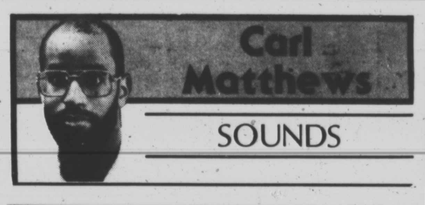

Carl Matthews

SOUNDS

PHILIP BAILEY
"Inside Out" (Columbia)

The man who teamed up with Phil Collins on 1985's "Easy Lover," a smash top-10 single, returns with his latest album.

Originally from Denver, Philip Bailey moved to Los Angeles in 1971 and joined Maurice White and Earth, Wind And Fire. The group recorded such memorable songs as "Moment Of Truth" for Warner Brothers, and became a steady hitmaker later on, after joining Columbia.

Bailey's memorable falsetto was featured on such Earth, Wind And Fire hits as "That's The Way Of The World" and "Reasons."

"Continuation" was the name of Bailey's first solo LP three years ago, which featured the production talents of George Duke. Bailey was nominated for a couple of Grammys for his follow-up album, "Chinese Wall," which featured the single "Easy Lover."

Among the well-known musicians featured on Bailey's latest: Jeff Beck, Phil Collins, George Duke, Ray Parker, Jr. and Nile Rodgers.

Bailey opens the album on a sharp, upbeat note with "Welcome To The Club," whose dance groove sounds quite compatible with that of Phil Collins's "Sussudio." A rocker like the next track "State Of The Heart" may not sound exactly suited to a voice like Bailey's, but former Chic guitarist Nile Rodgers adds some spice to the well-orchestrated track. It's currently in the top-40 on the black singles chart.

Bobby Nunn's "Long Distance Love," and Lauren Wood's "Echo My Heart" are typical of the kind of pop numbers Bailey fans will listen for.

"Special Effect," a Bailey/Rodgers composition, sounds as if it would have fit into one of Earth Wind And Fire's early '80s albums, and "Back It Up" rocks with that ol' "Easy Lover" energy (and listen to Parker, Rodgers and Beck get down on this one!).

Philip Bailey

JOHNNY KEMP
"Johnny Kemp" (Columbia)

Bahamas-born Johnny Kemp, who is currently on the black singles charts with "Just Another Lover," has his first album out, titled "Johnny Kemp."

A commendably slick and commercial album. Other cuts: "Echo My Heart," "Don't Leave Me Baby," "Because Of You," "Take This With You," "The Day Will Come."

The album is typical of what's hot on the black charts today. The uptempo "Just Another Love" has that well-known Kashif synthesizer sound (Kashif plays synthesizers on the cut), "Bring Your Love Around" has the kind of funk groove you know from such artists as O'Bryan and Lillo Thomas, and "All Night" recalls the same worn-out commercial music cliches you've heard thousands of times before.

Johnny Kemp

Superstar comedian Whoopi Goldberg appears on "Moonlighting" this week, but, she had a stipulation put in her contract forbidding ABC to reveal who - or - what - she is playing. The episode airs Tuesday, May 13.

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Curtain Calls

By Charles Farrow

Mark Twain once warned his readers about his classic story of middle America during the period of slavery—the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn—seriously. But writers, critics and assorted thinkers and teachers have ignored his admonition in favor of the attractiveness and controversy of his sprawling story.

"Big River", the Tony Award musical, is at the Opera House of the Kennedy Center for what promises to be a popular run. The colorful show created by Roger Miller turns Twain's story inside out and creates homogenized version of the Mississippi legend.

This sprawling musical has much to recommend but its best attraction is the remarkable Ron Richardson in the role of Jim, the run-away slave. Mr. Richardson has a magnificent stage presence, and a grand voice that soars above the show.

We met with Mr. Richardson and talked with him about his award winning performance and found a man who has a stimulating mind and a

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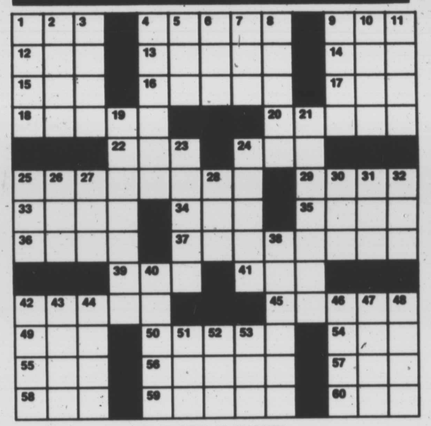


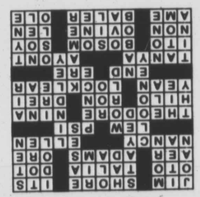
By DANIEL M. MARVIN

ACROSS

1 Backus or Nabors
4 Dinah —
9 — A Living
12 Sioux Indian
13 Actress Shire
14 Speck
15 Chalice veil
16 Maud or Edie
17 Swedish coin
18 Actress Walker
20 Miss Burstyn
22 Actor Ayres
24 Greek letter
25 One of the Chipmunks
29 Actress Foch
33 City in Hawaii
34 Glass or Howard
35 Three: Ger.
36 Bear a lamb
37 She's Sammy Jo
39 Finish
41 Before
42 Singer Tucker
45 Beyond: Scot.
49 Sam on Quincy
50 — Buddies
54 Kind of sauce
55 Negative prefix
56 Sheep-like
57 Actor Nimoy, to friends
58 Soul: Fr.
59 Farm machine
60 Spanish cheer

DOWN

1 Singer Baez
2 Willow genus
3 Forenoon: poetic
4 Remained
5 Possessed
6 Palm leaf
7 Edge
8 Soothes
9 False god
10 Ripped
11 British gun
19 Singer Rosemary
21 Audra —
23 As the — Turns
24 British pennies
25 Biblical pronoun
26 Hasten
27 High note
28 Australian animal: slang
30 Anger
31 Teachers' org.
32 Ventilate
38 Producer Stanley —
40 Influential person
42 Singer Turner
43 Minute particle
44 Not any
46 European capital
47 Playwright Coward
48 Actress Daly
51 Eggs
52 Yellow ocher
53 — Day at A Time



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