

# Fourth child born to city's first family — it's a boy!

Mayor happy despite veto of his choice for a name

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Baltimore's first lady — District Judge Katie O'Malley, wife of Mayor Martin O'Malley — gave birth to the couple's fourth child yesterday, a healthy boy named John Joseph O'Malley.

The baby was born at 12:12 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

"Both baby and mother are healthy and resting comfortably," said the mayor's spokesman, Tony White. "The mayor is pretty excited about it. He's going to take some time to be alone with his wife and family so they can reflect."

The mayor plans to be away from work about a week and a

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half and return to City Hall on Oct. 15.

Judge O'Malley, who is 39, has said she plans to take about three months off before returning to work.

The new baby is the couple's second boy and displaces William, age 4, as the youngest O'Malley. Daughter Tara is 10 and Grace is 11.

Before the birth, Mayor O'Malley explained that the pregnancy was a pleasant surprise — like all of their children.

Their eldest daughter, Grace, put "a new baby" on her Christmas wish list last year.

"I told her definitely no," Judge O'Malley said in August. "She jinxed me. We found out we were pregnant right after we gave Will's crib away."

Mayor O'Malley had wanted to name the newest child Sean, but Judge O'Malley — the judicial branch of the family — overruled her husband — the executive branch — and chose the name John.

Judge O'Malley joked with her husband this summer that he could name the child Sean only if he bought the family a new house. But Mayor O'Malley declined, saying buying a new house wouldn't be financially wise right now. The family lives in Northeast Baltimore.

The name of the hospital where John Joseph was born was not disclosed to protect the family's privacy.