

People



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jason Torrez and Lisa (Wright) Torrez joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, **Olive Charlotte Torrez**, on Friday, June 5, at 9:43pm. Olive weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19" long.

Lisa graduated from El Segundo High School in 1999. Olive's family includes

maternal grandparents, David & Cheryl Wright of El Segundo, and Uncle Kevin Wright (class of 2002). Olive's paternal grandmother, Judith Torrez, resides in Pleasant Prairie, WI.

ES WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The El Segundo Woman's Club presented five \$1,000 scholarships at their annual Scholarship Luncheon on June 10, to five deserving students. This year's recipients included Jeimarie Dahl, Ray Allen, Taylor Hicks, Haley Cos, Alexander Richardson, Ashley Radke, Tyler Davies and Jacqueline Aguilar. The students were selected based on their academic performance and volunteer efforts.

The Woman's Club was established in 1922 when the once a schoolhouse built in 1914 was purchased by the club from the city council for \$1. The club is in the process of registering their building as a historical building. Throughout the years the Woman's Club has been active in helping in the El Segundo School District by donating to their sports programs, to the choir, the kindergarten needs, to the El Segundo Education Fund.

They also support the library, the Fire Department, the Police Department and their K9 Unit, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Trees to the Sea and CASE to name a few of the community organizations. •

Letters to the Editor

PET ADOPTIONS

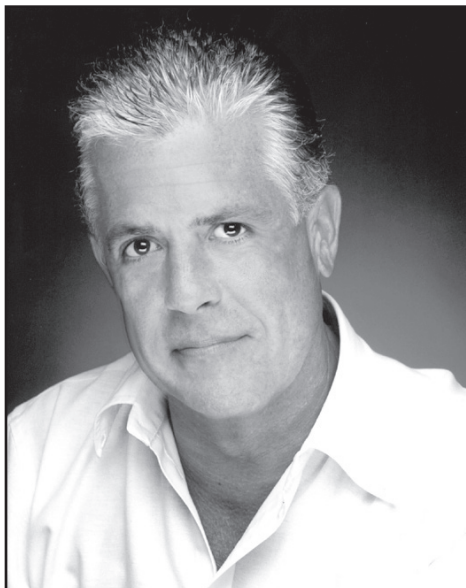
Thank you Herald Publications, pet adoptions are a success due to your papers. Matty is being adopted Saturday to someone who saw her in the paper and someone in El Segundo adopted a puppy. You guys do an amazing service to the dogs we are so pleased with

the paper. We have never turned anyone away that has come to us from the paper they have all been excellent homes.

Shannon and Kathleen Umbenhaur
Animals Rule Placement Foundation

CityScope

Looking Up!



By Mayor Kelly McDowell

It's been a while since this space has seen an actual column of mine--my apologies for that. It's been one thing after another, but I'll stop making excuses before you start rolling your eyes.

Anyway, I think it's time we had another star party. I realize that our last attempt at this, while I was out of town, resulted in a cloud-covered condition instead of a breathtaking, star-studded astronomical spectacular. But even if rampant climate-change conditions are affecting our weather, I think that we can probably plan something for sometime around the end of summer with little fear of atmospheric obscurity. I'll work on this and let you know.

Coincidentally, 2009 is the International Year of Astronomy. On the Web, go to astronomy2009.org to learn more. Leading the effort are the International Astronomical

Union and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. Their goal, according to their site, is to help the citizens of the world "rediscover their place in the universe through the day- and night-time sky, and thereby engage a personal sense of wonder and discovery."

And what better way to help rediscover your own, personal universal place than with a neat, well-designed and fabulously inexpensive astronomical telescope? Go to galileoscope.org to start. There you will find everything you could want to know about the Galileoscope and how to buy one for the astronomically-insignificant sum of \$15.00.

For that price you get a refractor telescope kit featuring a two-inch diameter (50mm; f/10) achromatic objective lens and a two-power Barlow lens. You can view objects at 25-power magnification with the standard eyepiece and at 50-power, using the Barlow.

This is more than enough magnification to see crater details on our own moon, spot the moons orbiting Saturn and Jupiter and see deep-space objects like the Pleiades cluster near the constellation Taurus. The telescope has a tripod mount, too, and use of an ordinary photo tripod will greatly improve its stability, I am sure.

According to the Web site assembling the telescope requires no tools, tape or glue. I find, however, that it is always wise to have the thoughtful, hands-on advice of a small child at the ready when putting something like this together.

You can assemble the device so that images are either right-side-up and narrow-field (Galilean configuration) or upside-down, wider-field (Keplerian configuration) and you can switch it around to experiment.

At the offered price I can't help myself, so I ordered one today just for fun. If you get one, I'd love to hear your reaction. Enjoy!•



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