



# Second runs

Richard Lech

Tom Panzenhagen is on vacation.

"Girl on the Run" (1958), 11:30 p.m. Thursday on Ch. 9.

Old TV series never die, they just become late-night "movies." This film (bar, bar) is a compilation of the first episodes of the old "77 Sunset Strip" series with Elmer Zimmerman Jr. as private eye Stu Bailey. "Sunset" was the "Magnum, P.I." or "Hart to Hart" of its day. These early episodes, though, don't quite capture the full flavor of the show; after all, Edd Byrnes is cast as the villain. Byrnes later became a regular on the show as the jive-talking carport Kookie, a character as big with that era's teeny-boppers as the Duke of Hazard are with today's crop. Rating: \$2.

"Emperor of the North" (1973), 2 a.m. Friday on Ch. 4. Originally 118 minutes.

Director Robert Aldrich specializes in he-man films like "The Longest Yard," "The Dirty Dozen" and this film. Unfortunately, Aldrich's Stone-Age machismo is long on brutality and subhuman behavior but plenty short on intelligence. This violent movie about hobos vs. a sadistic train cop probably would have struck a responsive chord among the cave dwellers 300,000 years ago. Despite the savage goings-on, though, the unusual setting — the hobos' world during the Depression — is interesting at times. Rating: \$1.90.

"Death Wish" (1974), 8 p.m. Friday on Ch. 50. Originally 93 minutes.

Much has been made about the supposed sleazy morality of this film, which details a vigilante's war against muggers. But the vigilante character, played by Charles Bronson, never strikes until attacked first, which is nothing more than self-defense. Not that taking the law into your own hands is such a good idea in real life, but this is, after all, a fantasy, in which any viewer who has been a mugger's helpless victim gets some vicarious revenge. The critics who found "Death Wish" disgusting will turn around and praise motion pictures glorifying murderers and bank robbers. Now that type of movie morality is revolting. Rating: \$2.90.

**second-rate**  
"Mars Needs Women" (1964), 8:30 a.m. Thursday on Ch. 20.  
The promo for this film reads,

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# Livonia siblings team up in Opryland musical tribute

Sheri and William Akey of Livonia are performers in "I Hear America Singing" at Opryland USA in Nashville, Tenn.

Akey is a 1977 graduate of Bentley High School. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1981 with a degree in theater and is a graduate student and Wayne State. His sister is a 1979 graduate of Bentley High School and is a student at Wayne State.

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