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Miss Commerce Unique Hernandez and the Royal Court with proud graduates of the Commerce Preschool Program.

## PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Members of the Commerce Preschool Graduating Class of 2012 danced and jumped in celebration as the hit song 'Party Rock Anthem' began to play at the culmination of the Preschool Graduation Ceremony held on June 2 at Veterans Memorial Park.

The moment was certainly a memorable one that brought parents and family members to their feet and smiles to their faces.

To start the ceremony preschool students from the classes at Bandini, Bristow, Rosewood and Veterans Park marched on to the baseball field, clad in blue, yellow, red and green caps and gowns.

The march was followed by the Flag salute, invocation and the introduction of the City Council. City Officials talked about the value of the program.

"The Commerce Preschool Program provides our children with a solid educational foundation and just as importantly, a sense of confidence. These are the qualities we strive to instill in our young people to ensure that they mature into productive, civic minded adults," said a City Official.

Each class sang a song just for the ceremony. Songs included 'Three Little Monkeys,' 'The Jumping Song,' the 'ABC Song,' and 'If You're Happy and You Know It.'

The diplomas were then presented by the City Council who praised the students and encouraged them to continue to work hard in the years ahead.

The City would like to thank preschool program instructors Denise Barajas, Jessica Cruz, Ines Flores, Veronica Jimenez, Kam Jackson, Desiree Muñoz, and Program Supervisor Terry Ann Westmore.

The Commerce Preschool program is funded by the City to provide educational opportunities for the very young. To view photos visit the City's website at [www.ci.commerce.ca.us/residents/photo\\_gallery](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us/residents/photo_gallery).

## UNIFIED GROCERS CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF SUCCESS



Unified Grocers, the largest wholesale grocery distributor in the western United States, marked its 90th anniversary this year by celebrating nine decades of success with a company open house on June 9 here in Commerce at the company's headquarters.

Unified Grocers' history traces back to the early 1900's when independent retail grocers in Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, California, decided to improve the efficiency of their businesses by combining their resources and forming purchasing cooperatives.

Their history in Commerce began in 1947 when Unified Grocers, then Certified Grocers, established their 277,000 square foot offices and distribution center off of Eastern Avenue on Sheila Street. According to the book, 'Unified Grocers, Celebrating 90 Years of Independent Success,' during that time the US population was 132 million people, a gallon of gas cost 18 cents, and the cost of a new home was just over \$3,900.

To remain competitive the company sold a portion of the Commerce property in 1998 and consolidated executive offices, as well as the company headquarters into a four story office building. This versatility has been a key to their long

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## CITY BUDGET PROCESS NEARING COMPLETION

The City Council is expected to adopt the final budget on July 3. The Council has worked since March to close a budget gap originally projected at \$4 million. The struggling economy, along with the elimination of redevelopment, which was a major revenue source, made balancing the budget challenging.

The Council narrowed the budget gap by reducing department budgets, programs, staff

and by using the City's reserve funds.

The Blue Ribbon Committee, made up of residents, employees and business representatives, assisted the Council with the budget process by recommending new revenue sources.

Council members approved \$888,725 in department reductions in April and May. While there were no changes in employee wages, the financial crisis brought on by the State's

elimination of redevelopment made it necessary to lay off seven employees.

Fortunately, sales tax, property tax and Card Club revenues were higher than expected, netting \$1.1 million in new revenues, which helped to minimize the financial impact. The City's sale of water rights to the City of Whittier for \$345,000 and use of the \$500,000 budget stabilization fund further decreased the

deficit.

The City was able to fund the purchase of capital outlay items totaling \$154,453 such as computer equipment, vehicles, desks and park equipment that had been on hold since the national economic recession began.

Once completed, the 2012/2013 City budget will be posted on the City's website in early August.

The adoption of the Declaration of Independence not only proclaimed our independence from Great Britain, it laid the foundation for individual freedoms and rights and established the system of democracy that continues to define us today. We invite the entire community to celebrate this cherished symbol of liberty and pay tribute to our nation and those who defend it at our annual Independence Day Celebration at Rosewood Park.

The celebration kicks off on Wednesday, July 4 with the 5K Freedom Run beginning at 8 a.m., a community carnival from noon to 11 p.m. and a spectacular fireworks show starting at 9 p.m. The celebration continues on July 6, 7 and 8 with the community carnival, which takes place from noon to 11 p.m. at Rosewood Park.

As the *July Report to the People* went to press, a tentative budget was set to be approved on June 19 with the final budget slated for adoption on July 3. The good news is that there were no additional layoffs, no changes in employee wages and there was an increase in the cap for full-time health benefits. The City was also able to fund the purchase of much needed capital outlay items such as computer equipment, vehicles, and desks and park equipment that had been on hold for the last three to four fiscal years.

The City Council is looking into funding the Senior Rent Subsidy Program for one year using money from the general fund. This would provide seniors with time to seek alternative sources of funding. The Senior Rent Subsidy Program was a victim of redevelopment's dissolution. The funds were taken away from the City, essentially ending the program. City staff is also looking for other resources and doing what they can to help these renters.

The Commerce Library will be offering a U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class this summer. The 10-week class will be held at 6 p.m., every Wednesday, July 11 to September 16, in the Library Literacy's Center. The class will help to prepare those who need to know basic English and U.S. History to pass the Citizenship Exam. This is so valuable and convenient.

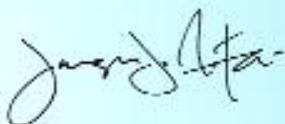
The Library also announced two new additions to its Summer Reading Program. For the first time ever, the Library is offering a summer reading program for adults and a computer building workshop for Teens. Visit the Library's website at [www.cocpl.org](http://www.cocpl.org) for more details.

Be sure to check out our bike safety tips and our fireworks safety tips in this month's *Report to the People*. Taking precautions will contribute to a safe and pleasant summer.

On behalf of the City Council, have a wonderful 4th of July and keep the men and women of our Armed Forces in your thoughts. They are the ones who safeguard our freedom.

Remember, City Hall and libraries will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in commemoration of Independence Day.

Sincerely,  
 Jorge Rifá



### Regular Meeting of June 5

- Commended Rosewood School Employee Vivian Terry on the occasion of her retirement and for 40 years of service to the Montebello Unified School District.
- Approved a commendation honoring Unified Grocers on the occasion of their 90th Anniversary.
- Approved a certificate of recognition honoring 95-year-old Julio Pons for more than 70 years of service as an employee of the Entenmann-Rovin Company in Commerce.



Winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest from Bandini Elementary: Marco Garcia (1st Place), Emily Mendoza (2nd place), and Kassandra Guevara (3rd Place) with Commerce Tree and Street Maintenance Supervisor Hector Orozco and Bandini Elementary School Principal Deanna Plascencia.

- Approved environmental message banners to be funded by Used Oil and Beverage Container Recycling grants from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.
- Authorized staff to apply for funding from the Federal Transit Administration under the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant.
- Approved an agreement with DMD Appraisals for Successor Agency owned property located at 4957 Sheila Street and 4800 Washington Boulevard.
- Approved an agreement with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for polling services.
- Approved the continuation of the Senior Housing Subsidy for 12 months (July 1, 2012 to June 2013) and directed staff to seek other programs to assist impacted residents.
- Approved the tentative installation of a decorative wall in front of City Hall based on the success of fund raising efforts.
- Received and filed a report from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel.
- Appointed Jose Alvarado to the Community Services Commission.
- Approved an amendment to the contract between the City and the Board of Administration California Public Employees Retirement System.
- Adjourned in memory of longtime resident and former City employee Raul Berroteran Sr., wife of longtime resident and former City Commissioner Irene Berroteran; father of Commerce resident and former City employee Raul Berroteran Jr. and in memory of Rebecca Janie Longoria Sapien, mother of City employee Rebecca Lee Longoria.

### Regular Meeting of May 15

- Hosted the Commerce Armed Forces Day Ceremony honoring the five branches of the US Military.
- Received the Tree City U.S.A. award for the 26th consecutive year from the LA County Fire Department

ment Forestry Division.

- Presented awards to the winners of the Fifth Annual Children's Drawing and Essay Contest hosted by the Commerce Public Library System.
- Proclaimed the week of May 20-26 as National Public Works Week.
- Directed staff to apply for the 2012 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$12,145. Approved an agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to maintain and repair catch basin screen inserts.
- Accepted the work performed by Integrated Security Inc., of Monrovia, CA for Cash Contract No. 1112-Installation of Security Cameras at Bristow Park. Received and filed a status report on public safety from Captain Henry Romero of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
- Received and filed a staff report on the I-710 Freeway Improvement Project and the I-710 Washington Boulevard Ramp Sound Wall Project.
- Received and filed a staff report on the Rosini and Rosewood Street Improvement Project.
- Received and filed a staff report on creating digital billboard standards and directed staff to coordinate meetings with consultants to discuss the process.
- Approved the design of a new emergency operations center.
- Received and filed a report from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee.
- Appointed Miguel Ortega to the Environmental Justice Advisory Task Force.
- Approved a resolution amending the City's vehicle use policy.
- Adjourned in memory of Margaret Margie Garcia,



Commerce Bus Operator Juan Sandoval was honored at the June 5 Council Meeting for providing outstanding service to Commerce teens and seniors. He is pictured here with Commerce teen Monica Rodarte.

longtime resident and aunt of Mayor Pro Tem Baca Del Rio and in memory of Concha Marquez long time resident and former City commissioner and committee member.

## Report to the People

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# WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING BULLIED

## TIPS FOR PARENTS



Anti-Bullying Week was celebrated at Rosewood School in June by Rosewood School students, Rosewood School staff, City staff, volunteers and representatives of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

In June the City of Commerce and the Montebello Unified School District partnered to sponsor Anti-Bullying Awareness Week activities at Rosewood School.

If your child is being bullied at school, this can be a very painful experience for your child and your family. Here are some things you can do to help your child if he or she is being bullied:

- Never tell your child to ignore the bullying.
- Don't blame your child for the bullying or assume your child did something to provoke the bullying.
- Allow your child to talk about his or her bullying experiences. Write down what is shared.
- Empathize with your child. Tell him or her that bullying is wrong, that it is not his or her fault, and that you are glad he or she had the courage to tell you about it.
- If you disagree with how your child handled the bullying situation, don't criticize him or her. It is often very difficult for children to know how to respond.
- Do not encourage physical retaliation.
- Check your emotions. A parent's protective instincts stir strong emotions. Although it is difficult, step back and consider the next steps carefully.
- Contact a teacher, school counselor, or principal at your school immediately and share your concerns about the bullying that your child has experienced.

- Work closely with school personnel to help solve the problem.
- Encourage your child to develop interests and hobbies that will help build resiliency in difficult situations like bullying.
- Encourage your child to make contact with friendly students in his or her class, or help your child meet new friends outside of school.
- Teach your child safety strategies, such as how to seek help from an adult.
- Make sure your child has a safe and loving home environment.
- If you or your child need additional help, seek help from a school counselor and/or mental health professional.

For more information on how to deal with bullying, visit [www.StopBullyingNow.hrsa.gov](http://www.StopBullyingNow.hrsa.gov).

*The above information is from a publication originally created for "Take a Stand. Lend a Hand. Stop Bullying Now!" a campaign of the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*

## JOB FAIR INFO AND TIPS FOR SUCCESS

### FROM THE COMMERCE EMPLOYMENT BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

If you're looking for a job attend the Southeast Job Fair on Saturday, July 14 at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E. Florence Ave, Huntington Park, Ca, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is being coordinated by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's Office in Collaboration with the City of Huntington Park, EDD, Hub Cities Consortium, Southeast Community Development Corporation and the Commerce Employment and Business Development Center.

Job fair participants include Ralph's Market, California Gas Company, Southern California Edison, Farmer John, Sears, and El Super Market to name a few. Colleges and various Chambers will also be in attendance. For more information see the ad on page 7 or call us at (323) 887-4461.

Arrive early, dress to impress and take copies of your

resume. Interviews will be held on site. If you are registered with EBDC, we can help you put together a resume and make copies free of charge!

If you're not sure what to list on your resume, follow these TIPS to make your job search easier:

- List all your job history before you organize your resume layout.
- Do not abbreviate words.
- Proofread your resume several times and have someone else review it as well.
- Limit your resume to one page.

The Employment Business and Development Center is available year around to help you find a job. In May, the EBDC coordinated 14 people getting jobs with local employers. To sign up, call the EBDC to set-up an appointment at (323) 887-4461.



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# Fireworks



## Safety Tips

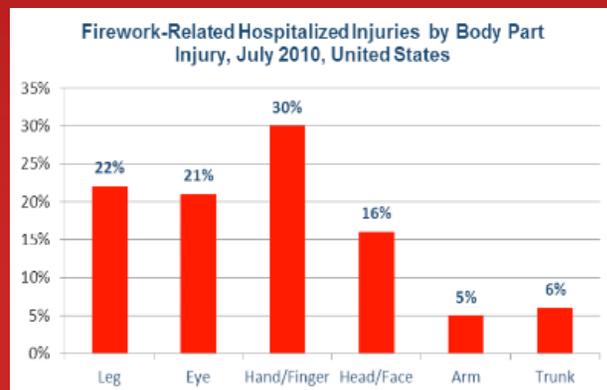
From the LA County Department of Public Health and County Fire Department



Every year about this time children are drawn to the excitement of fireworks. Nearly half of all firework-related injuries and deaths happen among children and teens. Remember fireworks are explosives! If not handled in a safe and responsible manner fireworks can cause first, second and third degree burns, loss of hearing, and even blindness.

The LA County Department of Public Health and County Fire Department recommends viewing public fireworks displays in your community like the one being hosted by the City of Commerce at Rosewood Park on Wednesday, July 4 at 9 p.m. If you do plan on a private display make sure you purchase legal fireworks from firework stands.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National County on Fireworks Safety has provided the helpful safety information below.



### Fireworks Safety Tips:

- Always read and follow label directions
- Only "adults" should handle fireworks
- Use outdoors only
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket)
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks
- Light only one firework at a time
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water)
- Never give fireworks to small children
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework
- Stay away from illegal explosives



# SUMMER BICYCLE SAFETY

## LIBRARY NEWS

### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS IN FULL SWING

#### Tiny Tots' and Children's Program

'Magical Musical Tour' with the Truffles, featuring the music of the Beatles.



- Monday, July 9 at Central Library
  - Tuesday, July 10 at Atlantic Library
  - Wednesday, July 11 at Greenwood Library
  - Thursday, July 12 at Bristow Park Library
- All shows begin at 6 p.m.

#### 'Reading is Magic' Show with the Library Fairy Godmothers



Out of Fairyland and into the library, 'The Fairy Godmothers' show is an enchanting magical, musical experience that promotes reading, self-esteem and teamwork. The fairies and children will learn lessons about patience, perseverance and "proper magic management".

- Monday, July 30 @ Central Library
- Tuesday, July 31 @ Atlantic Library
- Wednesday, August 1 @ Green-

wood Library  
•Thursday, August 2 @ Bristow Park Library  
All shows begin at 6 p.m.

#### Preschool Story Times

- Friday, July 6, 11 a.m. @ Greenwood Branch: 'Nighttime Critters'
- Friday, July 27, 11 a.m. @ Greenwood Branch: 'When I Grow Up'
- Friday, July 13 11 a.m. @ Greenwood Branch: 'Rock-a-bye Baby'

#### Teen Program

##### Learn to Build a Computer!

Teens are invited to the first-ever computer building workshop. Learn about the various components that go into a computer and actually build one! Teens that complete the entire reading program have the chance to win the computer during a drawing on Aug. 8. Sign up beginning July 2 at any Commerce Library. Space is limited.

##### Teen Book Club Meets July 25

The Teen Book Club will be meeting at 5:30pm on Wednesday, July 25th at the Central Library to discuss Orson Scott Card's Ender's Game.

#### Adult Program

##### First-Ever Summer Reading Program Offered for Adults

Don't let the children have all the fun. Join the first-ever Adult Summer Reading Program "Between the Covers." For more information, call Central Library at (323) 722-6660 or visit the website at [www.cocpl.org](http://www.cocpl.org).

##### Library Offers U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class

The Commerce Library will be offering a U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class. The 10-week class is held at 6 p.m., every Wednesday, from July 11 to September 19 in the Literacy Center. For more information, call (323) 722-7323.



### Ride Safely and Keep Up With Regular Bicycle Maintenance

California Vehicle Code, Section 21212 requires all youth, seventeen years of age and younger, who ride bicycles, non-motorized scooters, skateboards, or in-line or roller skates to wear a helmet.

Wearing a properly fitted helmet reduces risk of death or brain injury by 88%. In addition to wearing a helmet, following the safety tips below can help keep you safe while riding your bicycle.

When Riding a Bicycle:

- Always wear a helmet properly fastened and worn correctly, flat on your head, to help prevent head injuries.
- Observe all traffic laws and signals, just as automobiles, and ride the same direction with traffic.
- Don't ride double or attempt stunts.
- Ride near the curb in the same direction as traffic.
- Find alternate routes, rather than riding through busy intersections with high-speed traffic.
- Walk -- don't ride -- your bicycle across busy intersections and left turn corners.
- Avoid riding in wet weather. When wet, handbrakes may require a long distance to stop.
- Avoid riding in the dark. If you do, be sure the bike is equipped with a headlight, a taillight and reflectors.
- Avoid loose clothing or long coats that can catch in pedals or wheels. Leg clips or bands keep pant legs from tangling in the chain.
- Avoid crossing raised sewer grates.

### Regular Bicycle Maintenance

Regular maintenance is essential for safe riding. An experienced repair technician should do complicated work, however here's what you should look for to repair and maintain your bicycle.

- Align wobbly wheels for better control. Spokes also may need adjustment.
- Replace missing, damaged, or worn parts, such as brake pads, chain links, spokes, screws, bolts and handlebar grips.
- Tighten and/or adjust loose parts.
- Never disable your bicycle's braking system.
- Periodically inspect frame, fork, spindles and other components for cracking.
- Inflate tires to recommended pressure, and replace worn tires.
- Keep bicycle indoors when not in use -- moisture may cause rust and weaken metal parts.

For more information on bicycle safety, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Laura Tilley at (323) 887-4460.

## COMMERCE SWIMMER WINS 50M CHAMPIONSHIP

### RESIDENT NATIONALLY RANKED 33RD IN 50M BREASTSTROKE



Jesse Barragan (center) at the Speedo Grand Challenge Tournament where he won the 50M Breaststroke Championship with a time of 36.74 seconds, the fastest time in Southern California, which also ranks him 33rd in the Nation.

12-year-old Commerce resident, Jesse Barragan won the 50 Meter Breaststroke Championship and finished in fourth place in the 100 Meter Breaststroke in an outstanding performance representing the Commerce Swim Team at the Speedo Grand Challenge tournament held in Irvine from May 25-27.

The prestigious Speedo Challenge drew more than 1,000 athletes, including National level swimmers like world record holders Rebecca Soni, Jessica Hardy,

and Kate Ziegler. Jesse competed in the 12 & under 50M Breast, 100M Breast and 200M Individual Medley.

Jesse placed 2nd at prelims in the 50M Breast and returned that evening to swim in the finals. At finals, Jesse edged out the rest of the competition to win the championship finals. His time of 36.74 is the fastest 12 & under 50Mr Breaststroke time in Southern California and ranks him 33rd in the Nation.

On Saturday, Jesse returned to compete in the 100M Breaststroke. In prelims, Jesse dropped over three seconds to finish in the top 8 earning himself a spot in the Finals. At Finals, Jesse had another great swim finishing in 4th place. He is now ranked 7th in Southern California in the 100M Breast.

Jesse is continuing to train very hard as he prepares for the upcoming Southern California Swimming Age Group Championships and the Junior Olympics. His training regimen includes waking up early for morning swim practice at 5:45 am before heading off to school, as well as after school practices.

For more information about the Commerce Swim Team, go to [www.CommerceAquatics.org](http://www.CommerceAquatics.org) or contact Head Swim Coach Kevin Larsen at (323) 887-4404 ext. 2848.

# NIKE'S 'JOURNEY FOR A BETTER WORLD' COM-

BRINGING THE POWER OF SPORT TO EVERYBODY



Nike endurance athlete Jason Lester finishing the segment of Nike's Journey for a Better World in which he ran from the Nike store in Ontario, CA to the Nike Outlet at the Citadel here in Commerce.

Nike endurance athlete Jason Lester grew up playing sports. When he was only 12-years-old he was hit by a car doing 70 mph while on his bicycle and was left for dead with 21 broken bones and a collapsed lung.

Jason lost the use of his right arm and went through an arduous recovery in the hospital, during which time his father died of a heart attack. Twelve months later, despite these obstacles, Jason started playing baseball and football again. He became a competitive runner and biathlete by age 16, and the #2 ranked biathlete in Arizona by age 18.

A college athlete, former ESPY Award winner and the first disabled athlete to compete in the Ultraman World Championships, Jason began his 102 day 'Journey for a Better World' sponsored by Nike. The Journey started March 19 spanning 4,800 miles or the equivalent of 32 marathons, from New York to Eugene, Oregon where he was scheduled to complete the journey on June 29. The goal: to spread the message that a better world starts with sport.

En route to his destination, Jason visited the Nike Outlet Store at the Citadel. The Commerce visit was on June 1 or day 75 of 'The Journey' during which he ran from the Nike store in Ontario to the Citadel and was joined in the last mile of the approximately 40 mile run by 15 Nike employees, bringing Jason to a total of 3,630 miles traveled.

Once in front of the Nike store Jason signed autographs, took pictures, shared his personal story and talked about his experiences thus far on the 'Journey.' He discussed the intensity required and some of the things that occurred along the way, including a non-recyclable bag getting caught in his bike causing him to crash and end up in an emergency room in Arizona.

"I had my mind locked on California and nothing was

going to stop me from getting here! It was just another roadblock and those are the things you have to overcome if you want to be a better athlete and a better person," said Jason.

He also talked about the 'Journey's' significance. "Seventy five cities and seventy five hotels. It's pretty darn epic. To be the face of 'Journey for a Better World' for a few weeks is awesome. For me, being an athlete wouldn't mean anything without having an opportunity like this to give back to my community," said Jason, whose stops following Commerce included Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

Nike's sponsorship of 'Journey for a Better World' touches on environmental sustainability and spreading their message from coast to coast and store to store to reaffirm their commitment to bringing the power of sport to everybody to instill hope, build confidence, reduce disease and unite communities.

The Nike 'Better World' page on Facebook reads: "Like human potential itself, there is no finish line. Things can and always do get better. Anyone can get involved, through actions both large and small. Join the team, share your thoughts and be a part of making a better World."

Jason's message was simple. "I know for a fact sport can change lives, because it saved mine."

To view photos from the event you can visit Nike's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/#!/nikebetterworld](http://www.facebook.com/#!/nikebetterworld), their 'Journey for a Better World' website at [www.nikebetterworld.com/journey](http://www.nikebetterworld.com/journey), or the City's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Commerce](http://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Commerce). Don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook.

## COMMERCE CERAMICS STUDENT RECOGNIZED

CERAMICS PROGRAM CULTIVATES ARTISTIC VISION



Edith Gomez

Commerce resident Edith Gomez was recently featured in Schurr High School's *Spartan Scroll* student newspaper for her ceramic sculpturing talents, which she developed by taking ceramic classes offered by the City.

Gomez, a sophomore at Schurr, entered an art contest and earned the opportunity to publish her work in a book called Art Appreciation. In the *Spartan Scroll* article, Gomez credits Commerce instructor

Beatriz Jaramillo and former instructor Luciano Pimienta for helping her excel in ceramics and artistic expression. Gomez began taking ceramics classes at Commerce at age 13 and continues to do so.

Commerce offers ceramic classes for everyone from beginner to advanced. Instructors teach students to create ceramic art and functional pottery.

For dates and times, pick up a Summer Brochure at the Parks and Recreation Department or view the brochure online at [www.ci.commerce.ca.us](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us).

For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434.

## CITY OF COMMERCE CHANNEL 3



July 2012 Featured Highlights

### AWARD WINNING CABLECASTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Live every 1st and 3rd Tues.)  
Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Thursdays at 5 p.m.  
& Saturdays at 9 a.m.

### "IN A COUNCIL MINUTE" A ONE MINUTE RECAP OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mondays at 4 p.m., Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 1 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m., Fridays at 3 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. & Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

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Mondays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday at 3 p.m., Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Friday at 5:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

### COMMERCE COMMUNITY 4TH OF JULY LIVE CABLECAST CELEBRATION AIRING 12 PM TO 10 PM ON THE 4TH

Monday 10 a.m., Tuesday 3 p.m., Wednesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m., Friday 4:30 p.m., Saturday 7 p.m. & Sunday 5:30 p.m.

### COMMERCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW "2012 LIBRARY SERVICES"

Monday 2 p.m., Tuesday 4 p.m., Wednesdays 4 p.m., Thursday 6 p.m., Friday 4 p.m., Saturday 3 p.m. & Sunday 1 p.m.

### TWILIGHT DANCE MUSIC CONCERT FEATURING: "ANDY CLOCKWISE" SANTA MONICA PIER

Monday 1 p.m., Tuesday 12 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m., Thursday 7 p.m., Friday 6 p.m., Saturday 4 p.m. & Sunday 8 a.m.

### 'BETTER VISION,' FEATURING MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER CHRIS LEE

Tuesday 10 a.m., Wednesday 2 p.m., Friday 12 p.m. & Saturday 1 p.m.

### CHEAP EATS FEATURING: CURRY HOUSE, NIJIYA MARKET, CHABUYA NOODLE HOUSE, BOX CAFE

Monday 8 a.m., Tuesday 8 a.m., Wednesday 9 a.m., Thursday 10 a.m., Friday 8 a.m., Saturday 12 p.m. & Sunday 9 a.m.

Commerce City Channel 3 offers DVD copies of local programs broadcast on channel 3 & 32 for \$10. Original shows include City Council Meetings, Public Affairs, Commerce City News, Commerce Park Concerts, Commerce Teen Plays and more. See the city channel replay schedule or go to [www.ci.commerce.ca.us](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us) for more information.

# Report to the People **COMMERCE GALLERY**

## Unified Grocers Celebrates 90 Years of Success



The inside of Unified Grocers' 800,000 sq. foot warehouse. Unified, headquartered in Commerce, is the largest wholesale grocery distributor in the United States. They celebrated their 90th Anniversary in June (story on page 1).

## Nike Journey for a Better World



Pictured at the Nike Outlet Store at the Citadel is endurance athlete Jason Lester with Miss Fourth of July Jannine Mancilla, Miss Commerce Unique Hernandez, and Miss Friendship Jennifer Mendoza (story on page 5).

## Miss Commerce Meets 'Chicago'



Miss Commerce Unique Hernandez, Miss Friendship Jennifer Mendoza (left) and Miss Galaxy Karely Ramirez (right) attended the award winning musical "Chicago" featuring actress/model Christie Brinkley at the Pantages Theatre in May.

## Library Class Visit



Miss Meneses's 2nd grade class from Rosewood School enjoys a story read by Children's Librarian Cynthia Bautista in front of an amazing display decorated by Library staff.

## Sidewalk CPR



The LA County Fire Department and the American Heart Association hosted a "Sidewalk CPR" demonstration in front of the Senior Center in June so members of the public could learn the basics of lifesaving CPR.

## Library Drawing and Essay Contest



Holding certificates from l. to r. are the winners of the Library's Fifth Annual Children's Drawing and Essay Contest: Angelica Sanchez, Javier De Santiago, Amaris Navarro Carbajal, and Michelle Perez. Also pictured are members of the Library staff, Education Commission, Montebello Unified School District, as well as representatives of World Vision who sponsored prizes for the contest.

## Armed Forces Day



US Army Veteran, Bronze Medal recipient and commander of Commerce's American GI Forum Howard Hernandez is pictured here with Miss Commerce and the Royal Court at the Armed Forces Day Ceremony in June held to honor veterans, fallen heroes and active duty members of the military.

## Chemistry Is Cool



Hundreds of local students at Bandini and Laguna Nueva Elementary Schools and Rosewood School, participated in the Chemistry Is Cool program in June, sponsored by the Commerce Industrial Council Chamber of Commerce.

## Teen Volunteers



Teens from the GirlOlogy and Adventure Club volunteering at the Commerce Annual Rabies Clinic on June 6.

## Teen Activities



Commerce teens enjoying the Pre Teen GirlOlogy roller skating trip. For information on clubs and other fun activities this summer for teen and preteen boys and girls, call the Teen Center at (323) 264-4665.

CITY OF COMMERCE  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
PRESENTS

# INDEPENDENCE DAY Celebration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012  
2:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**  
9:00 P.M.

ROSEWOOD PARK  
5600 HARBOR STREET, COMMERCE

- OFFICIAL CEREMONY 3:00 P.M.
- ENJOY AMERICAN & ETHNIC FOODS
- LIVE ON STAGE:
  - 7 BOXCAR**
  - The Reel Band**
- FIRE CRACKER 500-CHILDRENS INTERACTIVE WACKY ENTERTAINMENT
- "COMMERCE'S GOT TALENT" WITH SURPRISE SPECIAL GUEST JUDGES
- OUR FAVORITE DANCE CLASS PERFORMERS
- D.J. BOOGIE NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT TILL 10:30 PM

**MEET MISS 4TH OF JULY JANNINE MANCILLA**

**Raffle**  
Participants must have current resident card

**8:00 A.M. 5K RUN**  
(ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL PARK)







CITY OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2012  
**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012**

JOIN US FOR OUR 29TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!  
Your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain will be hosting a barbecue-style block party and YOU'RE INVITED!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** is a fun, family event that promotes safety and crime prevention. Deputy Sheriffs, firefighters, Community Safety Specialists and City officials will visit each party to provide safety information and listen to your concerns. The City provides hot dogs, safety materials, giveaways and safety presentations at each party.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** is a Commerce tradition. Join our crime fighting efforts, enjoy a barbecue and meet our CRIME PREVENTION TEAM.

**YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN WILL CONTACT YOU ABOUT THE STARTING TIME AND LOCATION OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY**

For additional information, contact Laura Tilley at (323) 887-4460 ext.2870.





**Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard**

Invites you to the

**2012 Southeast Los Angeles Job Fair**

# JOB FAIR



**Saturday, July 14, 2012**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Salt Lake Park

3401 E. Florence Avenue

Huntington Park, CA 90255

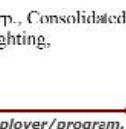
For more information: (213) 628-9230

- FREE JOB FAIR
- Full-time and Part-time positions
- Come prepared with resumes
- Dress for Success
- Resume and Interview Workshops

**Partial list of participating employers:**

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City of Commerce  
Department of Parks & Recreation

# 4TH OF JULY CARNIVAL CELEBRATION

**July 4, 2012**  
**July 6 – 8, 2012**  
Rosewood Park, 5600 Harbor St.  
Commerce, California

**Rides**

**Fun Games**

**Free Admission**

**Food**

**Fireworks Show on the 4th of July**  
at 9:00 p.m.

**Discounted Pre-Sale Wristband Coupons available thru July 3, 2012 until 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Parks & Recreation Monday – Friday (8-6 p.m.) and the Aquatorium Monday – Friday (6 – 7:30 p.m.)**

\$15.00 for wristband coupons. Each wristband is good for unlimited rides – one day only. Wristbands WILL be accepted on the 4th of July. A new wristband is required for each day. (Coupon must be exchanged at Carnival Coupon Booth for wristband \$20.00 if purchased at the Carnival) Discounted Pre-Sale Coupon Books available now thru July 3, 2012 (5:00 p.m.) \$10 for a sheet of 20 coupons.

**Carnival Hours**

July 4, 2012	12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
July 5, 2012	Dark
July 6, 2012	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
July 7, 2012	12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
July 8, 2012	12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**\*Presale wristbands WILL be accepted on July 4th.**





## COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL



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## UNIFIED GROCERS

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Among those honoring Unified Grocers 90th Anniversary, was Congresswoman Judy Chu, who is shown with Unified Grocers President Robert M. Ling Jr. (left) and CEO Alfred A. Plamann.

satility has been a key to their long term success in offering independent retailers grocery products and profes-

sional services that supermarkets need to compete in the industry. They supply approximately 3,000 stores including chains like Gelson's, Superior Grocers, Super A Foods, Bristol Farms and Jons Marketplace.

Unified Grocers has also been successful working with the community by building a good relationship with the City. "We love Commerce," said Al Plamann, CEO of Unified Grocers. "The City's been really supportive."

Unified Grocers was founded on the spirit of cooperation-- working together for the betterment of all. This spirit of cooperation is exemplified by the contributions the company makes to Commerce. Unified Grocers has donated to the Commerce Food Distribution Program and the Commerce Health and Wellness Fair.

Unified Grocers was also a major sponsor of the City's 50th Birthday Celebration in 2010, purchasing

many of the festive 50th Birthday banners that lined Commerce streets. Their generous sponsorship helped fund the City's 50th Birthday Celebration for the community at Rosewood Park. Visitors to Unified Grocers can see the City's 50th birthday banners displayed in the company's parking lot.

Unified Grocers also donates to the Weingart Center Association, Northwest Harvest, Oregon Food Bank, the City of Hope and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation.

Unified Grocers' spirit of cooperation is also shared with its employees. The company commemorated its 90th anniversary on June 9 by hosting employee open houses at each of its regional locations, including the Commerce facility. Approximately 1,200 employees and members of their families attended the event in Commerce where they were treated

to lunch, a classic car show and facility tours.

During the event, Plamann thanked the employees for Unified Grocers success. Diana Quintana, a Commerce resident and Unified Grocers employee in Accounts Payable describes her workplace as friendly and close knit. "It's a family environment. Everyone works together," she said. "Unified takes care of its employees."

Unified Grocers' commitment to service, initiative and customer success make it an industry leader and Commerce is proud to have them call our City home.

## JULY DATES TO NOTE



2  
 Spray Pools open for the summer all parks

Youth Advisory Commission  
 7 p.m.

3  
 Senior Citizens Commission  
 12:30 p.m.

**City Council/Successor Agency**  
 6:30 p.m.

4  
**Independence Day**  
**City Hall & Libraries Closed**



5K Run, Rosewood Park 8 a.m.

Carnival and Celebration  
 Rosewood Park 3 p.m. -  
 Fireworks Display, 9:30 p.m.

5  
 Parks & Recreation  
 Commission 6 p.m.

Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.

6-8  
 Community Carnival  
 Rosewood Park

9  
 Education Commission 6 p.m.

11  
 Community Task Force 3 p.m.

12  
 Community Services Commission  
 6 p.m.

17  
**City Council/Successor Agency**  
**6:30 p.m.**

18  
 Employment Task Force 1 p.m.

24  
 Library Commission 5:30 p.m.

25  
 Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.