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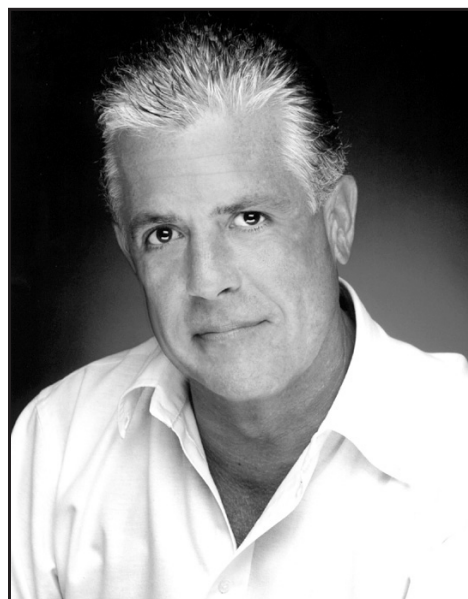


CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations! **Christopher Paone**. He went from "PIP" in El Segundo to over 600 in his graduation class in Las Vegas, to become Valedictorian while quoting the wisdom of Yoda, "Try not, do or do not, there is no try"

Your proud grandparents,
Noni & Grampa Hauge
"May the force be with you"

Cityscape



SUMMER BROWSING

By Mayor Kelly McDowell

One of my favorite radio shows is Public Radio International's *The World*. Locally this weekday worldwide news and feature roundup airs on KPCC at 89.3 FM. The show includes a Geo Quiz and good international music that it's likely you haven't heard. They also have an impressive Web site that reflects their broadcasts and more. Go to TheWorld.org and see what you think. (As usual I've left off the "http://www." part of the URL for these sites unless the Web address is unusual.)

This site has been around for a while, but there's still no better place to run down a rumor than Snopes.com. Whether it's a new sighting of the Loch Ness monster or the latest rumored Internet virus, Snopes is on the case and usually accurate. Before you send out that email blast to everyone you know alerting them to the latest Nigerian banking scam or Trojan horse, check it out at Snopes. Odds are that they've got the goods on the rampant rumor or urban legend and

will set you straight.

The Internet Movie Database at IMDb.com is as comprehensive a guide to motion pictures as you can find online. They claim 57 million hits a month and I wouldn't be surprised if they were actually right about that. From classics to corn, old to new, this is the place to check out your celluloid curiosity.

You might have noticed that the sales tax rate in Los Angeles County has taken a sudden jump. Upwards, that is. That's because county voters approved Measure R last November to give the Metropolitan Transportation Agency even more money than the sales tax money they already get and because everyone knows that the surest path to economic recovery is to tax your way out of a recession. (Oops! I promised that this column wouldn't be political. Sorry! Won't happen again.)

If you're curious about where all this extra dough might go, stop by metro.net/measurer/default.asp where the good folks at Metro (formerly known as the MTA) will answer all your Frequently Asked Questions. Like when in the world LAX might actually get a light rail station. (Actually, they don't answer that one, believe it or not.)

Ever heard of a GPS cache hunt? Well until about a week ago I hadn't either. According to geocaching.com it's a "high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online." Sounds like a fun way to enjoy the outdoors to me! Let me know how it works out for you.

Lastly, if you've got any money left after contributing to Measure R, cheapbooks.com offers you a chance to buy something to read at a bargain-basement price while you wait for that train to LAX. Order something really long.

Herald In Beijing



"We were the only tourists on the Great Wall during the wee cold hours of the morning."

Dave, Pat and Kaycee Wilke traveled to Beijing, China over the Thanksgiving weekend to visit the magnificent Great Wall of China in Mutianyu.

A CHILD'S MAGICAL DREAMS

Presented by

EL SEGUNDO CONCERT BAND

Enchanted food for sale by Chef Hannes:

- Hypnotic Hannes hot dogs
- Paranormal pizza

Music from your favorite magical movies:

- Harry Potter
- Peter Pan
- Aladdin
- Pinocchio
- E.T. the Extra Terrestrial

Magic shows throughout the evening by:

- Las Vegas Venetian Resort Magician Paul Draper
- Magic Castle Magician Jack Pillar



Another outdoor evening show by the Community Band

Saturday, July 25, 2009
Festivities begin at 6:30 pm

Bring your chairs and blankets!

El Segundo High School
Outdoor "Hollywood Quad"
640 Main Street, El Segundo



Paul Draper, magician

Admission price: We simply ask you to donate what the concert is worth to you