

# second runs

## Tom Panzenhagen

"Thursday's Game" (1971), 12:30 tonight on Ch. 7. Originally 100 minutes. TV time slot: 12:30 minutes.

"Thursday's Game" stars Gene Wilder, Bob Newhart, Ellen Burstyn, Cloris Leachman, Rob Reiner, Valerie Harper and Nancy Walker. They're all fairly good in it, but they've all done better work and been in better productions, too. That's why "Thursday's Game" is a disappointment. Wilder and Newhart are poker-playing buddies with adulterous tendencies — roles in which Newhart is miscast and which Wilder won't play convincingly later in "The Woman in Red." Their misadventures are too-well plotted, and most of the laughs stem from situations, rather than the untapped talents of the cast. The best thing to do is ignore the film's hard-core framework and try to enjoy the performances of the principals. Or go see "The Woman in Red."

Rating: \$2.30.

"A Fine Madness," (1966), 1 tonight on Ch. 50. Originally 104 minutes. TV time slot: 121 minutes.

Or, for a change of pace, try "A Fine Madness," which casts the original James Bond, debonair Sean Connery, as a beatnik artist opposite Joanne Woodward in a role more suited for a less-cerebral actress. Both are effective, though — as far as one can tell. Like the movie, Connery and Woodward seldom know which direction to take next. But it all adds up in a rather fine madness and very pleasing performances. Jean Seaberg, Colleen Dewhurst and Patrick O'Neal co-star.

Rating: \$2.85.

"The Buster Keaton Story" (1957), 3:23 Friday night on Ch. 50. Originally 91 minutes. TV time slot: 103 minutes.

Wouldn't you think there'd be a few laughs in "The Buster Keaton Story"? Well, there are — a very few. Donald O'Connor is convincing as the silent film star, but the movie bogs down in tragic, "real-life" elements of the comedian's career. Most of those elements are made up, or melodramaticized, while Keaton's true genius is unexplored. A misdirected supporting cast adds weight to this dinosaur. Rhonda Fleming, Ann Blyth and Peter Lorre co-star.

Rating: \$2.20.

"The Enemy Below" (1957), 9:30 a.m. Sunday on Ch. 4. Originally 98 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.

"The Enemy Below" is one of those last, little, submarine dramas. Put a sweating, suffocating crew in a claustrophobic, crippled sub and suspense flows as assuredly as those forward bulkheads are gonna bust. This time out, though, there's a twist. The downed submariners are Germans and it's the Americans trying to knock them out of business. No matter. We're as concerned for the Germans as we would be if we were trapped in the boots of G.I. Joe. Robert Mitchum, Curt Jurgens and Theodore Bikel head the cast; direction by the multi-talented Dick Powell.

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**Clowns, showgirls are needed**  
Young men and women will be auditioned for positions as clowns and showgirls in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at noon Thursday, Oct. 3, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

The circus arrives in town for 11 performances Tuesday through Sunday, Oct. 1-6, at the arena.

Persons interested in clowning may audition for a seat in the Institute of Higher Hilarity, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Clown College. The school was founded in 1968 by Irvin Feld, the late chairman of the board and producer of "The Greatest Show on Earth."

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age or high school graduates and willing to travel. Persons interested need not register in advance. Applicants should use the East Gate entrance into Joe Louis Arena (the entrance closest to Cobo Hall and adjacent to the Detroit River).

Make-up, costumes and props are not required for clown auditions.

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