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Couples Flock to the Altar on Memorable Day

Some 138 couples enshrined the memorable wedding date of 09-09-09 by getting married Wednesday at wedding facilities operated by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. About 28 couples are married on an average day.

Couples recited their vows at the marriage office in the elegant Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana, the South Orange County branch office at the Laguna Hills Civic Center and the newest branch office in historic downtown Fullerton.

Picking a numeric trifecta for a wedding date is very popular with couples “since it only happens every 100 years,” Orange County Clerk-Recorder and Commissioner of Marriages Tom Daly said.

The number nine holds particular allure in Chinese cultures because it means enduring or long-lasting. “This we hope will be the foundation of our marriage for years to come,” said Alex Chen, who married Yutsung Lu of Chino Hills.

John and Paula Cunningham of Fullerton have been together for 27 years—and decided Wednesday’s wedding date was destiny. “Nine plus nine plus nine equals twenty-seven,” Paula Cunningham said.

The Chowthams of Fullerton said they chose Wednesday to tie the knot because the number nine in Thai culture also means to progress. “So, what a better day than to get married on 09/09/09,” Scott Chowtham said of he and his new bride, Cyndi.

On 07/07/07, 156 couples betting the date would lead to an extra measure of luck married at Daly’s Santa Ana facility. Last year (08/08/08) was also popular—250 couples married on the eights, which signify wealth and prosperity in Chinese cultures.

The Clerk-Recorder wedding venues recently ranked third among the most popular county locations for weddings in KTTV/Fox 11’s HOTLIST survey—the only public facilities so honored!

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