

### In 'Good Doctor'

Juliet Randall of West Bloomfield and Donald Ewer have leading roles in Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor," continuing through Sunday, April 20, at Meadow Brook Theatro on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call 377-3300.



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"Superman III" (1983), 8 p.m. Sunday on Ch. 7. Originally 123 minutes. TV time slot: 180 min-

This is the weakest of the three This is the weakest of the three Superman films. Director Richard Lester opis for alapatick comedy over modern epic. The opening sequence keys the tone for the rest of the film. It is a breakneck series of visual jokes and comes off quite well. The rest of the film is a down-hill attempt to keep a similar pace. Richard Pryor is, once again, wasted in a part that takes only a fleeting advantage of his considerable talent. This film almost killed the series, though now there is talk that it will be revived. be revived. Rating: \$1.75.

"Coming Home" (1977), 8 p.m. Wednesday on Ch. 50. Originally 127 minutes. TV time slot: 150

minutes.

A calculated and slightly dishonest film about the effects of the war in Victnam on the home front. Jon Voight gives a powerful performance as a paraplegic veteran who comes to despise the war. But his performance can't make up for the films flaws. Bruce Dera brings humanity to the thankless role of the

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cuckoid, war-mongering husband. As written, the part is pure evil melo-drama, but Dern almost tust it around so that the audience roots for him. This is especially true when considering the performance of Jane Fonda (whose vehicle this really is). She overacts to a fare-thee-well and acerifices dramatic honesty for political propaganda. As one who shared her eoneems about that confusing war, I could not share her cheap rhetoric. The film does have a fanitastic soundirack featuring the Rolling Stones at top form and a good professional look. Ratting: \$2.50. Rating: \$2.50.

"Dragnet" (1969), 8 p.m. Wednesday on Ch. 9, Originally 97 minutes. TV time slot: 120 min-

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This film was the pilot for the re-

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world. The cases may have been based on Los Angeles police records, but they were twisted to fit Webb's marrow vlewpolnt. Everything was made to make the cops look good and the rest of the public look either stupid or evil. When originally done in the 1950s, it was the kind of show that warmed the cockles of every McCarthylte heart in America. By 1969, it had become a disturbing altrowback. Today, well ... The film and revival lacked the fresh audacity and drive of the original. Rating: \$2.50.

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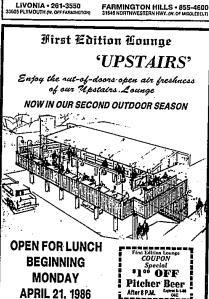
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