MOVIES

John Travolta at his best in 'General's Daughter'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ

A rock out in the middle of some mosey awamp might appear to be simply a rock. What can happen if the rock were turned over? We might discover myrind forms of revolting list clinging to its underside. In a sonse, this is what happens when an investigator works to uncover a killer in the gripping murder mysers, "The General's Daughter." A rock out in the middle of

As the movie opens, the investigator is posing as someone he is not. Take this as a clue of

sorts. Almost none of the characters in "The General's Daughter" are who they appear to be.

are who they appear to be.
On a sultry night, Capt. Elisabeth Cambell (Lealis Stefanson) is murdered on an army training field. Her arms. and legs bound tightly to tent pegs; the position of her unclothed body suggests a kind of crucifixion. Seemingly a fine officer and a gentle woman, it soon becomes clear that the formor West Point cade thad another, much darker side.

Called in to investigate by the camp's provost marshal, warrant officer Paul Brenner (John Tra-volta) soon arrives at the scene. An undercover detective with the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, Brenner is a smooth operator who's a little rumpled around the edges. In the role, Travolta delivers some of his best work ever.

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"The General's Daughter"
takes on issues such as betrayal,
women in the military, psychological aberration, presata
responsibility, and the army's
code of honor. The picture is artful enough to at least suggest the
mind-boggling complexity of
these issues, and offers no easy
answers or resolutions.

As Brenner and his sidekick (a

rather stiff Madeleine Stowe) pursue the killer, a motley crew of suspects emerges. Not the least of these is Col. Robert Moore, a glib, fast-talking psy-chiatrist (and the murdered woman's mentor) played by James Woods.

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One brilliant verbal exchange between Woods' and Travolta's characters simply crackles with wit, and is one of the memorable remeats of the movie.

Other suspects include the general's right-hand man, Col. George Fowler (Clarence Williams III); local police chief

(Daniel Van Bargen); the general's youthful aide, Capt. Elby (Boyd Kestner); the prevest (Timothy Hutton); and the general himself (James Cromwell, who brings exquisitely measured amounts of both fearfulness and authority to his role).

West, production designer West, production designer to pennis Washington, and director of photography Peter Menzies, Jr. add punch to the movie. Not that the film is always a pretty picture. Some of the images are utterly grialy as when one unfortunate character meets his death via an activated outboard motor, and, a surrealistic nighttime raps sequence, illuminated by background explosives and a pale, ghostly light.

The entire film seems cobwobbed in a kind of yellowing light or mist that further enhances the nightmarish mood.

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Although slightly confusing at times, the inventive cross-cutting and juxtaposition of scenes turns up the crispness and the pact. The effect is that "The General's Daughter" is a claustrophobic, dripping-with-moss world located at the slippery edge of hell.

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sanos of visitors to the small community bandshells that become mini-Woodstocks with strollers as far as the eye can see, this season offers entertaining opportunities that aren't available any other time of the very

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Summer festivals are ideal for those not inclined to visit the clubs to enjoy performers they've heard much about. A couple of weeks ago, Dotroit Public Televi-sion's BACKSTACE PASS pro-gram featured a blues jam with Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents as a preview to the band's concert at the Greektown Arts Festival.

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Arts Festival.
Sure to grab plenty of attention at the annual TasteFest, running July 1 through July 6 in Detroit's New Center Area, is Kimmie Horne. A smooth, sultry and sophisticated talent in the clubs. Kimmie's outstanding voice is new set to receive the

broadest exposure yet in appearances on BACKSTAGE PASS and at Detroite biggest food and music featival.

"Kimmio Horne is an excellent example of what makes Detroit music innovative and unique. With no major record label based here to narroweast your music, bands and performers mix tup to make an living, you'd better be able to develop a style that can accommodate jazz, pop, and rhythm & blues fans, says Bactsage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn.

We know what's in it for us

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We know what's in it for us when we go to a summer festival. Who can resist an atmosphere of good weather, positive modes, casual dress, and great sounds with no cover charge? But what's the lure for the perfermence? formers?

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"When you play a summer festival, it's a receptive audience. One of the biggest draws of a nevent like the TasteFest is music. You're reaching people that may not necessarily see you in a club. It's a thrill to look out at an audience with such incredible diversity in ago, ethnicity and geography, knowing that everyone is looking for a good time and new experiences, Pangborn adds.

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This quest for new experiences carries over into indoor events as well. The Ann Arbor Summer

Festival has a reputation for offering premiere works of accomplished performers. Earlier this week, saxophonist Branford Marsalis unveiled his latest sounds. Coming Friday, July 2, The Feter Sparling Dance Company presents "Dances for the Gods, Angels and Mortal Beings," which features Mortha Graham's beloved "Diversion of Angels" a 1948 masterwork rarely performed outside of Graham's company. Also highlighting the evening is the premiere of Sparlings "Orfee Suite," and his 1998 work "Chronicles and" Small Comforts," which will be proviewed in the asset edition of previewed in the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

Since we're all in a good mood, how about putting the top down how about putting the top down on our imaginary convertible and cranking up the musi? The long-awaited 'New Pop Sunday's few tunes that are irresistable when loud. The band abakerup the studio imberio edition of BACK... STADE FASS atting '7:30 p.mm. Sunday, June 27.

After all, we can't just cruise through neighborhoods with the music blasting, can we? I'm sorry. I didn't knew you lived there. I was young and immature.

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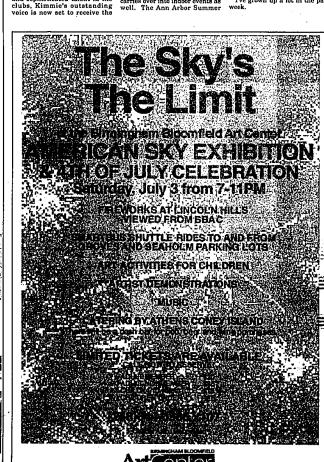
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