



TOM DALY
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FINDING MATES ON THE EIGHTS

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department felt the love for couples wanting to tie the knot on August 8, 2008 (08-08-08).

By 3:30 p.m. today, Tom Daly, County Clerk-Recorder and Commissioner of Marriages, and his staff had performed 181 ceremonies, which is seven times the normal average. Daly said the total number of marriage ceremonies will likely exceed 200.

The number 8 is known as a symbol of eternity, with its never ending, ongoing loops. While the number 7 is considered lucky in Western cultures, the number 8 is considered equally lucky in Chinese cultures. That serendipitous status is evident this year, as couples seek a "lucky" day to start their new lives together.

"The day only comes once every 100 years, so it makes a memorable anniversary date," said Daly.

For those looking for another memorable wedding date, take heart. If 8-8-08 arrived too soon – and you can't wait another 100 years – there's always 9-9-09!

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder provides a variety of public services, including recording documents related to real property transactions, maintaining and issuing copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing marriage licenses and performing civil wedding ceremonies. The department files Fictitious Business Names and Notary Public oaths and bonds, and processes passport applications. The department also oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education preserving Orange County history for the public.

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