



# second runs

## Tom Panzenhagen

**WHAT'S IT WORTH?**  
A ratings guide to the movies

Bad.....	\$1
Fair.....	\$2
Good.....	\$3
Excellent.....	\$4

(1930), 8 tonight on Ch. 50. Originally 130 minutes.

It's with some hesitation that this film gets a mention, because Channel 50 is going to cram this epic, anti-war picture into a two-hour slot (with probably 25 minutes of commercials), so be forewarned, but tune in anyway for this moving, early talkie. Don't expect a tudy narrative structure or too many action-packed battle scenes. Director

Delbert Mann's craft was still rooted in brooding silent pictures, so he hadn't unlearned work, image and action the way a John Ford would about a decade later. Still, the best thing that can be said is that the Erich Maria Remarque novel is translated faithfully to the screen. Lew Ayres and Louis Wolheim star. Rating: \$3.25.

"The Hustler" (1961), 11:35 tonight on Channel 50. Originally 135 minutes.

Vivid characterizations do for Robert Rossen's "The Hustler" what Willie Mays did for the game of eight ball. Paul Newman as Fast Eddie exudes a wonderfully slippery personality, while Jackie Gleason's Minnesota Fats reveals a tawdriness beneath that huge,

well-groomed exterior. For once, George C. Scott imparts the feel of a film with a theatrical acting style that sticks out next to Newman's and Gleason's naturalness. Piper Laurie also stars. Rating: \$3.30.

### second-rate

"Back from the Dead" (1957), 11:35 p.m. Saturday on Channel 9. Originally 79 minutes.

"Young wife, inhabited by spirit of husband's first wife, now dead, is freed as first wife's mother dies attempting to kill husband." Peggie Castle, Arthur Franz and Marsha Hunt star. Rating: Who's on first?



# wine

## Richard Watson

The world's list of great white wines will predictably include Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Trebbiano, Semillon and a few others.

It is about equally predictable that, in any great wine grouping, it will not include French Colombar. But, because it is not considered among the best, there is no reason to think condescendingly of it. Indeed, in the hands of a competent winemaker, some lovely things can be done with it. And are.

A prolific producer wherever it is grown, French Colombar tends to develop a wine of high acidity and slight fruit. It is, accordingly, an excellent extender to white wines grown in warm climates that are fat and sweet and lack the backbone that the addition of Colombar can provide.

And it is used in this way in many of the jug and generic issues from California. Its addition provides character to otherwise sweet, dull wine.

HOWEVER, several winemakers now bottle it under its own name and issue it as a moderately priced varietal. Some do an extremely nice job of it, resulting in a very drinkable wine priced, usually, well below \$6 a bottle. At any rate, it is a respectable thing to serve and will always be priced dollars below a Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc.

Chalone Vineyards, one of the most

esteemed vineyards in all of California, amazingly makes a small quantity of Colombar each year with purchased grapes, and their efforts have gone far in making the grape respectable, even esteemed when they make it.

Sadly, very little of it gets into Michigan. Stonegate makes the best French Colombar on local shelves, if a bit expensive. It is, however, a worthy wine for a fine occasion.

Fetzer has just begun to issue it with the 1980 vintage, a clean and gentle wine of modest price, while Souverain (using the name Colombar Blanc) has long been a personal favorite, when it can be found. Pareducci and Pedroncelli both offer inexpensive but inconsistent alternatives, neither as predictably enjoyable as Souverain.

THE NEWEST entry, and a truly excellent wine, is from McDonald Valley Vineyards just south of Ukiah. McDonald Valley has done more to develop fruit in the wine than has any vineyard whose wine I've tasted. This will take some finding, but it is certainly worth it.

Among the jug wines, Giumarra seems to offer the best value. The premium Gallo issue is light and off-dry, lasting nothing like a Colombar but fairly decent for the money. The Almaden and now vintage-dated Mason issues both have above-average fruit in them and are decent values.

# Theatre Company stages musical on Don Qixote

The Theatre Company of the University of Detroit continues performances of the musical, "Man of La Mancha," at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Theatre on the Marygrove College campus. Tickets are \$5, or \$4 for students and senior citizens. For information and reservations, call 927-1130 during business hours.

Hailed on Broadway as best musical of the season, "Man of La Mancha" retells the misadventures of Don Quixote, a sad knight who battles windmills. This production will feature Dr. Arthur J. Beer and Angelina Fiordelli and is directed-choreographed by Earl

D.A. Smith. Dr. Beer has recently been seen on the U-D stage as Amundsen in "Terra Nova" and directed "Arms and the Man."

Fiordelli was last seen in "Apple Tree," as an actor, having appeared in "Man in the Moon Marigolds" and "Devour the Snow."

Smith, an instructor, actor and director with the Theatre Company, has staged "Butley" for The Company and has directed and appeared in "The River Niger" for Creative Express.

As an actor, Smith recently received rave notices for his performance in "Home" for the Theatre Company.

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