

HERITAGE COMMERCE CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 17, 2005**

**Heritage Commerce Corp**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**California**

*(State of Incorporation)*

**000-23877**

*(Commission File Number)*

**77-0469558**

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)*

**150 Almaden Boulevard**

**San Jose, California 95113**

*(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)*

**(408) 947-6900**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not Applicable**

*(Former name or former Address, if changed since last report)*

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 1.01 - Entry Into A Material Definitive Agreement

On May 2, 2005, Heritage Bank of Commerce, a wholly owned subsidiary of Heritage Commerce Corp, executed an employment offer letter (effective May 16, 2005) with Raymond Parker pursuant to which Mr. Parker will serve as the Executive Vice President/Business Division for Heritage Bank of Commerce. For his services, Mr. Parker is entitled to receive an annual salary of \$225,000. In addition to his salary, Mr. Parker shall be eligible to receive an annual cash bonus of up to 60% under the terms of the Heritage Commerce Corp Management Incentive Plan if the terms and conditions and objectives for the plan are satisfied. Mr. Parker will be granted stock options under the Heritage Commerce Corp 2004 Stock Option Plan to purchase an aggregate of 25,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the date of the grant. The options will vest daily over 4 years and have a term of 10 years. Vesting is accelerated on a Terminating Event in accordance with the 2004 Stock Option Plan. If Mr. Parker's employment is terminated without cause, Mr. Parker will be entitled to a lump sum payment equal to one times his base salary and his Highest Annual Bonus. In the event that Mr. Parker's employment is terminated during the period beginning 120 days prior to and ending 12 months following a Change in Control, Mr. Parker shall be entitled to a lump sum payment of two times his base salary and his Highest Annual Bonus. Mr. Parker is entitled to participate in or receive benefits under each benefit plan or arrangement applicable to the other executive officers of the Bank; provided, however, that if the employment agreement is terminated by the Company without cause, these benefits will continue for an additional year from the date of termination and for an additional two years if the termination is as result of a change in control. Upon execution of the offer letter Mr. Parker received a cash bonus of \$65,000. A copy of the offer letter is attached to this report as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5.02 - Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On May 16, 2005, Raymond Parker commenced service as the Executive Vice President/Division of Heritage Bank of Commerce, a wholly owned subsidiary of Heritage Commerce Corp.

ITEM 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

(C) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No.      Description

10.1      Raymond Parker Offer Letter

99.1      Press Release

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 18, 2005

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By: /s/ Lawrence D. McGovern

Name: Lawrence D. McGovern

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