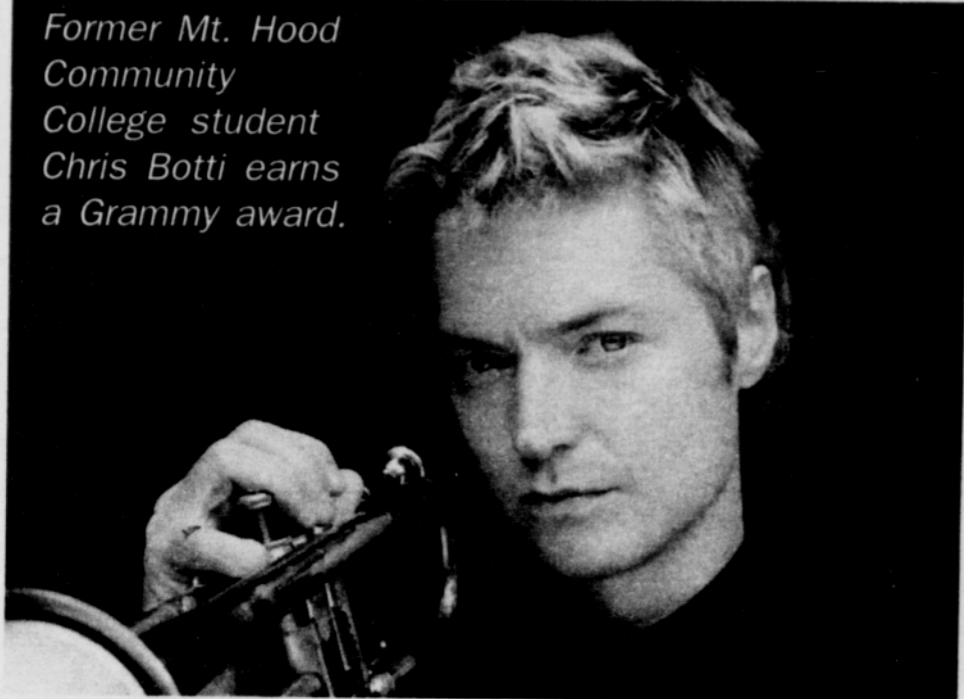


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Former Mt. Hood Community College student Chris Botti earns a Grammy award.

Mt. Hood Bragging Rights

Former Mt. Hood Community College music student Chris Botti won a Grammy award last month for his recording set Impressions.

The trumpeter began his career at MHCC, where he was enrolled in 1980-81. Besides four previous Grammy nominations, some of Botti's career highlights include a performance at the White House and performances with Sting and Paul Simon.

Another former MHCC music student has reason to celebrate: Patrick Lamb, who studied at the college in 1989-90 and is also a Grammy-nominated musician, has a hit single "Maceo," on the contemporary Billboard charts.

Lamb has performed and toured with many world class musicians, performed at the White House, on national TV shows and at diverse benefits across the Pacific Northwest.



The Alpenrose Dairy Easter Egg Hunt returns on March 30, the Saturday before Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt Back On

Last year Alpenrose Dairy Easter Egg Hunt got rained out for the first time in 50 years, but the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is back on for the 51st year which will take place March 30, the Saturday before Easter.

This free event is hosted by Alpenrose on the pastoral setting of the 97-year old dairym and has become a special treat and tradition for families and their kids since 1962.

The day's excitement will begin at 10:30 a.m. for kids ages 3-5 as they hunt for chocolate eggs, toys and other fun treats. The hunt for kids ages 6-8 will begin

at 12 p.m. Children often end up with a bevy of treasures from the hunt.

"Hosting the Easter Egg Hunt is a real thrill for us and given the fact that we had to cancel due to the rains last year, this year's hunt is even more special to all of us at Alpenrose," said Carl Cadonau Jr., Alpenrose president. "We look forward to all the kids coming out and filling their baskets."

Egg-hunters are encouraged to arrive early since parking is limited. Alpenrose is located at 6149 S.W. Shattuck Rd.

Cultural Ambassador for Vancouver

Christopher Luna, a Vancouver poet, visual artist and editor, has been named Clark County's first Poet Laureate by the Clark County Arts Commission.

The position gives Luna a platform to act as a cultural ambassador, composing poems for special events and occasions. His main duty is to promote poetry and literature, nurturing public knowledge and appreciation of the power of words.

His work will reflect diverse experiences in Clark County and the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area.

The community can meet Luna when he makes a public address at the Vancouver Community Library on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Luna earned a Master of Fine Arts in Writing and Poetics at Naropa University, Boulder, Colo. He serves as a writing consultant and poetry event coordinator at Washington State University Vancouver. He is also an English instructor at Clark College.



Christopher Luna

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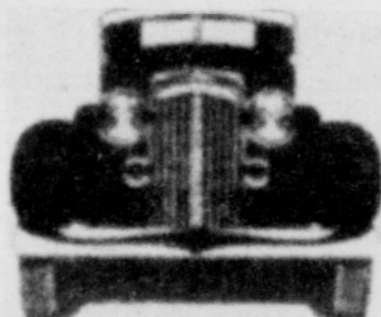
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