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Ben E. King Wins Rap Award

Described as having a fabulous career that spans two decades, singer Ben E. King won the Original 13 Award at the 4th Annual Family Affair sponsored by the Jack The Rapper music tip sheet in Atlanta, Ga.

Published by former veteran disc jockey Jack Gibson, the publication's convention of deejays and music industry figures attracted more than 500 persons from coast to coast.

King copped the highest of a dozen awards at the dinner where all were named in honor of deceased members of the music profession.

In his twenty years in show business that first brought him to fame as a member of the Drifters, King had had such record hits on the Atlantic label as "Dance With Me," "There Goes My Baby," and "Spanish Harlem." His current LPs demonstrate why his unique style has served as a model for other younger singers.

In the music industry, the Rapper is one of the most influential papers read. It chronicles weekly the news of Black artists and Black-owned radio stations and lists the ratings of singles and albums.

McKay Chats

With Stars Of

New CBS Shows

CHARLOTTE - WBTV's Entertainment Editor, Mike McKay, will interview the stars of two of the new CBS shows premiering this fall, on WBTV's hour-long noon-time show, "Top O' The Day," Wednesday, September 24th and Friday, September 26th.

On Wednesday, Mike talks to Tom Mason and Hector Elizondo, who play the lead roles in "Freebie and the Bean," a comedy-adventure about two big-city plainclothes police sergeants. Freebie (Mason) is a swinging bachelor not adverse to cutting corners with police procedure, while Bean (Elizondo) is the consummate conservative family man.

Friday, Mike converses with Bibi Besch and Robert Hogan of "The Secrets of Midlands Heights," a powerful drama about the young people and their parents of a quiet Mid-western college town. Hogan plays the part of a widower and professor involved in a secret affair with the dissatisfied wife (Besch) of a local businessman.

Both of these shows will be seen Saturday nights on WBTV when the new CBS fall season begins.



(L to R) Michael Spratley, Hannon Lane, Ronald Smith, Michael Gray, William McGee, H. Lorenzo Maclin, Lynwood Jones and Larry Tynes.

What Is A Trussel?

It's Multiple Choice!

By Teresa Burns
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Test time....this one will be easy. It's multiple choice. What is a Trussel? A) Trussel is a band with eight dynamic members; B) Trussel is a group with a hit song "Love Injection"; C) Trussel was founded in 1972 by four students at Virginia State University; or D) All of the above.

If you chose D you are correct. Trussel is all of these things and more. Their debut single "Love Injection" was released in October, 1979 and it didn't take much time to hit the charts. It hit R&B, disco and the easy listening charts, thus exemplifying the versatility of the group. Their album is soon to appear.

Their having performed with Evelyn "Champagne" King, Graham Central Station, Earth, Wind and Fire, The Ohio Players, The Commodores, and the Manhattans, only goes to show what league they fit into.

Each member is classically trained and five have advanced degrees in music. Between them they have the knowledge to control over 30 instruments. They also write and arrange every note of their music. This group is simply an abundance of talent and each member is a complete performer.

H. Lorenzo Macklin Jr., bass guitar and percussion. A 1977 graduate of Virginia State University where he held band leader

and music director posts; he studied music for eight years.

Hannon Lane, trombone, lower brass instruments, six- and twelve-string guitars, percussion and vocals. A 1973 graduate of Virginia State, Hannon has played music for 14 years.

Lynwood Jones, soprano, tenor and alto saxophone, percussion and vocals. Lynwood has studied music for 13 years and graduated from Virginia State in 1973.

Michael Gray, acoustic and electric guitar and vocals. He is also an accomplished French horn player. A native of Petersburg, Virginia, and a cum laude graduate of Virginia State, he has been a musician for 12 years.

Larry Tynes, electric and acoustic piano, clarinet, synthesizers and lead vocals. A 1973 cum laude of Virginia State, Larry prepared himself with 23 years of study.

Michael Spratley, lead and background vocals. A native of Hopewell, Virginia, Michael has studied voice and instrumental music for 13 years and has won numerous awards for his singing of jazz, progressive gospels and R&B.

Ronald Smith, drums, shakere, tambourine, cowbell, bells, quiro, cabasa, congas and vocals. Born in Englewood, New Jersey, Ron graduated from Virginia State in 1978. He has studied music for ten years, and was co-writer on the album "Star Wars and Other Galactic Funk."

William F. McGee, trumpet, flugelhorn, flute, synthesizer, shakere and vocals. He has played music for 15 years, and graduated from Virginia State in 1978.

According to the group their album "Love Injection," produced by Elektra Asylum Records, "flaunts our roots in R&B, jazz, gospel, and rock. We consider ourselves based on the ideology of pure creativity and southern funk."

Trussel will rock, knock and sock anything or anyone into liking their sounds—and if you don't believe it, just try a Trussel.

Ray Charles To

Star In WBTV

Musical Special

John Schneider, who co-stars as Bo Duke on "The Dukes of Hazard" and a former resident of Sandy Springs, Ga., returns to Georgia for an hour-long musical tribute to the Peach State in "John Schneider-Back Home," to be broadcast Wednesday, September 24 at 8 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

Guest starring on the special, which was taped on location in Georgia, are the inimitable Ray Charles, and country-western singer Barbara Mandrell.

"Chinatown" Is WBTV Saturday

Night Movie

Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway star in "Chinatown," Roman Polanski's highly acclaimed movie about a baffling mystery involving political corruption and private scandal, to be rebroadcast as a special movie presentation, Saturday, September 20 at 8:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

John Houston, director of such film classics as "The Maltese Falcon" and "The Big Sleep," co-stars. Robert Towne won an Academy Award for best original screenplay for "Chinatown."

The time is 1937 and the place, Los Angeles, then a thriving boomtown riddled with corruption as shady political dealings and land speculation provide opportunities for the powerful to make millions.

J.J. Gittes (Nicholson), a dapper, ambitious but small-time private eye specializing in divorce-case investigations, is catapulted into the middle of this big-time wheeling and dealing when he accepts as a client a beautiful socialite, Evelyn Mulwray (Miss Dunaway). At first, he takes her case for a routine investigation, but soon discovers fascinating complications.

His preliminary queries lead him to Miss Mulwray's father, Noah Cross (Huston), an enigmatic millionaire who is one of the city's most powerful behind-the-scenes leaders. When Cross' henchmen assault him, Gittes realizes he is on to something more complex and dangerous than he had thought.

Lou Grant

Show Begins Its

Fourth Season

Working a double shift gives city editor Lou Grant an eye-opening encounter with the Los Angeles Tribune's eccentric night-side staff, on the fourth season premiere of the Emmy Award-winning series "Lou Grant," to be broadcast Monday, September 22 at 10 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

In the premiere episode, a big story breaks, and it takes all of Lou's tact to handle the night crew that has its own established way of doing things. There's a veteran rewrite man named Hal (guest star Richard Erdman), who moonlights as a mail order preacher; a reporter, Roy (guest star David Paymer), who also writes for a girlie magazine; and a fluttery gossip columnist, Corinne (guest star Millie Slavin), who has her own unique definition of news.