Clark College student Jerome Chiong earns statewide culinary honors

Clark College student Jerome Chiong recently earned a bronze medal at the American Culinary Federation Hot Food, Pastry, and Cold Salon culinary competition.

Chiong, who resides in Vancouver, Washington, competed against entrants from Renton Technical College and Lake Washington Technical College in the patisserie/confectionery category, which featured fancy cookies, chocolates, and petit fours.

The competition, which was open to students and professional members of the Washington State Chefs Association (WSCA), was held this summer at Renton Technical College in Renton, Washington. WSCA is the Washington chapter of the American Culinary Federation. Chiong served as a cook in the U.S. Army before entering Clark College, where he is working toward a Bakery Management diploma. His goal is to become a pastry chef.

MHCC offers literacy

According to Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC), one in five Oregonians cannot read, and many are high-school dropouts lacking the basic reading and writing skills needed for today's jobs. To help change these figures, the college recently announced its Volunteer Literacy Tutor program, a series of free workshops teaching attendees techniques used in tutoring an adult.

According to MHCC, volunteer literacy tutors are in demand, and there are more students requesting assistance than tutors available. The requirements to become a tutor include passing a background check, attending a two-day training, and being committed to tutoring at least two hours a week through a local site.

New website focuses on accessibility

A new website featuring online reviews about the accessibility of places and services in Portland launched last week.

With more than 100 area businesses rated for accessibility, Where's Lulu offers specific tips on where to go and what to do in the Portland metropolitan area, offering information on everything from menu readability to bath accessibility. The site also includes reviews on food and drink.

"Before Where's Lulu, you either had to rely on word-of-mouth or place ahead of time to make sure the restaurant could accommodate your needs," co-founder Caitlin Wood said. "We aim to eliminate the stress and frustration of trying to find accessible venues so that everyone can connect.

The Oregon Encyclopedia launches 2009 edition

The Oregon Encyclopedia website to show the institutions, and bi-stepping stones in the education process includes updated entries for community involvement in learning about Oregon.

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"Identifying, documenting, and investigating Oregon's rich cultural heritage is the project's primary goal," said editors-in-chief for the encyclopedia.

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