

WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT, ANNIVERSARY & COMMITMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

# TOGETHER

**ROBBINS-MADAMBA**

Teresa Renee Robbins, daughter of Mrs. & Mr. Carol and David Robbins, is to wed Edward Jonathan Madamba, son of Drs. Lunington Madamba and Eduardo Madamba, on November 27, 2009 in Anaheim, California. The bride, a graduate of Drake University, received her masters and doctoral degrees from Claremont Graduate University and is a professor of psychology at Pierce College. Her father is a retired high school special education teacher and her mother is a geriatric nurse practitioner. The groom, a graduate of the University of Iowa, received his juris doctorate from Whittier Law School and is a Los Angeles District Attorney. His father is an obstetrician, and his mother is a general practitioner of medicine.



**BALIAN - LEVERETTE**

Meg Balian, daughter of Robbie Lanier of Vienna, GA & George Balian of Macon, GA was married to Jack Leverette, son of Beverly & the late Jack Leverette of East Point, GA. Meg & Jack were teen sweethearts & reunited after 25 years. Meg (UCLA) is the Program Executive for Judge Judy. Jack (Swarthmore) consults for Fetch Technologies. They were married by TV Judges Judy & Jerry Sheindlin & are expecting a baby boy in the Spring.



**BERKLEY-GOULD**

Danira Marie Gould of Long Beach and Katherine Nicole Berkley of Glendora will celebrate their commitment to each other with their family and friends in a union ceremony on Saturday in Long Beach. Gould is a junior at Sacramento State University majoring in real estate. Berkley is a full time student at Citrus College of Glendora studying child development. Together they have a 2 year old daughter named Leila.



**CAPLAN - LEINGANG**

Susan Pearl Caplan (Susie) wed Kyle Raymond Leingang on November 21 at Mission San Juan Capistrano, followed by a reception in Dana Point. Susie (01) and Kyle (03) met while participating in MUN at Mission Viejo HS. Though they attended college on opposite coasts (UCLA & Harvard), the two reconnected in 2006. The couple currently lives in Cambridge, MA, where Kyle attends Harvard Law School and Susie is a high school teacher.



**CHIRCO - CHOI**

The Chirco and Choi families would like to announce the marriage of Deanna Chirco and David Choi on December 5, 2009 at the St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point, California. We wish you a lifetime of love and happiness.



**BANARIE - WALTERS**

Orna Banarie (Bride) graduate of UCLA, is known as the GPS for Your Soul with her coaching business. Matthew Walters, C.H. (Groom) originally from Kansas City, is the co-founder of DownloadsforChange.com. Together they facilitate a workshop for singles and couples called Creating Love On Purpose. Orna and Matthew were married at the Self Realization Fellowship Lake Shrine on October 3, 2009.



**BOWDRE-ROBINSON**

Melanie Latrice Bowdre and Marcus Lamar Robinson are pleased to announce their marriage Saturday, the Twenty First of November, Two Thousand and Nine in Upland California. They would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.



**CARDONA - SIMMONS**

Janae Simmons and Milton Cardona are happy to announce their engagement. They are planning a spring ceremony in March, 2011, in the San Fernando Valley.



**D'ANGELO - LAFORTE**

Pesano, Italy was the setting for the marriage of Massimo Fabio D'Angelo and Dominique Christina LaForte on Aug. 20, 2009. The son of Guido and Rosetta D'Angelo of East Brunswick, NJ, and the daughter of Jim and Shelly LaForte of Wightwood CA are both graduates of UMASS Amherst and received their JD's from Cooley Law School. They are each licensed to practice law in both NY and NJ. They reside in Manhattan.



**ADDISS - DUALAN**

On October 4, 2009, Kyle Addiss and Katie Dualan were engaged in Laguna Beach, on the cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean and in the presence of family, Kyle and Katie met each other in 2005 while students at UC Irvine. Soon after they started dating, Katie moved to New York and Kyle to Australia, but the distance was not enough to dissuade their love for each other. They now both live in Irvine and plan to wed in the Fall of 2010.



**BASCOS ANNIVERSARY**

To our loving parents, Vigil Ros & Mary Jocelyn Bascos.



**BOWERS - SKAGGS**

Katherine Chase Bowers, daughter of Rick and Barbara Bowers of Palos Verdes, is engaged to Jeffrey Garrett Skaggs, son of Ronald and Sandra Skaggs of Plano, TX. The couple - who were engaged while vacationing in Venice, Italy - will be wed on June 12th at Wayfarers Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes. Jeff is Director of Sales at appsway and Katherine is the Senior Denim Designer at Pacific Sunwear.



**CASTILLO - CERDA**

Nataly Cerdá & Ricardo Castillo are happy to announce their forthcoming marriage. Nataly is the daughter of Jesus & Maria Cerdá. She graduated from Cal State San Bernardino in 2008 with a bachelor's in Marketing. Ricardo is the son of Gilberto & Teresa Castillo. He graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a bachelor's in Finance. The wedding will be held at St. Lorena's Catholic Church in Walnut, CA on December 5, 2009.



**DE LA O - RUDDER**

We got together on May 6th, 2000. We met and worked at Dixieland together where slung pigs troughs and burgers with fries. We are now in love and planning our beautiful wedding set for Feb 2010 at the beautiful Historical Womens Club in Montebello, CA.



**AVELAR - GARAY**

On January 2, 2010 Sara Garay will marry Alex Avelar at the Edward Dean Museum in Cherry Valley, CA after an engagement of a year. They would like to thank everyone who has made this wedding possible, including all of their family and friends. The Lord has promised, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." With this matrimony they wish to give glory to God.



**BERKENPAS - ADDINK**

Sonya Addink, daughter of Ken and Barb Addink of Sioux Center, IA, will marry Matthew Berkenpas, son of Philip and Cheryl Berkenpas of Orange City, IA, on Monday, December 28. Berkenpas is an assistant editor at Seismic Productions in West Hollywood. Addink teaches spanish at Valley Christian High School in Bellflower. They plan on marrying in Iowa where family and friends are abundant.



**CANAS - NUNEZ**

Otelia Nunez, daughter of Antonio and Leticia Nunez of Huntington Park will be marrying Mario Canas, son of Francisco and Rosa Canas of Bell gardens. They will be holding in their honor a magnificent reception on December 26, 2009.



**NAVARRO - CASTRO**

Alejandra Isabel Castro and Arthur Paul Navarro were married October 9th, 2009 in the city of Norwalk, Ca. The bride is the daughter of Nora and Jose Luis Velsquez of Peru. The groom is the son of Arturo and Martha Navarro of El Centro, Ca. Arthur is soon to graduate with a Philosophy major and Alejandra is applying to nursing school. The newlyweds reside in Long Beach, Ca.



**DEL POZO - OCAMPO**

Catherine Amigo Del Pozo and Kristian Brasa Ocampo are Two Lives United in Friendship; Two Friends United in Love... On Saturday, April 10, 2010, in Long Beach California, They will be One Love United in Christ. Ps. PORKCHOP is the Flowergirl :)



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# Looking-glass Cakes

For some couples, expressing themselves is the icing on the gâteau

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Weddings have always been celebrations of the union of two lovers, but more and more, they also celebrate the individuality of the couple getting married. And what better way to reflect the bride and groom than in the sweet layers of their wedding cake, where a unique design, exotic flavor or a customized topper can give others a glimpse into their personalities?

"It's such a big deal to personalize your wedding, and your wedding cake is part of you," said Beverly Hills wedding planner Mindy Weiss. "Many of my clients are bringing their personalities or experiences into the cake."

Such was the case with actors Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan, who bonded during a conversation about fairies on their first date. With the help of Culver City-based Cake Divas, their wedding cake became a whimsical fairy fantasyland, complete with a castle,

cobblestone bridge, gnomes and fairies, which according to Weiss, "completely reflected their personality."

**Design**

In the past, cake design choices were limited to round or square and what kind of flowers might adorn the frosting. Today's choices revolve around the couple — who they are and what they love. Even their wedding invitation, vows or honeymoon destination may make an appearance on the cake.

Leah Grode and Joan Spitzer, owners of Cake Divas, work with couples to create whatever they want, whether it's a fun design with a pair of surfboard toppers or something more elegant with the couple's wedding vows or a special poem scripted in icing.

"I've even personalized designs by incorporating figures of the couple's children or pets on the cake," Grode said.

"Brides and grooms today are more playful," said Leslie Maynor of Fantasy Frostings in South Pasadena.

One of Maynor's favorite creations was covered in giant orange poppies. "Orange was the bride's favorite color," Maynor explained, "but she also wanted the cake to reflect the wedding venue" — the swanky SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills.

Maynor also designed what she calls "The Grass Cake," which reflected one eco-conscious bride's values and the natural setting of

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1. Big Sugar Bakeshop designed this "Persian Love Cake." Photo by Jeff Greenstein.  
2. This cake by Sweet Lady Jane replicated the lace and pearl detailing in the bride's gown.  
3. For an eco-conscious bride, "The Grass Cake" was created by Fantasy Frostings.

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