

OPINION

Get ready for 'Tonya: The Movie'



MARTIN FISHER

Let me begin with an apology, more to myself than anyone else. I swore early on that I would not waste this space or your time discussing Tonya Harding. I lied.

But I'm not going to waste your time with an analysis of what's gone wrong in amateur sports, the commercialization of the Olympics, the ruined lives of children forced to compete for their parents' glory, or poor little Tonya stories. Who cares?

Instead, I'm looking forward. I'm using vision. I wanna make a fast buck. Thus, I present my very own made for TV movie script, ripped from today's headlines: "Terror on Ice: The Tonya Harding Story."

Dramatis Personae: The Hitman, Shane "The Club" Stant, played by Jean-Claude Van Damme; The Driver, Derrick "Wheels" Smith, played by George Castanza; The Bodyguard, Shawn "007" Eckardt, played by Barney (the dinosaur); The Ex, Jeff "Jellyfish" Gilooly, played by Beavis and Butt-head; The Stump, Tonya "Po' Little White Girl" Harding, played by Shannen Doherty; and The Star, Nancy "Poster Girl For Everything" Kerrigan, played by Demi Moore.

We begin at a Denny's restaurant (smoking section), where Harding, Gilooly and Eckardt are discussing Harding's strategy for the upcoming national figure skating championships:

Harding (between cigarette drags): "I think the (cough) key to my (hack) winning this thing is if (gasp) I can pull off my (ack) triple reverse sideways lutz. What do you (wheeze) think, Jeffy-poo?"

Gilooly: "Huh huh, like, if you won the championship, huh huh, that would be cool."

Harding: "But what should I do to make sure I win, my wittow Jeffy weffy?"

Gilooly: "Heh, heh, break Nancy's legs! Yeah! Heh heh. Hit her! Hit her! Hit her! Heh heh."

Harding: "Can you take care of this Shawn?"

Eckardt (swaying side-to-side):

"I love you, you love me, I used to work for the CIA ..."

Harding: "Great. I'll write the name of the rink where she practices on this napkin, and then leave the napkin here on this table."

Harding and Co. depart. A waiter (played by Mike Myers) clears the table and discovers the napkin.

Waiter: "Gee, a napkin with writing on it. Perhaps I should save this in case the FBI comes by here in a couple of months. Aren't I prescient? (*Winking at camera.*) Excellent."

Shift to national championships, where Harding is watching news footage of Nancy Kerrigan immediately after the attack.

Kerrigan: "Why me, why me!?"

Harding (to herself): "Because you skinny, healthy, popular bitch — I can skate better than you, jump higher than you, move faster than you, but I keep losing to you because I'm not as pretty as you. They shouldn't have hit your knee, your teeth! (Now giggling maniacally.) Now, the world will love ME! MY picture will be on a Wheaties box! I'll get the millions in endorsements. The ugly duckling is no more! Ha ha ha ha ha!"

Jump to weeks after the championships — the dominoes begin to fall.

The Media (played by Geraldo Rivera): "Today Shawn Eckardt, bodyguard for Tonya Harding, admitted the attack on Nancy Kerrigan."

Eckardt (being led away): "I love you, you love me, I know who hit Nancy's knee ..."

The Media: "Eckardt then led law enforcement officials to Shane Stant and Derrick Smith, the alleged hitman and getaway driver in the incident."

Stant: "I took the job to save her life. I could have killed her, but chose not to. I am a hero."

Smith: "Ohhhh, I knew this wouldn't work. Jodie Foster will never love me now. How much longer can I remain Master of My Domain?"

The Media: "Harding and her husband had no intelligible comments."

Gilooly: "Uh, we'd love to, uh, like, talk to you dudes? But, uh, you know, uh, like, journalists suck."

Harding: "Love me. Pity me."

Cut to Olympics and our hosts, Regis Philbin and Kathie Lee Gifford.

I swore early on that I would not waste this space or your time discussing Tonya Harding. I lied.

Regis: "Oh! And here comes that Tonya Harding! What a story she's been! Will affect her performance, Kathie!?"

Kathie Lee: "Well, she's such a troubled young girl. Little Cody says a prayer for Tonya every night. However, I question her change of music to AC/DC's 'Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap.'"

Regis: "Is there a message there? I don't know!"

Cut to February 1997.

TV Commercial: "The Club. Recommended by police and thugs alike. Take it from me, Shane Stant, whether it's theft protection or assault and battery. The Club gets the job done."

The Media: "Shawn Eckardt, the meager-mind behind the 1994 ambassador Nancy Kerrigan, was released from prison today."

Eckardt: "I love you, you love me, I'll be rich from my movie ..."

The Media: "In related news, Tonya Harding and her husband, Jeff Gilooly, testified before a Senate subcommittee today on the benefits of smoking, particularly for asthmatic athletes."

Harding: "Smoking has truly benefited (hack) my career. Were it not for smoking (gasp), the Phillip Morris people wouldn't (cough) have hired me to push cigarettes on little girls (gag) at the skate rink. I would not have (wheeze) ..."

The Media: "Harding was removed from the hearing as her oxygen tank ran out. As she was being wheeled away, she announced she was leaving her husband. This marks the couple's 34th separation."

Gilooly: "Heh heh. Divorce is cool! Yeah! Cool! I want money! Heh heh, heh heh."

The End.

I'll be looking for my royalty check in the mail.

Martin Fisher is a columnist for the Emerald.

JOHN HENRY'S
342 - 3358
136 E. 11th • Eugene, OR.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY
MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT
POOL TABLES
FREE DARTS & FOOSBALL
ASSORTED EATS
smoking preferred

INDOOR SOCCER
Indoor soccer tournament deadline is 3 p.m. today! Tournament is Sat. Feb. 12 and Sun. Feb. 13.
102 Esslinger Phone #6-4113

SPRINGFIELD SCIENTIFIC SUPPLIES
1124 Main Street Springfield Oregon 97477
(503) 726-9176 1-800-344-2047

Ministry Directory

Eckankar
Religion of the Light and Sound of God. 315-D West 13th Ave. 343-2657. Friday 7:00 p.m. Worship Services open to all, Monday night 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoon 12:30-1:30 p.m. A sharing of spiritual experience & insight.

Restoration Campus Ministry
2880 University St., 726-5480. Bible Roundtables Thursday at 12:00 p.m. & Bible study Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the EMU Century Rooms. Praise Gathering Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. at 809 E. 11th. Exploring world views from the Biblical perspective.

Christian Science
344-0924. Meetings held Fridays at 1:00 p.m. in the EMU, check room listings.

Fellowship, friendly support and spiritual growth.

International Student Christian Fellowship
1332 Kincaid, 345-5848. Wednesday luncheon 11:30-1:30 p.m. Friday Fellowship 7:00 p.m.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
Suite 5, EMU, 346-0910. Meetings, Monday night 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Esslinger Hall, room 107.

Muslim Student Association
202 EMU, 346-3798
Rm. 159 Straub, Fridays 4-5pm
We welcome everybody to our study group for a stimulating hour on the Quran.

STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION DEADLINES

Due March 15

CZECHOSLOVAKIA Semester- and year-long language and area studies programs are offered in cooperation with Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) at Charles University.

ITALY A six-week summer program in Italian language and culture is offered at the Italian University for Foreigners in Perugia. The Department of Architecture also offers a summer program in Rome.

POLAND Semester- and year-long language and area studies programs are offered in cooperation with CIEE at the Warsaw Central Institute of Planning and Statistics.

THAILAND Offered through CIEE at the Khon Kaen University, this program provides a fundamental grasp of the Thai language and a broad understanding of contemporary Thai culture, society, and politics. It is offered fall and spring semesters.

VIETNAM Participants in this CIEE-sponsored program take Vietnamese language, Vietnamese culture, history, and society, and contemporary Vietnamese history. The semester-long program is offered fall and spring.

Due April 1

DENMARK This academic program in the University of Copenhagen offers semester and full-year programs in architecture, environmental studies, international business, and liberal arts. Field trips are integrated into the academic course work. A summer semester is also offered.

ISRAEL Historic Jerusalem is the site of a one-year or semester program. Course work focuses on the social sciences and humanities with special concentrations in international, urban, religious, and Middle East Studies.

There is no prior foreign language proficiency required for these programs. For more information, visit the Office of International Education and Exchange, 330 Oregon Hall.

Appearing February 14th in the ODE Classifieds!

Sweet Nothings

J.D. I have the champagne & roses, you bring yourself. Love B.J.

Heart border
word message

Place your Sweet Nothings ad in Rm. 300 EMU or at the UO Bookstore
Cut this out and drop it off!

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Message: _____