



At the London Chop House, Colours plays Top 40 music for listening and dancing. This month, the group celebrates its second year there. "The Pincuses (owners) are super to work for," Ball said.

Colours may add more performers, totaling up to 20, for other engagements. "We did a jazz concert for P'Jazz," he said. "Or we can do a very elegant high-society party."

Agency books local bands, big stars

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Ball handles the Sheraton Oaks in Novi exclusively. Nouveaute, one of his bands, plays there, and for the hotel's exclusive restaurant, Raphael's, he booked a harp player and vibist during the week.

His agency has booked entertainment for the Troy Hilton and Northfield Hilton, also in Troy. He booked Top 40 bands for the Sheraton Southfield before that hotel switched to oldies bands.

OTHER SPOTS he handles entertainment for exclusively include the London Chop House, Caucus Club and Hotel Pontchartrain, all in downtown Detroit; Conetti's in West Bloomfield; the Steak and Ale in Farmington and Plymouth; Holiday Inn-Farmington, Holiday Inn-Livonia West, Holiday Inn-Metro Airport in Romulus and Holiday Inn-West Bank in Ann Arbor, and Francesco's in Dearborn.

Besides Colours and Nouveaute, other acts Ball handles are Mystique, Secrets, Lyrico, Heartbeat, Rendez-vous, Virtue, Sa Shay, Prime Time, Expo Facto, Justin Paul & Trilogie, Pam Wallace, Pierre Fracalanza and Blonde Ambition.

"I basically work as agent-manager for all of them. I do a lot more than tell them where to show," he said.

Besides booking the local bands, Ball has gotten name entertainers — Maynard Ferguson and others such as Nancy Wilson, Woody Herman, the New Christie Minstrels, the Association and Herbie Mann & the Family of Man — for special band dates and concerts.

Among Detroit-area jazz acts he has booked are the Matt Michael Duo, Jack Brokensha, Joe LoDuca Duo, Ursula Walker/Buddy Budden Duo, Bess Bonnier Duo and Kathleen Landis. He booked many of the groups for the P'Jazz series in 1984 including the Freddie Hubbard All Stars Toshiko Akiyoshi/Lew Tabackin Big Band, Brookside Jazz Band with Ursula Walker, Austin Mori Big Band, Katalenic/Kwek Big Band, John Trudell Band, Stanley Turrentine and Pieces of a Dream.

"I still perform because I really have a love for it," Ball said.

"It keeps me current with the musical trends. If a club calls and has a problem with a group, I can go out and evaluate it on a one-to-one basis.

"It gives me a better ability to relate to musicians because I'm a musician myself and they respect that."



second runs

Tom Panzenhagen

"The Longest Yard" (1974), 8 p.m. Thursday on Ch. 50. Originally 123 minutes. TV time slot: 135 minutes. It's macho, raw, week, featuring three of Hollywood's all-time box office kingpins.

First there's Burt Reynolds, and let's give him credit for the one thing he's good at. It's not comedy. It's not tough-cop roles. It's not as a conventional leading man. It is as a thick-headed redneck who wins revenge over even thicker-headed rednecks who cross him. He is to retaliation what Cary Grant was to sophistication. And the retaliation — to Reynolds' credit or the credit of his producers — rarely incorporates hideous violence as a Charles Bronson or Clint Eastwood. It is, instead, symbolic, as in "The Longest Yard," which culminates in a football game that determines right and wrong. This is Reynolds at his best. Eddie Albert, Jim Hampton, Ed Lautner, Michael Conrad and Bernadette Peters co-star.

Rating: \$3.30.

"The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean" (1972), 12:15 Sunday night on Ch. 7. Originally 120 minutes. TV time slot: 150 minutes.

And then there's Paul Newman, the quintessential leading man but an actor who has essayed offbeat roles in a couple of movies that are among the best works of his career. In "Buffalo Bill and the Indians" and "The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean," he demonstrates great restraint in the portrayal of mythic, yet semi-comic, characters. Another actor without Newman's range likely would depict such figures in a

one-dimensional, comic book form. Newman's Judge Roy Bean is both a "single-minded and complicated individual. John Huston directs the film with plentiful gusto. The all-star cast includes Ava Gardner, Jacqueline Bisset, Anthony Perkins, Stacy Keach, Victoria Principal, Roddy McDowall, Ned Beatty, Tob Hunter and Huston in a cameo role.

Rating: \$3.40.

"Bullitt" (1968), 8 p.m. Wednesday on Ch. 50. Originally 113 minutes. TV time slot: 135 minutes.

And finally there's Steve McQueen, who stars as "Bullitt," the movie that popularized car chases with the definitive chase sequence. McQueen may have been a better actor than Reynolds and Newman, but he rarely made good movies to prove it. Instead, he seemed content with run-of-the-mill matinee fare, although certain lustrous performances, as in "Baby the Rain Must Fall" and "Papillon," shine through. In "Bullitt" he's suitably cool and intense as an individualistic police detective. Jacqueline Bisset, Robert Vaughn, Robert Davall and Norman Fell co-star.

Rating: \$3.

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