

# Record



## Corner



Jim Berry

### ON THE JAZZ SCENE...

Mr. jazz piano himself... Chick Corea... has released yet another new LP on Polydor Records. Chick's "Mad Hatter" LP is just getting the airplay it deserves...but he's got a newer called "Friends."

Chick says he just released the feeling to produce on album for all of his friends. On this album, they are Joe Farrell on flute, Eddie Gomez on acoustic bass, and percussionist Steve Gadd.

Chick's a classic example of a musician playing exactly what he wants to...concerned less about success...and more about being Chick. The result: progressive...sometimes furious jazz music...that mostly friends, and fans will appreciate.

By the way, the album cover is especially amusing.

"Tropico" is new from Gato Barbieri...on A&M Records... This album doesn't represent a radical departure from Gato's style...but there's a slight change. Gato may have Carlos Santana to thank for that. Santana makes a guest appearance on "Latin Lady"...with memorable solo.

Good steady, relaxing music...which finds Gato again combining some Latin beats with American jazz sounds.

Besides the song Barbieri and Santana team up on...the other highlight of the album is Gato's version of Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway's "Where Is the Love."

Flutist Tim Weisberg and his quintet have released their second LP on United Artist Records. This one's called "Rotations."

Weisberg turned a lot of heads with his debut "TWB" album last year...his second album I find even better than the first.

Weisberg's band somewhat reminds you of Passport...strong horn section...and strong arrangement...The music seems well organized...and that makes it easy to listen to.

One musician who spent sometime playing with Gato Barbieri has his own album out now...Joachim Kuhn and his band have released their debut album on Atlantic Records...the title "Sun Shower."

Kuhn's a pianist...some have said he's as good as Keith Jarrett. That may be stretching it a bit...but he's certainly very talented.

For his first album...Kuhn has the help of guitarists Ray Gomez and Jan Akkerman (who's solo LP is also doing well).

Kuhn's background...heavy rock. But he doesn't play much of that on this album...instead, it's what you would

expect from most jazz pianist albums...easy listening.

### SOUL SOUNDS...

One of the best party albums on the market now is the new LP from a new group called Atlantic Starr. Their debut album is on A&M Records...and the cut everybody's turning on to is "Stand Up," a basic hard hitting heavy funk song.

This new nine man band must be A&M's answer to Mass Production and Brass Construction...in many ways...they sound much alike.

Another highlights on the album is "Being In Love With You Is So Much Fun."

This album will make a good first impression on a lot of listeners.

Speaking of first impressions...that's the name of the lead song on a new album from the Stylistics. The LP is entitled, "In Fashion," and it's the best album this group has had in years. This group was on top of the music world in early 1970's...but when they dropped Thom Bell to go with disco man Van McCoy...things started going bad.

It doesn't sound like there is any more of that in their music, new producer Teddy Randazzo has the group singing songs they should be...slow, mellow ballads.

Album highlights include "First Impressions," "California Sun," and "Smooth."

Dennis Coffey...a guitarist who's trying to star as a session musician as well as an up front personality...has a new LP on the shelves.

The LP is called "A Sweet Taste of Sin," and while it has its moments...it begins to get repetitive mid-way through.

Coffey had a million seller on his first try six years ago, "Scorpio." He hasn't come close to that success since.

He gave up for a while...but decided to try it again with his "Back Home" album last year. I think Coffey's problem is that he's great as a guitarist...but not so great as a songwriter.

### DISCO PICK OF THE WEEK

"You Fooled Me," by a couple of folks called Grey and Hanks. This duo has a sound which will remind you of LTD...their song is taking off in other parts of the country...and it's arriving here now.

It's available on a 12-inch disc only...no album. You'll be hearing a lot of it.

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## Joins WRET-36

# Art Norman Leaves Channel 9

By Cynthia Bei  
Post Staff Writer

WRET-TV, Channel 36 has announced the addition of five reporters to its new department which will get into full swing in September. Art Norman and Amanda Davis are the Black reporters that will join TV-36 this fall with John Alexander, Rick Willis, and Sandra Dunaway.

Norman is no stranger to television viewers in Charlotte. He is a former reporter and weekend news anchor for WSOC-TV. Art is also a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. This New York native has won numerous awards including "Best Spot News Story 1977" from R.T.N. D.A. of the Carolinas and a Bell Award for a half-hour television documentary.

Amanda Davis is a 1978 graduate of Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a production assistant and writer for WSB-TV while in Atlanta. She has also served as a researcher for NBC News's Atlanta Bureau.

Award winning news journalist and author, John Alexander, joins TV-36 as a reporter. Prior to joining WRET, John worked as a freelance television producer in Brookville Maryland. This Loudon, Tennessee native won an Emmy Award this year for his highly acclaimed program, "Washington Odyssey." He has also won the George Foster Peabody Award in 1976, Freedom



Art Norman  
...Popular newscaster

Foundation Award in 1972, the Ohio State Journalism Award in 1971, and the Douglas Southall Freeman Award in 1969. As an author, John is famous for his 1975 publication of "Ghosts!" At present he is researching and writing a non-fiction historical drama.

Rick Willis is the familiar voice that you've probably heard over WAYS Radio reporting the news the past two years. Willis also writes for the Charlotte Weekly newspapers and is an anchorman. Prior to his position with WAYS, Rick worked as news

and program director for WKYK Radio in Burnsville, N.C. Rick is also a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill where he majored Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures.

Sandra Dunaway joins TV-36 WQOK Radio in Greenville, S.C. via WCOS Radio in Columbia, S.C. She brings a strong political background to the "Action News" staff. She



is a former Press Secretary for Tom Turnipseed, Candidate for S.C. Governor from November of 1977 to January of 1978. She was also Campaign Director this Spring for S.C. Congressional Candidate, Colleen Yates. Sandra is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in journalism and did an internship at WIS-TV in Columbia.

## Carolina Action

On Saturday, August 26, there will be an attic sale to help raise funds for Carolina Action, the statewide citizens' action group. The sale will be held at Parkwood CME Church, 1021 Parkwood Ave. between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Anyone wishing to contribute clothing, furniture, and other household items to the sale, or wishing further information, should contact the Carolina Action office at 332-2541.

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