

The Record Rack

By Jim Berry

Al Jarreau's latest live album on Warner Brothers records is a winner. It's a double album recorded in Germany. It's entitled "Look to the Rainbow...Al Jarreau live in Europe," and it contains some of his most popular recordings. Jarreau makes some unbelievable sounds with his voice.

Apparently a lot of record buyers sympathize with Johnny "Guitar" Watson's moanings. His latest "A Real Mother For Ya" LP has been certified gold. That's two in a row for Johnny.

A lot of albums on the market now featuring former lead singers of groups now out on their own. Among them are Eddie Kendricks...whose first album on Arista Records is now available, and Teddy Pendergrass' first solo album on Philadelphia International Records.

The Dramatics have returned on the music scene with a slightly different sound that's a pleasant change. Their latest LP on ABC Records is called "Shake It Well," and it should do well for them. The title tune is beginning to get some air time on WGIV.

The Floaters are seeing their current album float up the record charts. Their music is a nice change of pace from the disco upbeat most groups are into now. Here's hoping they can keep it up.

Two disco favorites...the Trammps and the Silver Convention, are back with albums that should keep party people dancing.

"Disco Champs" is the Trammps latest on Atlantic Records...and "Golden Girls" is new from the Silver Convention on Midsong International. The Silver Convention will be at Carowinds this weekend.

A sleeper among the latest crop of albums could be War's "Platinum Jazz" on Blue Note Records. It's a double album that their fans should enjoy.

Talk about keeping busy...Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. have another album out now. It's called "The Two Of Us" on ABC Records, and it includes "Look What You've Done To My Heart."

Sergio Mendes has Stevie



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Wonder to thank for the success of his "The Real Thing," a tune that's becoming popular around town. Wonder composed the song for Mendes... who performs it well.

If you enjoyed Richard Pryor in the first show of his new TV series this week, then you no doubt will enjoy his latest two albums... "Are You Serious," and "L.A. Jail," on Warner Brothers Records. They will keep you laughing until his show returns next week.

The "Iceman"...Jerry Butler, a good singer that always sounds better with a female companion, may have found his best mate yet in Thelma Houston. Thelma blends with Jerry about as well as Brenda Lee Eager did years ago.

Butler couldn't have picked a better partner. Thelma is probably Motown's most promising female singer. She has a solo album on the market now called "Any Way You Like It," on Tamla.

"Open Up Your Love"...new from the Whispers on Soul Train Records...features some good relaxing music. It's the group's first album on that label.

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Johnny Carson Will Host "Life Goes To War"

Johnny Carson will make a rare appearance away from his "Tonight Show" when he stars as host and narrator of "Life Goes to War," a revealing look at Hollywood and the rest of the American home front during World War II --

from stars to factory workers. The special will be telecast on Channel Nine's "The Big Event" Sunday, September 18 at 9 p.m. "Life Goes to War" will recall the days of rationing, Rosie the Riveter, blackouts,

Clark Gable in uniform and Bob Hope everywhere.

Scenes from classic films of the era will be highlighted by clips from John Huston's "The Battle of San Pietro"; William Wyler's "The Memphis Belle"; Frank Capra's "Why We Fight series"; "Guadalcanal Diary"; "The Fighting Sullivans"; "Purple Heart"; and others.

Carson will be seen during the program in actual World War II film footage taken when he was a Navy ensign.

Cobb To Appear In "Rosetti And Ryan"

Julie Cobb, daughter of the late actor Lee J. Cobb, guest-stars as an eccentric TV commercial actress who hires lawyers Rosetti and Ryan and

Eddie Sherwood, the guest of honor on the dais. As the lawyers build a defense for Kelly, she becomes a suspect in the slaying of Eddie's press agent.

then assaults a grid star at a big football luncheon, in the premiere of "Rosetti and Ryan," Thursday, September 22 at 10 p.m. on Channel Nine. Tony Roberts and Squire Fridell star.

Rosetti and Ryan accept a banquet invitation from Kelly Muldoon, unaware that she was the "Muffin" lady on TV. Nor do they suspect she will pull a gun and fire in the direction of star quarterback.

Don Newcombe

Former Brooklyn Dodger pitcher, Don "The Newk" Newcombe, tells how his own experience with alcoholism

has helped him alert young people to the dangers of the disease when he appears on Christopher Closeup on WB TV, Channel 3, Sunday September 11 at 11 a.m.



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