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What would Brian Boitano do?

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Brian Boitano.

The man. The skater. The "South Park" punchline.

Boitano will show off his skating grace and mastery during the "Hallmark Skating Showcase" tonight at the World Arena. Serious stuff.

But if you're a fan of Comedy Central's cartoon, it's hard to see Boitano's name and not sing that "South Park" song. You know, "What would Brian Boitano do/If he was here right now . . ."

No offense, Brian, but as impressive as your professional dossier is (50 titles, including 23 international gold medals, two World titles, two Pro/Am titles, 16 professional titles, four U.S. National titles and the Olympic Gold Medal) it's far more fun to imagine you fighting grizzly bears and beating up Kublai Khan than doing skating tricks. Lucky for us, you also have a solid sense of humor. And so, for the record, we ask: Brian, what would you do?

If Satan were choking on a pretzel, would you give him the Heimlich maneuver?
"No."

You're alone on the planet and you have enough water to either drink for a year or skate until you die of thirst. What do you do?
"I would probably drink for a year."

You break your 1988 Olympic Gold Medal and inside you find information revealing who killed Kennedy. What do you do with it?
"I'd share the information, but I wouldn't give my gold medal to the FBI."

You're in the middle of the best performance of your career and you suddenly realize you forgot to turn your oven off. What do you do?
"Concentrate on what's in front of me."

You happen upon a fight between Tanya Harding and Saddam Hussein. One has a blunt object while the other has chemical weapons. What do you do?

"Hope the chemical weapons can disintegrate the blunt object."

Martha Stewart offers you inside trading information that will save millions of lives but cripple a multinational corporation. Do you invest?

"(laughing) No way!

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You get to choose the sponsor of the 2003 Iraqi reconstruction. Is it Coke or Pepsi?

"Well, I would choose Dr. Pepper."

You're driving along and you hit a patch of ice and your car starts to fishtail. Do you try to correct it or try to do tricks?

"You try to do tricks, of course. See if you can get as many spins out of it. See if you can do a quad turn."

It's brought to your attention that "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone are really evil overlords from a distant planet posing as irreverent cartoonists. What do you do?

"Ask them to take me to their planet."

You're about to do a triple axel and you feel a muscle twitch. What do you do?

"Do it anyway."

HALLMARK SKATING SHOWCASE

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. today

WHERE: World Arena, 3185 Venetucci Blvd.

COST: \$19.50-\$39.50, (866) 464-2626

PROGRAM NOTES: The show will have a Mother's Day theme. Ekaterina Gordeeva will perform a duet with her daughter from her marriage to Sergei Grinkov. (Gordeeva and Grinkov won two Olympic gold medals for pairs skating. Grinkov passed away in 1990.) Olympic silver medalist Brian Orser, whose mother has passed away, will skate her favorite program. Gold medalist Brian Boitano's routine will be set to a tune chosen by his mother: Frank Sinatra's "Summer Wind."

THE LYRICS

From "South Park"

What would Brian Boitano do, if he was here right now? He'd make a plan and he'd follow through, That's what Brian Boitano'd do.

When Brian Boitano was in the Olympics, Skating for the gold, He did two salchows and a triple lutz, While wearing a blindfold

When Brian Boitano was in the Alps, fighting grizzly bears He used his magical fire breath and saved the maidens fair

What would Brian Boitano do, if he were here today? I'm sure he'd kick and ass or two, That's what Brian Boitano'd do

I want this V-chip out of me It has stunted my vocabulary And I just want my
mom to stop fighting everyone
For Wendy I'll be an activist too, Cuz that's what Brian Boitano'd do
What would Brian Boitano do, get all the kids in town He'd tell them to unite for
truth, That's what Brian Boitano'd do
When Brian Boitano traveled through time, to the year 3010, He fought the evil
robot king, Saving the human race again
And when Brian Boitano built the pyramids He beat up Kublai Khan Cuz Brian
Boitano doesn't Take #*\$! from anybody
So let's get all the kids together, And unite to stop our moms And we'll save
Terrance and Phillip too, Cuz that's what Brian Boitano'd do
And we'll save Terrance and Phillip too, Cuz that's what Brian Boitano'd do. . .
Cuz that's what Brian Boitano'd do!!