

## **MIA ROSALES & CHRISTOPHER SHARPE**

### **JANUARY 5, 2008**

**ABOUT MIA** I am currently working on completing my Masters degree in Humanities at California State University Dominguez Hills. I received my Bachelors of Arts degree in History during the spring semester of 2005. I HAVE A BEAUTIFUL MOTHER, named Hope, who lives with the man of her dreams, Danny Cervantes. They both live in Monterey Park, California. I have to say the two of them make life fun. My younger brother Jonathan, also lives with them. He is my other best friend. At times we finish each other sentences and know what the other person is thinking. I have a beautiful pet rat named Molly Moo, who brings a lot of joy and happiness to my life! I work as a teacher's assistant at 15th Street Elementary School, also located in San Pedro.

**ABOUT CHRISTOPHER** Christopher is in the middle of his second year at Chapman University School of Law. He has always been a very hard working student and this shows with how well he excels in his studies at law school. This spring he will be working for the California Court of Appeals. He graduated from CSUDH also in the spring semester of 2005, with top honors. He doubled majored in Political Science and Economics. He lives with his parents, Linda and Dwayne, in Long Beach, along with their adorable Labrador Retriever, Cali.

**HOW WE MET** Christopher and I first met on a Friday morning, when the two of us had our first meeting at our new campus jobs. We both just got hired as SPARK! Program mentors whose job it was to guide and advise incoming freshman in all aspects of a first year's collegiate experience. We did not see much of each other during the next following weeks.

Our first real big task was to work on Saturday, October 16th at the Day @ Dominguez event, which is held once a semester to showcase the campus to future students. Christopher and I sat next to each other that morning. One thing that I remember most from that day was that fact that Christopher brought his jacket with the intention of not wearing it, but to bring it with the hope that I might ask to borrow it...which I did. When we were finished working the event, we decided to spend some more time with each other, since we both had so much fun enjoying each others company that morning.

We had no idea where to go, but we were hungry and the Lakewood Mall was not too far away. Unable to make up our minds, the two of us decided to eat at McDonald's (it was also a safe choice because at this point in time we had no idea what the other person's tastes were like). During our meal, and what made me fall in love with Christopher, was a small act of kindness. Christopher's small act of kindness was what no boy had ever done for me before...he got out of his seat to get me ketchup. I am fully aware that this may sound stupid, but it meant a great deal to me. I usually had to get things for myself when I went out on dates and this was not even considered a date.

After walking around the mall for a while, Christopher and I realized it was getting late so he said he would drop me off at my apartment. But on the way to my apartment, Christopher and I stopped by Belmont Shores – a place that I love to walk around. There we strolled through a few shops and shared many more great conversations. Soon later the sun began to set and it was definitely time to go home. Christopher then drove me across the Vincent Thomas bridge to my place and hugged me good bye – it was a great day.

### **WHEN WE GOT ENGAGED** December 19, 2006

**HOW IT HAPPENED** It started with Christopher picking me up at my place. We then took a romantic drive along the coast until we ended up at a favorite restaurant of ours, called Duke's, which is located in Huntington Beach. The food was delicious - we both had steak and coconut shrimp. Also, we had a great view of the ocean as we dined and shared our last meal as singles.

After our romantic dinner, Christopher suggested that we go to Disneyland to catch the fireworks and see the holiday decorations. I was a little suspicious that he may pop the question that night, but for the last few weeks he kept telling me he didn't have time to buy the ring yet (he was busy studying for law school finals) and even if he did, it would not have come in yet (because it was a Tacori ring, which had to be hand crafted in Italy and usually takes a 6 weeks to arrive) - so I let down my guard.

After arriving at Disneyland the two of us walked around for a few minutes taking in all of the beautiful scenery - Disneyland looked fantastic, the Christmas tree was decorated and the castle was so lit up it

could be seen from almost half a mile away. Christopher then suggested that we get a close up of the fireworks, which meant we had to walk all the way up to the front of the castle. I was a little apprehensive because it was very crowded and that meant we would have to fight the crowd leaving after the fireworks ended. But after some convincing, I gave into Christopher's temptation.

A few minutes after we found a place to view the fireworks, Christopher and I sat down to kill the last ten minutes before the fireworks would begin. The two of us talked for a bit, and then Christopher managed to sneak off while I was playing a game on my cell phone. After a few minutes, Christopher came back and told me that we were going to have our picture taken in front of the castle to commemorate us being half way done with our schooling.

As the two of us began to pose for the picture, I made a couple of last second adjustments to my hair and before I knew it, Christopher was down on one knee telling me he loved me. Christopher then asked me to marry him. Of course both of us were crying, but I managed to say yes. I was so happy.

After a few pictures by a castmember and a grand applause from nearly 200 hundred on-lookers, Christopher and I were engaged.

After our proposal the two of us enjoyed a firework spectacular neither of us will ever forget. It was the happiest day of both of our lives - at least to date.

### **The Wedding**

January 5, 2008

San Pedro, CA

**MIA'S ATTENDANTS** Brandon Boren , Matron of Honor -- Brandon and I have been best friends since we were seven years old. I wanted him to be my personal attendant on the day of my wedding, forgoing tradition and choosing not to have a Maid of Honor. In return, when he gets married, I will be his "Best Man"!

Amanda Alva , Bridesmaid -- Amanda is my first cousin. She is the daughter of my Aunt Julie, who is my mother's (Hope's) sister.

Jessica Wilber , Bridesmaid -- Friend from law school.

Pearl Rhoads , Bridesmaid -- Friend from law school.

Chelsea Barragan , Bridesmaid -- Cousin of the bride. She will also be acting as a junior bridesmaid.

Celina Cervantes , Bridesmaid -- Mia's soon to be step-sister

**CHRISTOPHER'S ATTENDANTS** Jonathan Rosales , Best Man -- Jonathan is Mia's brother.

Michael Delaney , Groomsman -- Christopher's friend from law school.

Ray Ibarra , Groomsman -- Friend of Christopher's since the first grade.

Adam Kaufman , Groomsman -- High school friend. He and Christopher played water polo, soccer and were on the swim team together.