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Good humored Sherman Alexie to be Clark College commencement speaker

Sherman Alexie, award winning novelist, poet, screenwriter, composer and performer, will be the commencement speaker for Clark College graduation ceremonies Thursday, June 19, according to Clark president, **Bob Knight**.

Between 900 and 1,000 Clark students will receive degrees and certificates at the commencement, expected to be held in the Amphitheatre at Clark County.

A Washington State University graduate, a Spokane/Couer d'Alene Indian Alexie, grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. He is known for his first collection of short stories, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, as well as his first novel, published in 1995, *Reservation Blues*. Alexie collaborated on a screenplay, based on his short story, "This Is What It Means to Say Phoenix Arizona," from his book *Lone Ranger and Tonto*. released in time for the 1998 Sundance Film Festival as *Smoke Signals*. The movie won the Audience Award and the Filmmakers Trophy at Sundance. Alexie's most recent publications are *Flight* and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.

His works have also won the A PEN/Hemmingway Award, a Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Award, a Murray Morgan Prize and a Christopher Award.



Sherman Alexie

New Vancouver information and news service debuts for all Internet users



Need to know the city council agenda in advance? Want to get the latest police and fire news? The City of Vancouver's new, free electronic news service has this and much more for anyone with an email address, reports

Donna Mason, Vancouver's director of media services.

Individuals may enter their email address on a sign-up page and select from one or all 160 initial topics. A menu page offers the complete selection, which may be updated at any time.

Mason says: "We are very enthusiastic about this new service that will empower citizens to receive information as soon as it is available on topics of interest to them without waiting or searching. It puts customers in control of when, what and how they receive city information.

"Citizens have told us that they want more information about city government that is easier to access, but they also only want information about topics of interest to them. This system will provide timely and accurate updates in response to those requests and will open the door for more two-way communications."

The system can also be used to send text messages to cell phones, and this is potentially useful in emergency situations, according to Mason. All of the administrative tasks are done over the Web by the vendor, GovDelivery, whose servers are in the Midwest and thus would be unaffected by a local disaster.

For further information, click on the icon above, or go to

www.cityofvancouver.us.

Terry Long appointed Columbia Credit Union chief information officer

Terry Long has been appointed senior vice president and chief information officer at Columbia Credit Union, reports **Parker Cann**. Long will supervise information and technology services and will oversee the card services, ATM and member research departments.



Terry Long

Long has 25 years' experience in the financial industry and most recently was senior vice president of operations and technology at a Vancouver-based bank.

Long is a graduate of Linfield College and earned a masters degree in business at Fairfield University, and graduated with honors from the National School of Banking, Fairfield, Conn. He is a native of the Northwest.

Stepping Stones DVD sweeps

Telly Bronze Awards

A locally produced DVD featuring Stepping Stones, Southwest Washington Medical Center's children and family bereavement program, has won five Telly Bronze Awards for excellence in video and film production.

Stepping Stones: A Path to Healing was produced by **Forrest Burger** and RiverBend Productions. The video depicting Stepping Stones annual camp, which provides creative and recreational activities for young people and their families as they struggle to overcome grief associated with death, won awards in the following categories: health and wellness, use of high definition, use of music, copy writing and editing.

Bravo! Vancouver presents

St. John's Passion Sunday

Bravo! Vancouver's chorale, directed by **Maria Manzo**, and the Washington Chamber Orchestra present J. S. Bach's *St. John Passion* at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road.

Admission is \$20, and tickets are available at the door. For further information, call **906-0441**.

Calendar

The East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the media room of the Walnut Grove Elementary School, <> The Clark College Concert Choir, directed by **April Duvic**, and Concert Band, directed by **Rich Inouye**, present "Around the World in 80 Minutes" this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Royal Durst Theater in the Vancouver School for the Arts & Academics. There is no charge for the concert. <> The Portland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is sponsoring a health and resource fair in the cafeteria of the La Center Elementary School, 700 E 4th Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15. There is no charge. <> The Clark County Genealogical Society is offering a free class on beginning genealogy from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 15, at 715 Grand Boulevard.

Friday on the air

Columbia River Crossing Panel Discussion (3/4)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Tourism Awards (2/21)—6 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (2/13)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Winter Hawks at Spokane (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Port of Vancouver Commission (3/11)—8:15 p.m. CVTV

WSU vs. Stanford (live)—8:30 p.m. FSN, KFX

Battle Ground State-of-the-City (2/12)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Woody Woodruff measuring prosperity in hectares. <> **Kathy Condon** playing to full house. <> **David Fenton** staying focused. <> **Julie Kummer** out and about. <> **Pat Jollota** offering encouragement <> **Friday**, wet, possible thunder storms, 39-48. **Saturday**, mean and drizzly, 38-51. **Sunday**, early showers, 42-52.