

ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

PROPERTY RECORDS
BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS
MARRIAGE LICENSES/RECORDS
PASSPORTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES
NOTARY REGISTRATION
ORANGE COUNTY ARCHIVES

NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release Dec. 12, 2012

Questions? Contact: Renee Ramirez, Assistant Clerk-Recorder (714) 834-2248 or renee.ramirez@rec.ocgov.com

Love by the Dozens Scores Record Number of Marriages

A record-setting 283 couples were married Wednesday—12/12/12—by the Clerk-Recorder Department, beating the previous record of 250 couples married in civil wedding ceremonies on another special symmetrical date, 8/8/08.

The marriages were performed at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and at the department's two branch offices in Laguna Hills and historic downtown Fullerton. About 28 couples are married on an average weekday.

"We won't see these kinds of unique wedding dates for another hundred years," said Assistant Clerk-Recorder Renee Ramirez.

Many couples said consecutive date sequences were magical for their rare occurrence and the hidden meaning of numbers. One represents new beginnings, while two represents union—making Wednesday's triple-digit date a propitious day for joining in matrimony. Others chose the day because it makes it easier to remember their anniversary.

Keeping with the theme, twelve staff members and four ceremony rooms were added to accommodate Wednesday's rush. Ramirez said the advanced preparation by staff reinforced the department's commitment to public service. "Our goal was to ensure every couple had the opportunity to marry on this special historic day here in Orange County," Ramirez said.

Valentine's Day is usually the most popular day for civil wedding ceremonies at the Clerk-Recorder Department. Other popular dates in recent years also attracted couples flocking to the altar:

Aug. 8, 2008 (8/8/08) – 250	July 7, 2007 (7/7/07) – 156
Valentine's Day 1997 – 173	Valentine's Day 2008 – 141
Valentine's Day 2012 – 157	Sept. 9, 2009 (9/9/09) - 138

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 also files Fictitious Business Names, Notary Public oaths and bonds, and processes passport applications. The department oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education, preserving Orange County history for the public.

###