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Bits 'n' Pieces

Clark grad Elliott still acting out

TNT Network will air the made-for-TV movie "Avenger" on Sunday, and **Sam Elliott**, looking a little thinner and much older than his glory days as the consummate cowboy actor, has the lead role.

If you've lived in Clark County for a while, you've probably heard the stories about the baritone-voiced Elliott, who was a student at Clark College in the 1960s. Even then, he was honing his craft onstage with school productions.

But what many may not know: Elliott was a decent athlete and a heartthrob even then. He was selected to Clark's Track and Field



Sam Elliott
at Clark College

Hall of Fame in 1965. And he was named King Cupid at the annual Valentine's Day dance called Cupid's Fantasy. After graduating from Clark, Elliott attended the University of Oregon but left for Hollywood during his senior year. Two years later, he had a bit role in "Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid," which launched his screen career.

If you want to catch Elliott's latest, "Avenger" airs at 8 p.m. Sunday on cable channel 54.