

'Witness' is a movie that portrays love and adventure

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An Edward S. Feldmond production, *Witness* is a movie that contains the elements of romance, danger, adventure, and a lot of romance.

Directed by Peter Weir, *Witness* stars Harrison Ford as a Philadelphia detective who tries to help an Amish woman (played by Kelly McGillis) and her young son. The young boy has witnessed a murder in a restroom at a train station and is the only apparent witness.

tempts to leave town with the Amish woman and her son.

The dangerous situation is contrasted against the peaceful countryside of the Pennsylvania Amish community where Harrison is forced to take refuge in order to protect himself as well as McGillis and her son.

Romance soon sparks between Harrison and McGillis. The two couldn't seem more opposite. McGillis is a dignified, graceful and natural beauty whose religion is founded on the simple way of life, free of modern utilities and violence.

Harrison is the handsome, tough detective who shies away from away from serious involvements and believes that violence can be for the good of man.

He illustrates this in the scene where he is temporarily converted to an Amish (as a cover) and is travelling with the Amish in wagons through town. The young, hoodlum boys of the town stop the wagon to make fun of the Amish and smear ice cream in the face of one Amish, while laughing. The Amish way is to passively endure this treatment and go on about their business. But that isn't the Harrison Ford way. As Harrison leaps out of the wagon, he knocks the young man to the ground, proving that violence in the right context can be beneficial to man.

The initial attraction between Harrison and McGillis is evident at the beginning of the film and builds quietly yet powerfully throughout the rest of the movie

Not your average sort of movie, but it proves to be a welcomed change of pace. *Witness* is a movie for everyone who loves adventure and romance.

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the same time. The Home is run exclusively by donation. An entry fee of \$2 for each participant entitles him to a Twister T-shirt and a chance to get his or her name in the 1986 Guinness Book of World Records.

Door prizes, ranging from a six-month Nautilus membership to a gift certificate from Huey's Bar-B-Que, will be awarded along with three \$100 prizes to the Greek organization, non-Greek organization and high school which supplies the most participants.

The Oaks Field will be the scene of "one big mat," says Ward. Six hundred Twister mats will be laid over the field, as not only local television new stations and newspapers cover the event, but so will WFMY's *PM Magazine*. Five thousand arms and legs will be shifting over the red, blue, green and yellow dots as will be directed by emcee Michaels.

A team of four will be assigned to each mat of 24 dots, but participants will be allowed to twist onto neighbors' mats. The game will be set in three-minute shifts with hourly breaks. Some 50 judges will be on hand to eliminate those who fall or whose knees or elbows hit the mats.

Preregistration for the world record contest begins at 10:30

a.m. and lasts until 12:45 p.m. at the Oaks Field. The "Grand Twist" will start at 1 p.m.

"World record attempts are unpredictable," says Ward of the length of time it will take for Elon College to win a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. He expects the game to last about four hours.

The World Record attempt is not the only event SUB and ITZA Pizza have in store for this week-end. Teams of two persons will compete against each other tomorrow afternoon beginning at 3:30. The finalists of the 2-on-2 bout will do their championship team twisting following the world's largest game of Twister on Saturday. The awards ceremony will officially close the Twister games; just as medals are distributed during the Olympics, President Fred Young will hand out the prize money to the Twister winners.

Ward hopes the event will raise about \$3,000. If twisting is not for you, he says, a fish bowl will be on hand at the competition for donations. ITZA Pizza will be donating \$750 and any money over cost. ITZA Managers Mike Curtis and Richard Young will head a booth selling pizza slices for 50 cents apiece all day at the competition. Rain-date is Sunday, April 21.

Movie review

The plot thickens when the young boy identifies the murderer as a high official at the Philadelphia police station.

Life becomes increasingly dangerous for Harrison Ford as knowledge of the murder becomes known to the official.

Harrison becomes seriously wounded by him when he at-

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