

Film Clips

'I, Tonya'

By Derek Zemrak

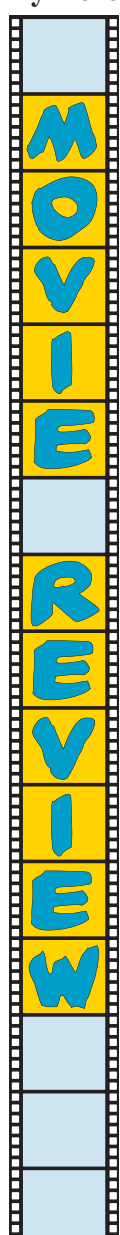


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I know what you are thinking: I know the story and I don't want to see it or hear it again. But you are wrong. "I, Tonya" is a very well-crafted independent film that will make you think differently about Tonya Harding and the infamous attack on Nancy Kerrigan. Trust me on this one.

Based on the unbelievable, but true events, "I, Tonya" is a darkly comedic tale of American figure skater Tonya Harding, and one of the most sensational scandals in sports history. Though Harding was the first American woman to complete a triple axel in competition, her legacy was forever defined by her association

with an infamous, ill-conceived, and even more poorly executed attack on fellow Olympic competitor Nancy Kerrigan. Featuring an iconic turn by Margot Robbie ("The Wolf of Wall Street," "Goodbye Christopher Robin") as the fiery Harding, a mustachioed Sebastian Stan ("Captain America") as her impetuous ex-husband Jeff Gillooly, a tour-de-force performance from Allison Janney ("West Wing") as her acid-tongued mother, "I, Tonya" is an absurd, irreverent, and piercing portrayal of Harding's life and career in all of its unchecked and checkered glory.

Janney recently won the Golden Globe for her portray-



al as Tonya's outrageous, abusive mother and an Oscar will be handed to her in March at the 2018 Oscar ceremony. Allison, a six-time Emmy Award winner, truly transformed herself. Clips of her performance will be used in years to come as one of the most hated characters in cinematic history, right alongside Nurse Ratched and Hannibal Lecter.

The remaining cast also delivers solid performances. You can tell on the screen that they studied every nuance of the notorious characters they are portraying. Margot Robbie received a Golden Globe nomination and most likely will receive an Oscar nod.

"I, Tonya" is directed by Craig Gillespie ("Million Dollar Arm," "The Finest Hour") and is his best directorial film.

Don't let the trailer mislead you. This is a movie you will enjoy and leave the theatre saying, "Wow, I didn't know or remember that."

"I, Tonya" received a R rating by the MPAA for pervasive language, violence, and some sexual content/nudity. It has a total running time of two hours and is now playing at the Orinda Theatre.

Service Clubs Announcements

LAMORINDA SUNRISE Rotary
Friends, Fun, Service Above Self

Meets Friday mornings at 7:00 am at The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Check us out at www.lamorindasunrise.com or email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

<p>January 26</p> <p>The many sides of our very own Don Jenkins revealed. You won't want to miss it!</p>	<p>February 2</p> <p>Meet Catherine Baker, a different kind of Legislator, California State Assembly member. Representing the 16th. Assembly District since 2014</p>
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Friendship, Fellowship, Service to Others and Fun

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.
Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

<p>January 25: Hector Garcia Martin Joint BioEnergy Institute - Finding ways to convert non-food organic plant material into fuel.</p>	<p>February 1: Budd Mackenzie Empathy on the Decline - Narcissism on the Rise What if Anything Can We Do</p>
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Third Annual Mega Challah Bake – Join dozens of Jewish women and girls ages 12 and up from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda for an evening of Jewish pride, unity and inspiration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Lafayette Library Community Hall. Unite women and girls of all ages and sections of the Jewish community and learn how to make easy, delicious Challah and the meaning of the mitzvah. Create two delectable loaves to bring home for Shabbat. Already mastered the art of Challah baking? Come and help guide others. Couvert: \$20 before Jan 31. Mother and Daughter \$36 Pre-paid registration required. Register at ChabadofLamorinda.com/Challah.

Lamorinda Education Forum from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at Stanley Middle School Multi-Use Room, 3455 School Street, Lafayette. Get the latest on education funding and Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed 2018-19 Education budget and its impact

on our local schools. Speakers include Gerry Shelton, a respected school finance expert, and our state representatives, Sen. Steve Glazer and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker. Don't miss this opportunity to get the facts and ask questions. This event is hosted by the Lafayette School District. For more information, contact (925) 927-3502 or go to www.lafsd.org.

Bridge and Bunco game day and luncheon event 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Bring your luckiest cards – all are welcome. Proceeds given to students seeking financial aid through SMC Guild Scholarship Fund. For info, call Shirley Holloway at (925) 376-6588. Cost: \$36 per person, make checks payable to St. Mary's College Guild and mail to Mail to: Dolores McGonigle, 828 Crossbrook Ct., Moraga, CA 94556.

Discovering Opera: Wagner's The Flying Dutchman from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Lafayette Library, Arts and

Science Room. Take a Dutch sea captain who is condemned to sail the seven seas for eternity, and who has become the stuff of legend. Add a young woman who believes that she is the one who can release him from this curse by being true to him, even unto death; her father, mesmerized by the treasure on the Dutchman's ship; and her nominal lover, who lacks the Dutchman's charisma. Lecturer Bradford Wade will give a guided tour of The Flying Dutchman, with a description of the plot interspersed with musical examples. This lecture is given in conjunction with Opera San José's production of "The Flying Dutchman," Feb. 10-25. Members free, non-members \$10.

A Historic Evening with Anne Frank's Step Sister at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Leshner Center, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Enter the world of Anne Frank as told by her stepsister and childhood friend. Like her step-sister, Eva went into hiding in Holland, was betrayed, captured and sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Listen to

a first hand account of the life of Anne Frank and the discovery and printing of her famed diary. Tickets are \$25 to \$35. For info, visit www.JewishContraCosta.com.

GARDEN

Winter Rose Pruning Workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at McDonnell Nursery, 193 Moraga Way, Orinda. To reserve a space please call (925) 254-3713 or email info@mcdonnellnursery.com.

Lafayette Garden Club General Meeting from 9:45 to noon Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Lafayette Veteran's Building located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Program: "WELO, the Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance and How it Effects California Gardeners and Homeowners." Lafayette Garden Club is pleased to present Lori Palmquist, Irrigation Designer and Consultant, who will discuss how everyday gardeners can deal with the challenges of water conservation and be part of the

solution. Visitors are welcome. For info, email Carolyn Poetzsch cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club meeting beginning at 9:45 a.m. on Feb 12 is: "Why are Millions of Trees Dying in the Sierras (and what are we doing about it)?" by Brenda Kendrix, US Forest Service: 9:45 a.m. Business Meeting; 10:30 a.m. Social; 11 a.m. Program. The club meets at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road, Walnut Creek. For info, email mslittle44@gmail.com.

The Montelindo Garden Club of Orinda is pleased to host a free presentation by Leslie Buck, a Berkeley-based gardener and author beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Buck has recently published a New York Times-reviewed memoir currently in bookstores called "Cutting Back: My Apprenticeship in the Gardens of Kyoto." For info, visit www.montelindogarden.com.

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SMC's Theatre Performance of 'Puss 'n Boots' opens Jan. 30

Submitted by Justin Carino

A family-fun production of "Puss 'n Boots: The New Musical," put on by Saint Mary's College Jan Term students Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 1-2, is expected to delight audience members of all ages. Adapted and directed by Will Huddleston, this new musical by local playwright Kate Hawley features a sassy cat that promises to solve the problems of a poor miller's son. Dressed in her trademark red leather boots, Puss charms the Queen, befuddles the Prime Minister, defeats the powerful wizard Kazaam, and helps her shy master and Princess Sweetiepie fall madly in love. The show features original songs by local composer Chris Houston ("James and the Giant Peach," "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"). This outrageous comedy involves audience participation, and offers a positive message about being yourself. Free parking next to Syufy Hall.

students). For ticket information and specific show times at LeFevre Theatre, visit <https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/pussnboots>.

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Jan Term 2018
PUSS 'N BOOTS
THE NEW MUSICAL
LeFevre Theatre

<p>Performances Jan 30 - Feb 2 at 9:30 am & 11:30 am \$8 General Admission</p>	<p>Additional Performances Jan 31 at 6 pm Feb 1 at 4 pm \$12 General Admission (\$8 SMC students)</p>
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