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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,

Hugh Nguyen

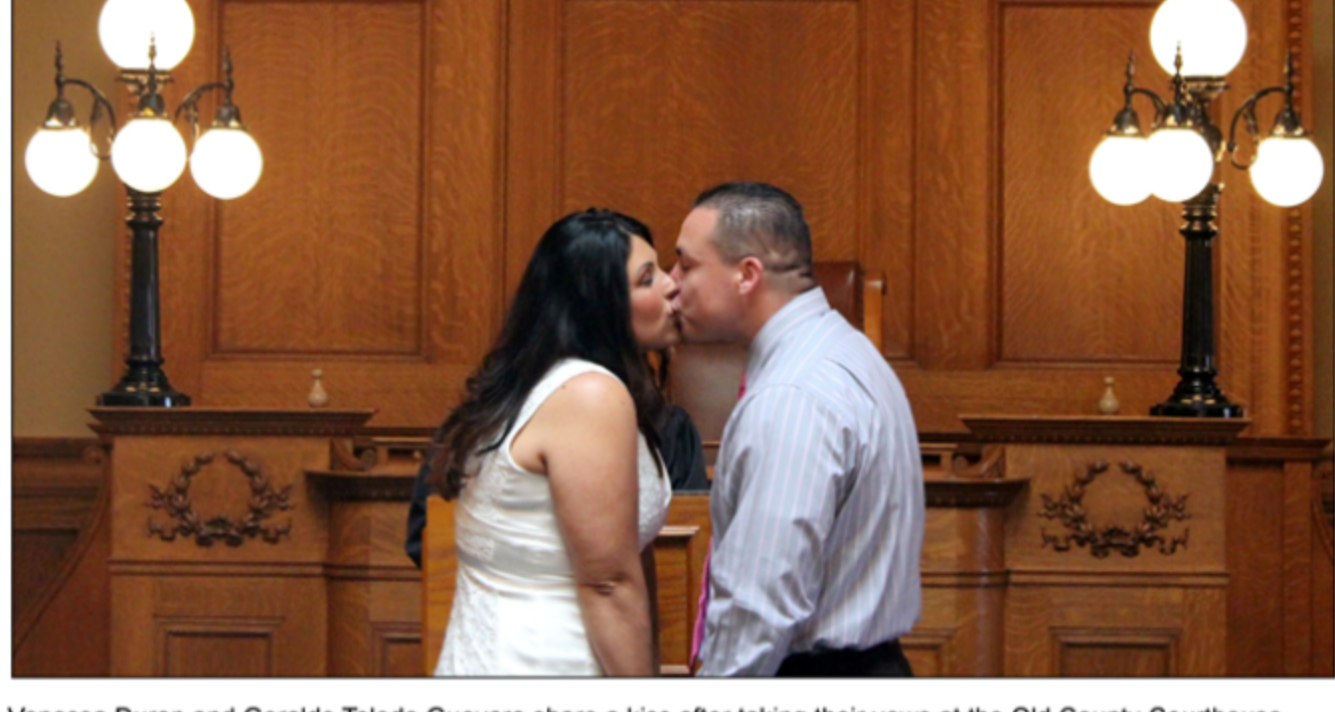## FIRST TITLE INDUSTRY OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

Representatives from the title industry gathered June 27 at the Orange County Hall of Administration for an open house hosted by Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. Topics covered at the session included an Q and A on the county's multi-county Electronic Recording Delivery System (SECURE), ways the department provides training for title industry customers, the Top 10 reasons that documents are rejected for being recorded and suggestions for how department staff can help ease the process of both electronic and paper document recording. Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich offered a brief overview of her office while Orange County Supervisor John Moorlach helped welcome visitors. Similar events will be held again with the goal of providing at least one open house a year. Keep an eye on the department website for more information.

MAKE PASSPORT APPOINTMENTS NOW ONLINE

Anyone interested in obtaining a passport can now make an appointment online. Passport applications already can be filled out online in advance so most of the work is done before driving to the office. Applications are accepted at the department's office at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana. As an added convenience, photos are available on the spot for $15. The link for passport applications and appointments is at https://cr.ocgov.com/ePassport3/ePassport

SATURDAY HOURS PROVE POPULAR — BOOK APPOINTMENTS NOW FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 24!

Special Saturday hours have drawn hundreds of customers this summer to the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and the department's branch offices in Laguna Hills and Fullerton. Dozens also have applied for passports. **The next scheduled Saturday opening is Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** See www.ocrecorder.com for more details!

Venessa Duran and Geraldo Toledo Guevara share a kiss after taking their vows at the Old County Courthouse. Below, newlyweds Luke McArthur and Allyson Schlater.

OC WEDDINGS FEATURED AT BRIDAL FAIR

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen joined Ashley Allen (right) of Administrative Support/ and Brynn Esparza to promote county wedding facilities at the OC Fairgrounds' Bride World Expo in May.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: APRIL

Name: Olivia Martin

Job Title: Office Specialist

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? Eight years (12 with the County).

What is the best part of your job? Co-workers and customers in general.

Favorite book? The Giving Tree (I mostly read for my child)

Favorite movie? "Shop Girl"

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. 1) I'm the youngest of 15 kids. 2) I'm a cookbook hoarder. 3) I wear headgear at night so my teeth stay straight. 4) I am a Size 8 on my left foot and a Size 7 on my right. You take your pick! (One is true!)

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: MAY

Name: Eva Zarate

Job Title: Sr. Document Examiner

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? I've been with the Clerk-Recorder since 1995.

What is the best part of your job? My co-workers.

Favorite book? Losing Hope

Favorite movie? The Notebook

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I live in the city of Garden Grove and enjoy spending time with my family, especially my grandson.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JUNE

Name: Lan Vu

Job Title: Office Specialist

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

What is the best part of your job? The best part of my job is that I love the nice environment I get to work in and the wonderful people I work with.

Favorite book? To Kill a Mockingbird

Favorite movie? "Forrest Gump"

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I live in the city of Garden Grove with my husband and 2-year-old daughter.

ANOTHER SATURDAY "PASSPORT DAY" DRAWS FAMILIES TO THE COURTHOUSE

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department processed a record number of passport applications on a special Saturday in May as part of national "Passport Day in the USA." The day was so successful that another Saturday Passport Day was held weeks later. **More Saturday hours for passports are scheduled on Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana.** The department's two branch offices in Laguna Hills and Fullerton also will be open for marriages and other services. Pictured from the April 27 event are: (right) the Tapia

family of Santa Ana; (bottom left), the Garcia family of La Habra; and (bottom right) the Cornejo family of Santa Ana.