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WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the newsletter for the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. We'll be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news and information in the world of public records, vital records and personal privacy, as well as more about Orange County history.

Sincerely,

RECORDERS ADDRESS INDUSTRY ISSUES, CONCERNS

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly joined a panel of recorders commenting on concerns affecting their offices and the real-estate industry at a September conference sponsored by First American Corporation in Santa Ana. The conference, organized by Property Records Education Partners, hosted more than 100 attendees and included a panel on combating real-estate fraud, as well as an interview with Bill Beckmann, president and CEO of MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. and its controversial subsidiary, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS). The recorder panel included, from left to right, San Bernardino County Chief Deputy Recorder De Ana Thompson, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Larry Ward and Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly.



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FREE STATE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Homeowners who have lost their jobs, need help reducing mortgage payments or are in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure can get help free of charge through the California Housing Finance Agency. The agency's Keep Your Home California program offers assistance for low- and moderate-income homeowners who need to reduce their loan's principal balance and mortgage payments, homeowners who need mortgages reinstated and homeowners relocating after short sales. There is no cost to apply, but state officials have warned of phone scammers attempting to collect fees of up to \$900 for application assistance. The program has helped about 12,000 borrowers, reflecting more than \$200 million in financial aid, state officials said. Californians are encouraged to call (888) 954-5337 or visit www.KeepYourHomeCalifornia.org. Additional details can be found at the California Housing Finance Agency website at www.calhfa.ca.gov.

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FREE ANTI-FRAUD WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department offers free workshops to community groups about combating real-estate fraud plus ways to thwart identity thieves. Workshops can be tailored to fit your group. For more information or to schedule a workshop, call the Department at (714) 834-2248.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JULY

Name:

Gloria Rivera



Job Title:

Accounting Office Supervisor II

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 25 1/2 years.

What is the best part of your job? 1) All of the friends I have made working here. 2) The variety of challenges that come up in Finance.

Favorite movie? All of the "Lethal Weapon" movies

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I come from a family of six. I'm No. 3 and I have four beautiful children: Nicole, 26; Marissa, 24; Vincent, 22; and Priscilla, 20.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: AUGUST

Name:

Ashley Allen



Job Title:

Administrative Support

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 2 1/2 years.

What is the best part of your job? Learning new things; not only from the projects that I am assigned but from the interactions I share with my coworkers.

Favorite book? Recently, "The Hunger Games."

Favorite movie? "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I was born in Inglewood but have lived in Chino Hills for 23 years. I have an older sister, Erica, who lives in New York City and works in the fashion industry, a dog named Star who is quite the diva, and a parakeet named Georgie who keeps to himself. In 2009, I graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. While attending classes at LMU I worked at an inner-city charter high school. Working at the school was a really rewarding and memorable experience.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER

Name:

Laura Sipa

Job Title:

Senior Document Examiner

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 14 years.

What is the best part of your job? My favorite part of the job is dealing with customers. I enjoy helping people, answering their questions, providing the information they need to correctly record their documents. Overall I want to make their visit pleasant and stress-free.

Favorite book? Aftershock. I also enjoy any crime/detective stories.

Favorite movie? Leap Year.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I love watching CSI movies, crime stories, especially those showing how the detectives go about getting their leads in solving a crime in the first 48 hours. I would have loved to be a detective, and I think I would have been good at it since I am persistent and detail-oriented. I also love competitive cake-decorating shows. I would love to learn how to do that, and I might eventually take a class for it.



Two new exhibits—one celebrating Orange County's "starring role" in movies and TV, and the other detailing how Orange County was born back in 1889 — are now on display in the lobby of the Hall of Records. The OC In Movies and TV display is courtesy of administrative support. The OC In Movies and TV display was prepared by the Orange County Archives. Check them out!