containers within our local food service sector.
- At their May 6 meeting City Council approved the appointment of Mike Flad to be our new City Manager effective January 6, 2009 following Mary Alvord's retirement. Mike has served ably as our Assistant City Manager in recent years. We congratulate Mike on this significant career move, knowing he will do an outstanding job on behalf of everyone in Burbank, and commend City Council for paving the way toward a smooth transition.
- The California Public Utilities Commission has decided to add the new 747 Area Code designation within the San Fernando Valley for future cellular and land line phone numbers. This "overlay option" was supported by Burbank officials and our Chamber.

- The FAA request for a 30 day extension of the public comment period on the full nighttime curfew proposal at Bob Hope Airport has been approved by the Airport Authority. Public input will now be allowed through June 14 on the proposed application for a mandatory 10:00 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. curfew at the airport. A public hearing on this matter will take place on May 12 at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Currently when you make a 911 call on your cellular phone you are connected with the California Highway Patrol, who then connects you with our own Burbank Police Department. For a quicker response you can reach our police department emergency line directly at (818) 238-3000.
- The average response time in Burbank on any 911 call is 2-3 minutes. As a point of comparison, when Darryl Gates was LAPD Police Chief he indicated the average response time on a 911 call in the City of Los Angeles at the time was between 20 and 40 minutes.
- A possible Lobbyist Ordinance is to be considered by City Council. The City Attorney's office has come up with a number of questions for consideration. and our Chamber has forwarded some additional questions for possible review.
- In their April 28 edition Fortune Magazine credited Robert Iger, CEO of Disney, for the company's success during the past three years. They cited the acquisition of Pixar, creating the new mega franchises such as Hannah Montana and High School Musical, forming a close working relationship with Steve Jobs, and making significant strides continuing growth of the Mickey Mouse franchise after 80 years as contributing factors.
- On the heels of this article Disney announced on May 6 their second quarter

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earnings soared 21% to \$1.3 billion as its theme parks, TV shows and movies turned in solid performances.

- The Walt Disney Company is launching **Disneynature**, a new film label that will focus on live-action documentary films intended for theatrical release. The success of "March of the Penguins" is cited as one of the primary reasons, which in 2005 earned more than \$127 million
- $\bullet \ Beginning May 21 Jet Blue will begin$ twice daily direct roundtrip service to Dulles (Washington, D.C.) and one roundtrip daily to McCarran (Las Vegas).

Regional & State Updates

- · We have been informed that Jack Scott will become the head of California's community colleges when his term as state senator ends later this year.
 - · Negotiations between the Screen

Actors Guild (SAG) and major studios stopped on May 7. Expectations are stillhigh they will reach agreement prior to the expiration of the union's present contract next month.

- Results from a survey conducted by the San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center at Cal State Northridge were announced on May 4. They indicate Valley businesses are upbeat about their prospects. More than half responded they expect sales growth during the remainder of 2008. Dr. Daniel Blake, economics professor at CSUN and director of the research center, indicated he was a little bit surprised by the positive results, but is delighted about this good news for the Valley.
- California employment totals remain the highest of any state in the U.S. in the following business sectors: aerospace; agribusiness/food processing; alternative energy; offices; biosciences; health ser-

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Business Briefs

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vices; high tech; industrial manufacturing; logistics; medical devices; pharmaceutical; plastics; real estate; and warehouse distribution. These positive results were achieved despite the fact we rank 5th in the nation for cost of doing business according to the Milken Institute.

- Governor Schwarzenegger is proposing an initiative for budget stabilization to insure monies from profits realized during good years are set aside for rainy day needs, plus assure that spending is in line with revenues each year.
- The California Voters First Act initiative, also endorsed by the Governor, has received 1.2 million signatures to qualify this measure for the November ballot. This is intended to do away with partisan gridlock by our state lawmakers due to current district lines. The Act will create a 14 member independent citizen commission to redraw state legislative district lines based on strict non-partisan rules.
- According to an April 22 article in the Orange Country Register, state legislature spending has increased 30% the past four years.
- The Sacramento Bee newspaper similarly wrote on April 22 that state revenues during the past four years have grown by \$2.9 billion while expenditures have grown by \$10.6 billion.
- Disney Cruise Line plans to replace their current Disney Magic and Disney Wonder ships with larger vessels in the next couple of years, and Port of Los Angeles officials are attempting to entice them to make Los Angeles their home port. The Disney Magic ship will be offering cruises from L.A. during the next 3 months.
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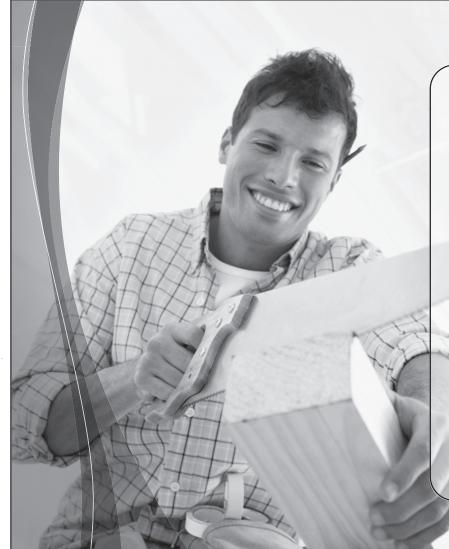
high speed electric railway system is being proposed to be built by 2011. Voters will be asked in November to approve a bond for the first phase between Los Angeles and Irvine estimated to cost \$9.95 billion.

National Scene

- · According to the Commerce Department, the U.S. economy grew at a stronger pace than forecasted during the first quarter. The gross domestic product (GDP) expanded at a 0.6% annual rate during the first 3 months. Personal consumption expenditures, excluding food and energy items, rose at a rate of 2.2%.
- · Here are some quotes by Warren **Buffet** mentioned in the April 28 edition of Fortune Magazine: "We have fabulous capital markets in this country. Stocks are a better buy today than they were a year ago or three years ago. The American economy is doing fine, but won't do fine every year or every week or every month. As a country we get more productive every year."
- At the end of April, Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway and candy giant Mars, **Inc.**, announced joining forces and bidding more than \$22 billion to acquire the Wrigley chewing gum company, another indication of his belief in our nation's economic vitality.
- The May 2 Kiplinger Letter stated 60% of American jobs today require more than just a high school education.
- The Commerce Department expects U.S. exports this year to represent 12% of our nation's overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which will remain on a par with last year.
- Despite Countrywide Home Loans disastrous year, CEO Angelo Mozilo's compensation was \$10.8 million during 2007, plus he realized another \$121.5 million by exercising stock options.

- The Daily News reported on April 24 that the snowpack this year in Colorado should unleash more runoff than during the past 11 years. It is anticipated the runoff will cause Lake Powell, stretching more than 100 miles across Utah and Arizona, to rise 50 feet.
- The Kiplinger Letter predicts the housing market may not fully recover for three years, with home prices continuing to decline the greatest in 2009 in Midwest cities, particularly in the Detroit and Cleveland areas. Home prices are expected to continue to rise this next year, however, in Houston, Austin, Salt Lake, Huntsville, Knoxville, Raleigh, and Oklahoma City.
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on April 28 that 5,840 people nationwide suffered fatal on the job injuries last year. Almost 10% of these deaths were here in California.
- On April 24 The Wall Street Journal reported Apple's revenue grew 43% for its fiscal second quarter ending March 29.
- · Starbucks unveiled weaker than expected second quarter earnings at 15 cents a share compared to 19 cents for the same period a year ago. Investors had hoped the return of Howard Schultz as chief executive in January would have reversed the company's sales slowdown.
- General Motors continues to do well in markets outside the U.S., but declining sales within our own country have allowed Toyota to now become the #1 auto maker in the world.
- Boeing showed a 38% increase in profits during their most recent fiscal quarter. They attribute this to global orders for commercial planes. Chief Executive Jim McNerney said on April 24 that the current U.S. economy situation has not had a negative effect on their business.
- The Harvard School of Public Health has announced that the life expec-

- tancy of Americans rose by seven years between 1960 and 2000. At the same time certain counties report declines. Prior to 1980 none of our nation's 3,100 counties reported a decline in life expectancy; but since then declines have taken place among women in 963 counties and among men in 59 counties stretching from the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia to the Deep South and westward into parts of Eastern Texas. Causes cited for these declines include: cancer, chronic pulmonary disease from smoking, obesity related illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension, HIV, and homicides. California fared well in this national analysis, with all counties reporting favorable life expectancy increases.
- It is estimated the ultimate cost for an American manned mission to Mars will be over \$1 trillion, so NASA is predicting funding will not be given anytime soon.
- Meanwhile, China is ramping up its space program with plans to put men on the moon by 2025.
- Coca Cola has pledged to be green by: (1) committing to spend \$44 million to build the world's largest plastic bottle recycling plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina; (2) spending another \$40 million in research to change refrigerated vending machines from using greenhouse gases; and (3) working towards protecting and replenishing watersheds around the world.
- Campgrounds and national parks are expected to have more summer attendance as vacationers seek cheaper alternatives to resort hotels and pricier trips.
- This year's Fortune 500 list of largest U.S. businesses has the following ranked 1-10: Wal-Mart #1; Exxon #2; Chevron #3; General Motors #4; ConocoPhillips #5; General Electric #6; Ford #7; Citigroup #8; Bank of America #9; and AT&T #10.



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SCHOOL NEWS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:

By Dr. Gregory Bowman

Burbank Unified Student Demographics are Changing

Over the years, the language and ethnicity of students in the Burbank schools has certainly reflected changes that mirror those of California and the nation. Some of the indicators of diversity include home language, country of origin and socio economic status (SES). Our schools have embraced and worked with these changes for over forty years. Presently, the school District currently has students who speak 78 languages other than English. However, in the last five years, the Burbank schools have experienced a change in demographics that indicates the K-12 student population is becoming less diverse, in terms of language and numbers of immigrant students.

Immigrant Students

The number of immigrant students, defined as students who entered the U.S. within the last three years, now enrolled in the Burbank Unified School District, has declined from a high of 1,455 students in 2000-2001 to 492 in 2007-2008. Over this same period of time, immigrant students have entered the District in significant numbers (defined as over 25) from only five countries -- Iran, Mexico, Armenia, Philippines and Korea. Table 1, part of a report prepared for the California Department of Education, and reproduced here, shows the number of immigrant students from these countries who entered the District in the last four years. Of note, there has been an increase in the number of Iranian immigrant students who have enrolled over this period of time which is a change over the past four years. Prior to 2007-2008, the largest number of immigrant students annually enrolling in the District were from Mexico. This demographic change in the District is dramatic-the overall immigrant population is less than in recent years, and our newest immigrant students have mostly come from the Middle East.

Table 1 - Immigrant Students

Country of Origin	# of students 04-05	# of students 05-06	# of students 06-07	# of students 07-08
Iran	42	28	38	101
Mexico	117	105	93	63
Armenia	72	78	75	56
Philippines	72	60	57	51
Korea	65	48	45	34
Other	169	194	213	187
TOTAL Number of Immigrant Students	537	513	521	492

Language Census

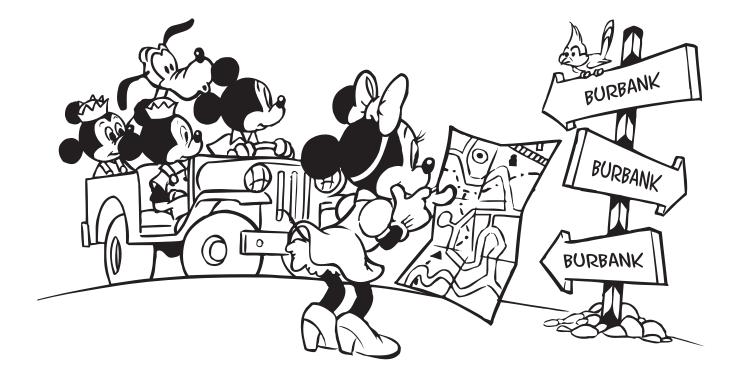
Burbank Unified School District has experienced a significant decrease in the number of English Learners (EL) over the past several years. English Learners are those students whose primary language is other than English and who have not yet achieved proficiency in the English Language. Although the total number of all students enrolled in K-12 today at 15,450 is similar to that of 2000-2001, at that time, there were 3,298 English Learner students in the District. Five years later, in 2005-2006, there were 2,848 English Learners. This year, there are 1,959 English Learner students enrolled in the Burbank schools. This number represents a decline in EL student population of about 41% over a seven-year period. As indicated in Table 2, the *majority* of these students speak one of two languages – Spanish or Armenian.

Table 2 - Language Census

Language Spoken by 25 or more English Learners	Total K-12 Enrollment of English learners who speak this language
Spanish	975
Armenian	573
Arabic	96
Korean	76
Tagalog (Pilipino)	68
Vietnamese	25

English Learners are annually assessed using the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). This test assesses the degree to which English Learners are progressing in terms of learning the English language. The results are reported using the terms Proficient, which means scoring at the Early Advanced or Advanced level. Depending upon the results of the assessment and other measures of English language proficiency, EL students are reclassified as Fluent English Proficient. Table 3 summarizes the results of this year's CELDT testing for EL students in the Burbank schools. English Learners in Burbank are outperforming their counterparts throughout California by about 10%. A steady growth of English language acquisition among these students is a strong indicator of their ability to succeed in mainstream English classes. Their numbers are accelerating.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Table 3-Results 2007-2008 CELDT Tests

Students Group and	Overall Percentage Percentage of		Percentage of	
test year	Proficient	students scoring students scoring		
		Early Advanced	Advanced	
State of CA 07-08	36.00%	28.21%	7.63%	
BUSD 07-08	46.00%	38.00%	8.00%	
State of CA 06-07	32.00%	25.31%	6.98%	
BUSD 06-07	43.00%	36.00%	7.00%	

Socio-Economic Status

Within public schools, the most common measure of a family's economic status is the ability to qualify for free or reduced lunches. The State of California identifies students as economically disadvantaged when they qualify for free or reduced cost lunches based on family size and annual gross income under the provisions of the National School Lunch Program. This information is used, as you will see later, to make a number of determinations which affect funding.

For example, if gross household income is below \$34,000 for a family of four, a student from that family would qualify for free lunches. In the 2001-2002 school year, 5,814 students qualified for free and/or reduced price lunches. This year, the number of students who qualify for the lunch program is 2,826. The difference across this period of time is a reduction in the number who qualify by nearly 52%.

Another way to view this rapid decline is to look at a much narrower time span which is to compare last year's number of qualified applicants to this year's number in a year over year comparison. In 2006-2007 there were 3,786 students who qualified for this program; this year's number represents a one year decline of 960 actual approved applicants, or a difference of nearly 25% in just one year!

One might ask, "Why is this important?" The answer is allocations of certain categorical program funds, for example Title I funds, and other federal and state allocations, are based upon the number of students who are qualified as participants in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Fewer qualified participants equates to a loss of revenues that support some of our students of greatest need. Six Burbank schools receive federal Title I money. As a result of the reduction in the number of students who qualify for the National School Lunch Program, these schools can anticipate significant budget reductions. Furthermore, the cost of lunches for all students is affected by a loss of revenues from the NSLP. The District's Food Services Department is then forced to make adjustments in lunch prices to address higher operating costs in consideration of reduced revenues.



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Summary

The demographic trend in Burbank is clear. The District has fewer students who have moved here from other countries, fewer students who are English Learners, and fewer students who are socio-economically disadvantaged. District and school site staff members will continue to analyze the data to better understand how demographic trends affect instructional programs, as well as how scarce resources can be allocated to help in addressing the achievement gaps among our diverse student population.

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Ramsey's At The Club Provides Intimate, Elegant Atmosphere

Ramsey's At The Club may be one of the area's best kept secrets - but not for long! Located inside The Sports Center at the Toluca Lake Tennis Club at 6711 Forest Lawn Drive, Ramsey's At The Club offers a warm, casual yet elegant atmosphere and fabulous food. Executive Chef Jesse Genovese, trained at Le Cordon Bleu London, showed off a taste of his culinary talents when Ramsey's hosted the Chamber's March membership mixer. Many guests were overheard making plans to return soon for a full meal.

The beautiful and newly remodeled $Ramsey \'s\,At\,The\,Club\,is\,open\,for\,lunch$ and dinner Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.. The facility is also available for private functions and business meetings for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and provides seating for up to 150 people. Ramsey's offers a fireside lounge area and separate conference/party room.



Photo by Andre Murray

Jay Sadofsky, owner, welcomed Chamber members to Ramsey's At The Club.



Amy Wicks of the Law Office of McClear and Associates, right, won this beautiful topiary presented by Carol Cop of The Enchanted Florist.



Photo by Andre Murray

Above, Pauline Marasek of Pauline's Handmade Brittle presents Bob Caplan of Bob's Toy Trains and Collectables with his delicious opportunity prize!



Have you met these new members yet? With Membership Director J.J. Connaughton, third from left, are David G. Justl, C.P.A.; Leland Gray, Treasured Life Video; Ron Vanvoorhis, INXPRESS; and Rita Solomon, Silverado Hospice. At right is Scott Rife, 2008 Chamber Chairman of the Board.

Sharing event ideas at the mixer were Cristy Jennings, Premier Promo; Joanne Asman, Fiesta of the Spanish Horse and Asman & Associates, "A Trojan Tradition"; Marcey Verity, American Cancer Society Relay for Life; and Pauline Marasek, Pauline's Handmade

And the winners are...

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The Burbank Toastmasters Club almost had \$375 to spend, but their representative wasn't present when their name was drawn for the cash jackpot...another \$25 was added to the prize for the next mixer.

The cash jackpot for May is up to \$425!! Mark your calendars now and join us May 22nd at Joe's Great American Bar & Grill!! 4311 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank. Come for the mixer...and stay for the **GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!!!**

La Providencia Guild Installs Officer

The annual meeting and luncheon of La Providencia Guild, an Associate Group of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, was held at Oakmont Country Club March 15.

Judy Pierce, outgoing President, handed the gavel to new President, Marilyn Teasley. The other officers for this year are: Sue Ann Gordon, 1st VP; Rosemarie Witten, 2nd VP; Judy Gragg, Secretary; Sharon Terranova, Treasurer; Nancy Johnson, Public Relations.

Lisa Murray, Chairperson of the meeting, and her committee presented a beautiful theme, setting the stage for the Guild's Cotillion to be held in May as a fundraiser for the hospital.

The new Thrift Shop at 3301 W. Burbank Blvd, open Tu-Sat 10am-4pm, 845-6606, was a topic of conversation.

Bonnie McClure, Chairman, and Suzanne Lapis, Director of Associates and Affiliates at Childrens Hospital were special guests. Mrs McClure spoke of a new project, Clinical Imaging Research and Technology, supporting research of children surviving illnesses including Leukemia, Sickle Cell anemia, and Neonatal



Featured above, from left, are Suzanne Lapis, Childrens Hospital; Marilyn Teasley, La Providencia Guild President; and Bonnie McClure, Childrens Hospital.

brain changes in premature babies.

"Working Together" has always been an attribute of the Guild members and it was emphasized at the installation of the new officers.

Founded in 1901, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles has been treating seriously ill and injured children for more than a century, and it is acknowledged throughout the United States and around the world for its leadership in pediatric and adolescent health. Childrens Hospital is one of America's premier teaching hospitals affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine of USC for more than 75 years. It is a national leader in pediatric research.

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News brought to you by the City of Burbank's Community Development Department, Economic Development Team



BURBANK DODGER NIGHT

The City of Burbank invites everyone to Burbank Dodger Night on Friday, May 9th. Join the Burbank community at Dodger Stadium as the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the Houston Astros. It's also Dodger Beanie Cap giveaway night! Pre-game ceremonies are at 7 p.m. and the game begins at 7:40 p.m.



Tickets are priced from \$10 to \$27 and are on sale now -- either online at **www.dodgers.com/burbank** (enter promo code: Burbank) or at the following locations:

- Administrative Services Building 301 East Olive Avenue (818) 238-5300 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Burbank Water and Power 164 West Magnolia Blvd. (818) 238-3700 Monday Friday 8:00 a.m. 5:00 pm.
- Chamber of Commerce 200 West Magnolia Blvd. (818) 846-3111

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DOWNTOWN BURBANK: ALL DRESSED UP & PLACES TO GO!



Refreshing and exciting changes are happening in Downtown Burbank due to a goal of the Downtown Burbank Partnership to update and upgrade the physical environment of Downtown

Burbank. By the end of May the upgrades should be completed. The goal of the upgrades is to eliminate the heavy concrete feel in Downtown Burbank. To meet this goal, new stone veneer has been added to the walls; new decorative wrought iron trash cans and benches have replaced the old blue

benches and bulky concrete trash cans; climbing Jasmine vines are climbing the pergolas; soft yellow plant containers are being filled with colorful annuals; the irrigation system has been upgraded and repaired for new landscaping materials; and six new stylized bike racks have been installed...all dressing up the street for the many walking



burbank economic indicators

	Burbank Home Sale Activity¹: # Sold in March 2008:
	# Sold in March 2007:
	Median Price March 2008: \$500,000
	Median Price March 2007: \$600,000 % Change: -16.67%
2.	Quarterly Office Vacancy Rate ² :
	4th Quarter 2007 Total Vacant Sq. Ft.:
	Vacancy Rate: 4.1%
	Average Asking Lease Rate:
	4th Quarter 2006 Total Vacant Sq. Ft.:
	Vacancy Rate: 2.7%
	Average Asking Lease Rate: \$2.89/sq. ft
3.	Quarterly Industrial Market Availability Rate ³ :
	4th Quarter 2007 Total Sq. Ft. Available:
	Availability Rate:
	4th Quarter 2006 Total Sq. Ft. Available:
	Availability Rate:
4.	EDD Labor Force Information4:
	<i>March</i> 2008 <i>Labor Force</i> :
	<i>Employment</i> :
	Unemployment Rate:
	Los Angeles County Unemployment Rate:

Burbank monthly indicators include the most recent data available at time of printing.

- ¹ Reporting resale single family residences, condos and new homes. % Change is from the same month last year
- ² CB Richard Ellis Detailed Market Statistic
- ³ CB Richard Ellis Detailed Market Statistics -- average asking rate not available for industrial statistics

 ⁴ Employment Development Department Labor Market Information Division
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For more information, contact: Housing & Redevelopment Division (818) 238-5180 • www.burbankca.org/redevelopment/home.html

pedestrians and visitors in Downtown. The results are simply amazing and well worth taking a moment to discover what's happening in Downtown Burbank! For more information visit www.downtown-burbank.org.

MAGNOLIA PARK IS ON A ROLL

May 24, 2008, is the date for the fun **Magnolia Park Magical Bicycle Tour**. You'll be able to tour the neighborhood on your bike, sample treats from different merchants while getting your passport signed, and maybe win big prizes from the merchants for completing the tour. Fun for the whole



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Membership Reinvestments

The following businesses and organizations renewed their investments as Burbank Chamber members in March. We thank them for their continuing support and congratulate them as they begin another year of commitment to Burbank business.

<u>82 Years</u>

AT&T

<u>60 Years</u> **Lockheed Martin Corporation** Southern California Gas Co.

55 Years

NBC Universal

<u>39 Years</u>

Valley Funeral Home

25 Years

Screen Graphics Co., Inc.

Gerhardt Gear Company Inc. Thorburn Chiropractic & Wellness

22 Years

Lee & Associates

20 Years

CBFS, Inc.

<u> 19 Years</u> LAgraphico, Inc.

<u> 17 Years</u> **Star Builders**

<u> 16 Years</u>

Aberdeen Management Co., Inc.

Lockheed Federal Credit Union

<u>12 Years</u>

ARRI, Inc.

Burbank Sunrise Rotary In-N-Out Burgers Scott Villa Apartments

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Magnolia Park United Methodist Church

Valley Dealer Exchange

8 Years

CBS Outdoor

7 Years

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6 Years

Dilbeck Realtors GMAC Real Estate Frank Pita, DDS, MSD

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American Cancer Society -Discovery Shop Chase Company

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3 Years

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Finding Bliss at the Burbank Town Center



Photo by Andre Murray

Celebrating Bliss Unlimited's new location in the Burbank Town Center were, from left, Sunder Ramani, Penta Resources; We Care for Youth Co-Executive Directors Linda Maxwell and Jose Quintanar: Chamber President/CEO Garv Olson: Mayor Marsha Ramos; and Assistant City Manager Mike Flad.

Bliss Unlimited has a beautiful new, easily accessible location in the Burbank Town Center at 201 E. Magnolia Blvd. You can now find the store in Suite 354 on the 3rd floor across from Borders Books.

Featuring handmade jewelry and unique gift items and baskets, the retail store is operated by We Care for Youth (WCFY), a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1994 by Co-Executive Directors Linda Maxwell and Jose Quintanar. WCFY provides mentoring, character education, leadership training, organizational management, pre-employment readiness training, and entrepreneurial instruction and activities for youth.

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5 Monday...... BUSINESS CONNECTION LUNCHEON

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SPEAKER: Lloyd Dix, Union Adjustment Co.

11:30 am Registration, 12:00 noon Lunch/Program

22 Thursday...... STATE OF THE SCHOOLS LUNCHEON

Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank

22 Thursday...... MEMBERSHIP MIXER

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Joe's Great American Bar & Grill 4311 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank

*** NO ONE UNDER 21 WILL BE ADMITTED ***

JUNE

2 Monday...... BUSINESS CONNECTION LUNCHEON

11:30 am - 1:30 pm,

BURBANK AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank SPEAKER: Richard Mader, SCORE

26 Thursday...... MEMBERSHIP MIXER

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Pickwick Gardens

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Membership Reinvestments

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