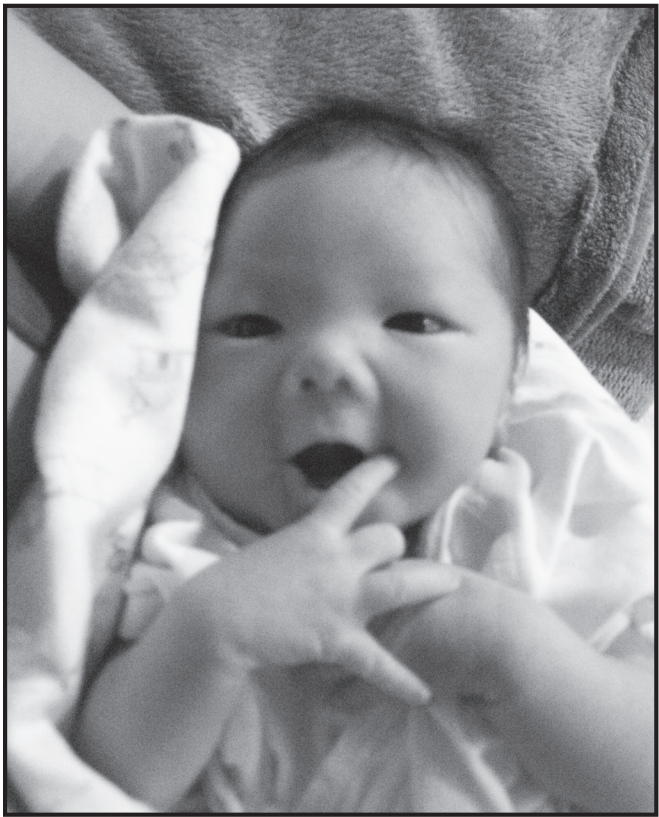


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BABY PRESTON

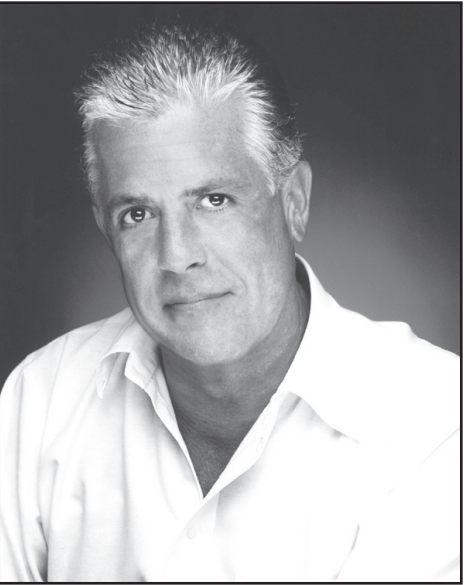
George Poulos & Kristen (Curtis) Poulos joyfully announce the birth of their son **Preston Thomas Poulos**. Preston was born on August 17th and weighed in at 9 lbs, 10 oz and 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tom & Bonnie Curtis of El Segundo and George & Selia Poulos of Villa Park.



BABY HAWK

The Sanders family, Gary, Yumiko, big brother Duke (5), and big sister Jade (3), is pleased to announce the birth of baby boy **Hawk Tai Sanders**, who arrived on July 23, 2009, stretching out to 20 inches and tipping the scales at 7 lbs, 6 oz.

Cityscape



By Mayor Kelly McDowell

September 18 is Star Party Night atop the hilltop parking structure at the corner of Maryland Street and Holly Avenue in El Segundo. This is a terrific event for the whole family and kids absolutely love it. Everyone is invited and the event is, of course, free to all.

The fun kicks off at 7:30 p.m., about a half-hour after sunset, and lasts until 10:00 p.m. Many thanks to the incredibly knowledgeable and instructive amateur astronomers from around the South Bay who will make this a night to remember.

Aside from street parking, you can use the lot at the Middle School at the corner of Center Street and Holly Ave. Shuttles will be available to you help you climb the hill to the parking structure, if you need assistance.

Arrive right at sunset, if you can, to let your eyes adapt to the night sky, so you can see easier and get the most from what will

be a really fun experience.

What can you expect to see, aside from expert, friendly astronomers and their fabulous equipment? Well, don't expect to see the Moon.

The 18th is the night of the new Moon, so it will be absent, which is good news for viewing the heavens. A bright Moon washes out the night sky and makes it tough to see other, dimmer objects, even through good telescopes.

And the late summer sky is a great one. While the constellation Scorpius, the scorpion, sets shortly after sunset in the southwest sky, you can still briefly glimpse its great super-giant and variable star Antares, 600 light years from Earth and just above the horizon.

If the sky is really clear, you might be able to also see the globular cluster of stars known as M4, close to Antares. (Celestial objects whose designations start with "M" were first catalogued by Charles Messier, back in the eighteenth century.)

Farther south you'll find the nebula-rich regions of the constellations Sagittarius, the archer, and Capricornus, the goat. And sitting in Capricornus will be the solar system's biggest member, the gas giant Jupiter, home to the Great Red Spot and several moons orbiting it which Galileo himself discovered.

Nothing brings home the richness of the sky and the solar system itself more than a good view of Jupiter.

Bring a warm jacket to the star party; it gets cold looking through telescope eyepieces without moving around a lot. If the skies are clear, I guarantee you'll have a great time, no matter your age or your knowledge of the night sky.

And you'll leave knowing a lot more. Enjoy! •

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