

# Film exposes star's troubled life

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As a testimony to the tragic life of Jean Seberg, "From the Journals of Jean Seberg" uses the accusatory form of Mary Beth Hurt to account for the peaks, the pitfalls, and the final ending of Jean-Luc Goddard's "Breathless" star.

Clips from "Saint Joan," (Seberg's first film), "Lilith," "Breathless" and "Birds In Peru" are a few of the images Director Mike Rappaport combines with the constant dialogue of Mary Beth Hurt, appearing and speaking as Seberg as if she were still alive today.

Whether the narrator is instructing the viewer on cinema theory and application, describing the relationship of a particular scene of Seberg's to the actress's real life, or runs off into a tirade against the oppressions of the '60s, the mood throughout is one of depression and self-parody.

It's as if Seberg is asking herself, "How could I have been so stupid as to do that?" in reference to scenes both from her films, and her real life. Rappaport's genius is in making that line indistinguishable, as in the discussion of Seberg's on-screen affair with Clint Eastwood in "Paint Your Wagon," or her meteoric rise to fame after "Breathless," a film of which Seberg says "even if you didn't hear of me, I became the first modern movie



MARY BETH HURT stars in "From the Journals of Jean Seberg," playing this weekend at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater.

Her association with the Black Panthers, shared commonalities with Jane Fonda and Vanessa Redgrave, and the influence of her husband/director Romain Gary in making the "Birds In Peru," all describe a woman and an actress either unwilling or unable to cope with her surroundings, to the point of self-destruction in 1979.

"From the Journals of Jean Seberg" began its run at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater Thursday and will con-

tinue through Sunday. Sixties shades are optional.

### THE FACTS

**Film:** From the Journals of Jean Seberg  
**Stars:** Mary Beth Hurt as Jean Seberg  
**Director:** Mike Rappaport  
**Rating:** NR  
**Grade:** B  
**Five words:** Seberg from beyond the grave?

# Vintage clothing focus of new store

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-tage guitars and amplifiers. Below that are classic '80s heavy metal T-shirts.

The store also sells vintage furniture and jewelry for those who want to add a '70s flair to more than just their wardrobe.

There are racks of flannel shirts and a rack devoted to the Grateful Dead, which, Holloway said, is his best seller.

Holloway said he thought the alternative group Phish will be the next big thing, replacing the Grateful Dead in

terms of popularity. In fact, the Retro's giving away a pair of Phish tickets for the Nov. 17 show in Omaha at both stores.

"With every purchase over \$10, you get your name put in the drawing," he said.

The Retro is comparable in price to most thrift stores, although the merchandise isn't as haphazardly put together.

"We have a more hand-picked inventory of casual streetwear, rather

than having to sort through everything in the world to find what you're looking for," he said. "We're higher-priced than most thrift stores, but there's no comparison to retail stores."

Holloway hopes eventually to renovate the other floors of Retro Recycle, making the third floor for furniture and the second for vintage clothing that dealers and collectors may purchase.

The Retro's hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

# People

## Distributor selling third-world Beatles stamps faces lawsuit

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Yoko Ono and the surviving Beatles say a stamp distributor shouldn't be selling Fab Four stamps issued by Third World nations.

"This is bootleg merchandise, which is hiding behind the fact that small, Third World countries put a seal of approval on them," said their lawyer, Paul Licalsi.

They charge in a federal lawsuit that the International Collectors Society of Owings Mills, Md., violated licensing laws by selling stamps bearing Beatles likenesses from such nations as Chad, Madagascar, St. Vincent and Tanzania.

The lawsuit said the company even worked with some nations to get the stamps made, even though a minimal number were actually sold in post offices in those countries.

"I don't believe the Beatles are any kind of cultural icons in Tanzania," Licalsi said. "This is pure profit, and a ripoff of Beatles fans and a ripoff of the Beatles."

But the company just wants to let it be.

"What's wrong with buying the

stamps, as many people do, and redistributing them to stamp collectors at a profit?" said the company's lawyer, Donald Robinson, who added that the stamps are recognized as legitimate postage.

## Country star Twain ignites investigation of mountain studio

RAY BROOK, N.Y. (AP) — For country star Shania Twain, nothing could be more natural than making music in the mountains.

But officials are investigating whether wetlands were destroyed to build her studio in the Adirondack Mountains and whether it is in tune with local zoning restrictions.

Twain and her husband-producer, Robert "Mutt" Lange, claim their studio is being used for artisan's activity, which would exempt it from the need for a permit.

"What do you do there? That's what we're trying to find out," said William Curran of the Adirondack Park Agency, the local zoning authority.

Twain's multiplatinum "The Woman in Me" has produced four No.

1 singles, including "Any Man of Mine."

## 'Speed' star Reeves researches role in courthouse

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Keanu Reeves' latest excellent adventure took him to the Duval County Courthouse to watch an armed robbery trial.

The star of "Speed" and "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" wore a dark suit Wednesday as he sat in court and studied the lawyers in preparation for his upcoming role in the movie "Devil's Advocate."

"There was a noted and substantial increase in the female audience," said Circuit Judge Brad Stetson, "specifically, employees of the courthouse who don't normally grace my court with their presence."

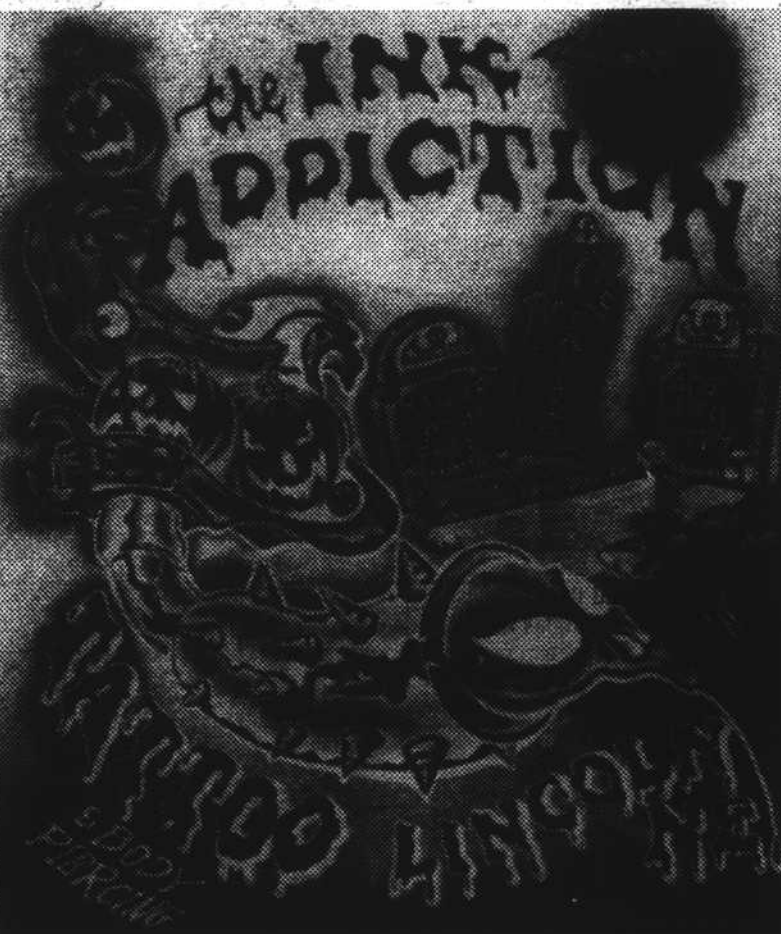
Reeves autographed a yellow sticky note for a delighted bailiff and accepted a hug from a courthouse worker.

Most of "Devil's Advocate" is being filmed in New York, but location scouts are visiting Florida, checking out churches. A Warner Bros. spokesman wouldn't discuss the movie's plot.

## International Affairs Fall Events for International Students

**Bluestem Valley Farm Tour:** See livestock and crops native to this area on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 1pm to 6pm for \$5.  
**Omaha Correctional Center Tour:** Listen to a presentation and see the inside of a prison on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8am to 2pm for \$5.  
**Halloween Party:** Enjoy a costume party for children at the East Campus Union on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 2pm to 3:30 pm.  
**International Student Leadership Workshop:** Learn about leadership styles and cross-cultural leadership on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 8am to 3:15pm for \$10. Applications will be available in International Affairs.  
**Kansas City Trip:** See the Nelson Atkins Art Museum, go Christmas shopping and enjoy the festive lights on Saturday, Nov. 30. The cost is \$25 for students and \$35 for nonstudents.  
For more information and to sign up for the events, visit the International Affairs Office at 1237 R Street or call 472-5358. All students are welcome.

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