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## OC News

## Couple Sentenced

USAO RELEASE

**Santa Ana** – A husband and wife from Newport Coast have been sentenced to federal prison for defrauding a consortium of seven banks, including Bank of America, in connection with a \$130 million line of credit.

Thomas Chia Fu, 64, was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison. Fu's wife, Cheri L. Shyu (also known as Cheri Fu), 61, was sentenced

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## IE News

## Robbery Suspects

BY ANDREW HOOVER

**Norco** – A Norco man and woman were arrested last week for suspected robberies in 2012.

On Friday, April 5, 2013 at about 10:15 a.m., Jurupa Valley detectives conducted an identity theft investigation that led them to an address in the 200 block of 6th street in Norco. The detectives also requested assistance from

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## Walnut Station Captain Halm Leaving

BY ANDREW HOOVER

**Walnut** – Former Walnut Sheriff Station Captain, David Halm has been promoted to Commander Halm, which leaves the station leadership role open.

"We're sad to see him go after all these years," said Lt Blasnek somberly. "He's been one of the best mentors I've ever had. His loss is huge and we will deeply miss him."

Capt. Halm is being promoted to a Police Commander within the LA County Sheriff Department. The Police Commander acts as the Assistant

Commanding Officer within LA County. They also act as commanding officers for multiple departments within the county as well.

The duties of the Commander are overseeing and directing the activities of patrol officers within geographic areas; coordinating detectives' investigative efforts within the county; and, exercising functional supervision over officers engaged in traffic enforcement functions. In addition, the Commander maintains



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*Captain Halm was promoted to Commander Halm and will be leaving the Walnut Station.*

see Leaving Page 8

## Show Your Talent In This Year's Variety Show

BY SARAH ARMIJO

**Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights** – Spots are still open for community members to show their talent at the Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff Booster Club Variety Show in May!

The Sheriff Booster Club is hosting another Variety Show on the evening of May 4, 2013 at the Walnut High School Theater. Local dance, karate, singing,

cheerleading and performing groups are being sought to showcase their talent at this exciting community event.

Participants performing in this show will receive a variety of benefits, including, free advertising, an opportunity to showcase their talent for the community, an opportunity to be in their local newspaper, and an opportunity to promote themselves through promotional items.

Tickets for this show are \$10 and all proceeds go to the Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff Booster Club. The Sheriff Booster's Club pays for items that are currently not on the LA County Sheriff Department's budget, such as volunteer uniforms, Sheriff Reserve Deputy supplies and items related to

see Talent Page 7

## Industry Receives New Police Chief

STAFF REPORTS

Sheriff's Department.

**Industry** – A new Police Chief has been assigned to the City of Industry Sheriff's Department.

Tim Murakami of Rosemead has been named the next Industry Chief of Police and is the first Chief of Police coming from Rosemead, CA. Murakami also sustained the role of Lieutenant for the Rosemead Police Station because the City of Rosemead contracts with the LA County

Murakami made himself known through the station by doing activities such as working in a gang task force primarily for Asian gangs. The Asian Crime Task Force was formed in the early 2000s as a way to address the needs of the Asian community and to build trust between the community and the Sheriff's Department. As a result, the team of 30 deputies specialized in dealing with Asian street

gangs, organized crime, and victims of crime.

Murakami also assumes the role as liaison between the City and the Sheriff's Department. Murakami will direct the operations of the City's Public Safety Department, which is composed of both law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Department and City Civilian Support Per-

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## Win a FREE Bike In Giveaway!

BY SARAH ARMIJO

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Three steps and you are entered to

see Facebook Page 8

## BUSINESS FEATURE

### Walnut Hills Village Your One Stop Place To Shop

BY ANDREW HOOVER

**Walnut** – Walnut Hills Village, located on 20747 Amar Road in Walnut, CA is home to many businesses to suit your shopping needs, which is why Walnut Hills Village should be your one stop place to shop.

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**Diamond Bar Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary****STAFF REPORTS**

**Diamond Bar** - You probably didn't think anything in Diamond Bar could be 50 years old. But, Northminster Presbyterian Church will be celebrating 50 years on May 18 and 19 of this year.

Northminster was actually "chartered" on May 26, 1963 and began holding services in one of Diamond Bar's first com-

mercial strip malls which no longer exists. But very soon after getting started, the church purchased one of the first parcels of land from Transamerica Corporation, and built their first building at their present location 400 Rancheria Road in 1964.

Northminster is planning a big "reunion" celebration with a



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dinner and program on Saturday evening May 18, 2013, and a special worship service followed by a brunch on Sunday morning May 19.

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Mayor Mary Su, and each council member, addressed Helena Arellano, from the Passionate Florist, and acknowledged her for contributions to the Walnut Community.

Helena Arellano, owner of Passionate Florist Gift and Flower Services for Men and Busy Ladies, has been active in the Walnut community for several years. For the past five years, she has been a Team Captain for the Relay for Life of Walnut; won the "Best Decorated Booth" at the Walnut Family Festival for five years; supported the Walnut National Day of Prayer; worked with Walnut and Rowland Unified School District students to provide community service hours; provided professional training to ROP students and is currently the Business Chairperson for the Walnut Family Festival.

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Faith Arellano, Helena's daughter, has worked with her mother since the business first opened seven years ago. This mother and daughter team attend trade shows and consistently look for unique products that will have the ladies in your life feeling special.

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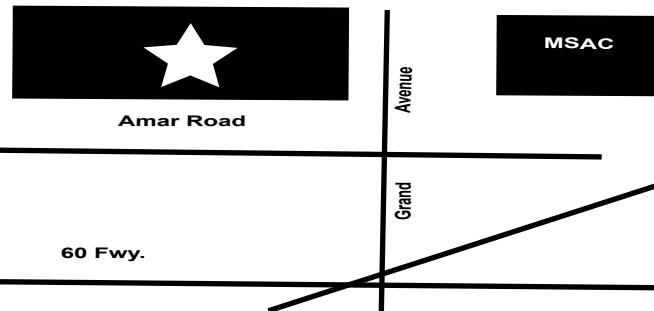
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# Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DANICE,

I asked my daughter for a framed photo of her family for my birthday so I could put it on my desk at work. I was very disappointed when the picture arrived and my sister was in the photo. My sister and I are not close, and I will not enjoy looking at her face

five days a week. Should I ask my daughter for another photo minus my sister? I don't want to appear petty.

E.B.



Dear E.B.

Thank your daughter for the gift and let it go. It appears that she does not realize how you feel. Take your own pictures, or pay for your daughter to visit a photography studio, then you can have exactly what you were hoping for. This issue is not worthy of stirring up lack of harmony in your family.

Danice Akiyoshi ND

Danice Akiyoshi is a Naturopathic Doctor and the head of Candid Coaching Service. She has a great passion for alternative healing and has over 20 years of experience in this field. She provides a form of energy psychology called The Emotion Code, where she helps people literally get rid of their emotional

baggage. She also offers personal coaching services relating to all types of issues and concerns. This is a letter she received from an anonymous reader. To send a question to Danice, email her at [straight-talk@candidcoachingservices.com](mailto:straight-talk@candidcoachingservices.com). You can also visit her website at [www.candidcoachingservices.com](http://www.candidcoachingservices.com).

# Killing Lincoln

By MARK HOPPER



Recently, I saw the new movie "Lincoln" by Steven Spielberg. In addition, I also read Bill O'Riley's book called "Killing Lincoln". Both the movie and the book provided helpful reminders about the last weeks of President Lincoln's life, leading up to his assassination in April 1865.

I enjoy biographies about fa-

mous people in history. Abraham Lincoln is one of the best known and most respected Presidents in our nation's history. His sudden death was a great tragedy to our country.

There were several interesting details in the movie and the book that I did not know or remember about President Lincoln. I was surprised to learn how little protection the President was provided in those days.

Common people could come and go into the White House. There was very little security for

Lincoln and access to the President was remarkably easy.

This was especially surprising in light of the fact that our nation was in the middle of a Civil War. There were enemy agents in Washington and many other northern states.

Another thing I learned about Lincoln was that he read the Bible every day. Apparently, he did not go to church very often, but the Bible was very much a part of his daily life.

After the Civil War ended, Lincoln told his wife that he would like to travel to Europe and visit

the Holy Land. He specifically wanted to visit Jerusalem and see the places where King David and King Solomon had lived.

You are well aware that one bullet shot by the assassin, John Wilkes Booth, ended Lincoln's life. Booth and several other southern sympathizers plotted to kill Lincoln and other government leaders, including the Vice President and the Secretary of State. Only Lincoln was actually killed.

Both the movie and the book gave me a renewed appreciation

for Abraham Lincoln. He was a remarkable man who led our nation through a very difficult time.

Let me encourage you to dust off one of those history books on your shelf. Or, find a good biography and read about the life of someone who made a difference in our nation or world. You will be glad you did!

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# Influences On Our Lives

By NANCY STOOPS

There are so very many things that have influence on our lives. The way we are parented, our families, our friends, the media, God, our good and our bad experiences, and many other things can influence our lives and who we are. How does one stay true to who they are intended to be with so many outside influences?

I believe people that are raised

to be strong-minded and confident human beings are less influenced by the bad in this world. I don't mean to imply that confident and strong-minded people don't get hit by the hard pieces; they are just equipped with better tools. These tools come from really effective parenting or at



least having somebody that was really there for you when you were growing up. We all need to believe that we are good enough and that we can fly if we believe in who we are.

Don't let anybody steal your possibilities. Don't let anybody steal your dreams and cut off your wings. Don't be your own worst enemy and allow bad influences into your life. Try to find the courage to let people that influence you in a negative way leave your

life. Decide to get help instead of allowing drugs and alcohol influence you in a damaging way. Work hard to be a good influence on your own life and then in turn, influence others in a positive and helpful manner.

We need to live strong within our personal convictions and not allow the media to make us feel inferior and dictate what we should be or have to be good enough. We must learn to love ourselves and celebrate in our

uniqueness. I'm here to tell you that you can stop second guessing yourself and I have faith in all of you!

For more information about any of these services feel free to page her at (626) 935-3818 or call Nancy at (909) 229-0727. You may e-mail Nancy at [stoopsshecter@earthlink.net](mailto:stoopsshecter@earthlink.net). You may purchase Nancy's new book Live Heal and Grow at [www.RoseDogBookstore.com](http://www.RoseDogBookstore.com) or at Amazon.com.

# Robbery suspects

ROBBERY from page 1

the Norco Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) team.

During the investigation, the

detectives and deputies found that one of the suspects, identified as Callum Huskey, 30 of Norco, had an outstanding no-bail felony warrant. While under interrogation, Huskey was identified as a possible suspect

wanted in connection to two commercial robberies that occurred within the City of Norco in August of 2012.

The Jurupa Valley detectives did a subsequent investigation into the robberies and positively

identified Huskey as the suspect wanted in the robberies, investigators also found the name of Huskey's accomplice, Donna Stewart, 54 of Norco.

Huskey and Stewart were both arrested with the following charg-

es: two counts of kidnapping to commit robbery and conspiracy, and two counts of conspiracy for kidnapping to commit robbery. They were both booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center with bail set at \$1 million.

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## Couple sentenced

**COUPLE** from page 1

on March 4 to three years in federal prison.

In addition to the prison terms, United States District Judge Cormac J. Carney ordered the Fus to pay \$4.7 million in restitution.

The Fus owned Anaheim-based Galleria USA, Inc., which imported home decor items manufactured in China. The Fus obtained a \$130 million revolving line of credit for Galleria from a consortium of seven banks. In connection with that revolving line of credit, the couple overstated by tens of millions of dollars the accounts receivables of the company – lies they told the banks in order to continue borrowing funds under the revolving line of credit, according to court documents. When they pleaded

guilty last year, the Fus also admitted to falsifying in Galleria's computer system the accounts receivable amounts by a factor of 10 or more times the actual amount purchased to support the exaggerated numbers and hide Galleria's true financial status.

"Bank fraud is not a victimless crime as it has detrimental effects on both creditors and consumers," said United States Attorney André Birotte Jr. "The Fus plundered a consortium of banks, which deprived legitimate customers from having access to the funds and caused the financial institutions to suffer millions of dollars in losses. The prison sentences issued to this couple demonstrate our resolve to hold fraudsters accountable for their crimes."

The banks suffered losses of \$4.7 million on the revolving line

of credit from October 2008 to July 2009.

This case was investigated by the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Secret Service.

"At a time when taxpayers were bailing out Bank of America and United Commercial Bank with TARP funds, Thomas and Cheri Fu defrauded those banks and others out of nearly \$5 million," said Christy Romero, Special Inspector General for TARP (SIGTARP). "The Fus fraudulently obtained funds from the TARP

banks and other banks using a second set of books that overstated accounts receivable. They lived comfortably off the money, buying property and putting their daughter through college, when many taxpayers who funded the bailout were tightening their belts. Illegally profiting from the TARP bailout is reprehensible and will be met

with swift justice by SIGTARP and our law enforcement partners."

SIGTARP investigates fraud, waste, and abuse in connection with the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). To report suspected illicit activity involving TARP, call the SIGTARP Hotline at 1-877-SIG-2009 (1-877-744-2009).

## Show your talent

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community safety.

Before, during and after the shows, Pomona's RAW Artist of the Year, Mathew Sanchez, will also be showcasing his work in the lobby. All his work will be available for purchase.

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If you are interested in being a part of this Variety Show

or sponsoring this show, please email Sarah at [sarah-anapr@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah-anapr@hotmail.com). You may also contact us at (909) 464-1200 for more information or contact Gil Rivera at (909) 967-4525.

## Industry receives new police chief

**CHIEF** from page 1

sonnel, according to a news release.

Murakami has also been working for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for over 30 years. He has worked at a number of stations and various assignments such as

Gang Suppression, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Asian Crime Task Force, Detective Bureau, Explorer Program, Youth Activity League, and a number of other operations.

Lt. Murakami has been serving the Rosemead community since August 2008. He has a long list of awards in recognition of his exemplary service. With

his commitment to public service, Murakami has made a difference through his work on various assignments, including the Asian Crime Task Force and the Youth Activity League.

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online event. You do not need to be present on the day of this event. Winners will be able to pick up their prize at their convenience. Everyone is eligible to win, except ABC Public Relations staff.

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## Walnut Station Captain Halm leaving

moted to sergeant in 1994 and remained working for the City of Bellflower.

In 1997, he transferred to the Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau where he worked as a media liaison until his promotion to lieutenant in 2000. He was transferred to Cerritos Station, where he served as the Patrol Watch Commander for nearly three years. In early 2003, he transferred to the Operations Bureau, where he was assigned as the operations lieutenant. In mid 2004, he was assigned as the second-in-command, Operations Lieutenant at the Walnut/Diamond Bar Station, where he served the communities of Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights and Covina

Hills for the last three and half years before his subsequent promotion to Station Captain on July 1, 2007.

Captain Halm was also one of the highest ranking captains amongst the station personnel, gaining much support amongst all the officers within the department in an anonymous vote. "That's a hard thing to do," chuckled Lt Blasnek, who has worked with Halm for years.

"For now, Commander Halm is filling two positions," said Lt. Blasnek. "He will be the Commander to the region and he will still be filling the Captain position at our Walnut Station, until we find a new Captain."

contact with civic leaders and community groups within their geographic bureaus to promote the goals and missions of the Sheriff's Department to encourage neighborhood watch safety programs and to generate input from citizens to establish mutual trust between police officers and the community. Also, the commander is responsible for ensuring compliance with department policies and procedures by personnel under his/her supervision; conducting audits of operations; and, making recommendations to higher management for improving productivity and increasing efficiency. Further, the Commander may act as a Chief's Duty Officer during off-hours or a Deputy Chief in his/her absence and carry out duties specified by the Chief of Police.

Captain David Halm began his career with the Sheriff's Department in 1983 with his first assignment to the Inmate Reception Center. He transferred to Lakewood Station where he worked primarily in the City of Bellflower and soon was assigned as a field training officer. He continued training newly assigned deputies for a full five years. He was pro-

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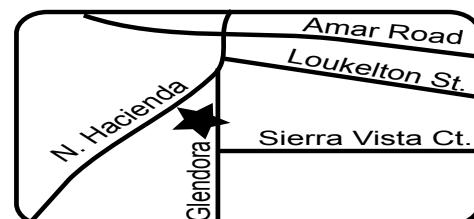
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