

**M**ost people will be celebrating the week of July 4 with fireworks and barbecues, but some will be throwing rice and wearing all white instead of red, white and blue.

The Saturday after Independence Day represents a once-every-100-years phenomenon: the numeric date is 7-7-07.

Numerologist and psychic Deborah Lynn Moskowitz of Stillwater said that July 7, 2007 is "a day of purity." Moskowitz, who goes by the name Deborah Lynn 11 on her Web site [www.deborahlynn11.com](http://www.deborahlynn11.com), said emotions will be very strong on that day and stresses the day as being one of "heightened awareness."

"Seven is a number of perfection. Seven is a number of mystery. Seven is an intuitive number ... It is the strongest of the intuitive numbers. [There will be] a real joining of hands, a discovery of self," Moskowitz said of this Saturday.

She also said that the presence of three sevens, which adds up to 21, has a deeper meaning for the day. The number 21 represents "a melding together of two people," which could be interpreted as a sign that July 7, 2007 is the ultimate wedding date.

It seems many people are taking that seriously.

According to [theknot.com](http://theknot.com), the Internet's most visited wedding Web site, July is the most popular month for weddings: 12,000 site members get married every weekend

in July. But on July 7, 2007 there are 38,000 site members getting married.

Seven is also often seen as a lucky number. On a pair of common dice, seven is the number most likely to be rolled, which is lucky in gambling dice games like Craps. On a lot of slot machines, a row full of sevens is the jackpot. Essentially, the date 7-7-07 is a row of sevens, or the wedding date jackpot.

That's how soon-to-be bride Kristina Bodie, from Beile Plaine, sees the date.

The Little Six Casino employee met her future husband, David Schack, at a casino and he is also employed at Mystic Lake Casino. They are going as far as having their wedding reception at a casino. Bodie's parents were married on Dec. 12, or 12-12 and her sister was married on September 9, or 9-9.

If that wasn't reason enough, on a trip to New Orleans last November, Bodie and Schack were both told that "sevens were very good for us."

"Not that I'm fully faithful in that," Bodie said. "I guess I consider myself superstitious to an extent. I am amused by it. I wouldn't say I live by it ... Like Friday the 13 and stuff, I always take note that it is going on."

Not all couples getting married this Saturday had the signs of fate pointing to-

wards the date, like Bodie and Schack. Anne Stodolka and Eric Bulygo, of Apple Valley, didn't become aware of the uniqueness of the date until after they had selected it.

"We decided that one of the first things to do would be to set the date and place because they tend to fill up quickly. July 7, 2007 was a date that was open at both our ceremony and reception venues so we picked it," Stodolka wrote in an e-mail.

It is a good thing that the couple was so quick to plan their wedding; there are three weddings on that same day at their church alone, all within six hours of each other.

Erin Vinson and her fiancé John Carlson of Shakopee noticed how quickly the date was booking up, and had a unique solution to the problem. "We centered it [the wedding] around this date. We had to change it to a 9 a.m. wedding to keep the date," Vinson said.

She and Carlson are going to the Caribbean islands of Turks and Caicos to get married, and then coming back to Minnesota to have their reception. Vinson says that their motivation to wed in the Caribbean was mainly "to avoid all of the drama of getting married on this date."

The unique date has added additional excitement to Stodolka's nuptials.

"Many people ... assume that we worked hard to get that date when it truly was not planned that way," she wrote. "For example, when I recently got a haircut, the stylist commented that we might have planned to get married that day because [Desperate Housewives star] Eva Longoria was also getting married on 7-7-07."

Stodolka embraced the date by making small changes in the wedding plans to acknowledge the number.

"We are having seven rows of pew decorations," according to Stodolka. "Also, I am going to have a groom's cake for Eric in the shape of a horse shoe and a four leaf clover (just for fun) with the words 'Lucky in Love.'"

Stodolka and Vinson both mentioned the obstacles to getting married on such a rare date. Vinson said, "[My friends and family] all know someone [else] getting married that day ... Everyone wants their wedding date to be special and unique."

"Some people will not be able to attend because they have prior plans for the [July 4] weekend and it will be a very busy day," according to Stodolka.

Despite the slight downsides, all three brides are optimistic and excited about getting married on such a highly coveted date. "I'm hoping that my fiancé never forgets our wedding anniversary," Vinson said. "We'll see."

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