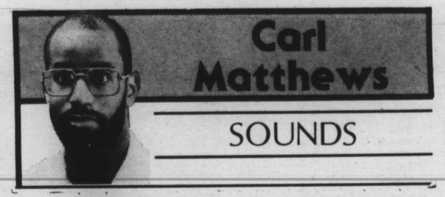


Carl Matthews

SOUNDS

DENIECE WILLIAMS
"So Glad I Know (Sparrow)

You may be glad to know, if you're a gospel listener, that popular recording artist Deniece Williams has recorded a gospel-oriented album. It's called "So Glad I Know."

The 35-year-old singer, who has a couple of number one hit singles to her credit, was a member of Wonderlove, Stevie Wonder's former back-up group, early in her career.

While touring with Earth, Wind And Fire in the 70's, she released the gold album "This Is Niecy," and hit the top 30 on the pop charts with "Free" in 1977.

Niecy is also remembered for her smash duet with Johnny Mathis, "Too Much, Too Little, Too Late" from 1978, and her number one hit "Let's Hear It For The Boy" from 1984.

The "So Glad I Know" album is already in the top ten on the national inspirational music charts. As you might expect from a singer as popular and talented as Niecy, this LP is a pop/R&B/inspirational mixture, carefully programmed to keep the dullness factor to a minimum.

The album opens with "Just In Time," a mid-tempo piece that resembles her old "It's Your Conscience" arrangement-wise. The instrumentation might be classified as R&B but the message is definitely gospel-oriented.

As I expected, Niecy's voice fits these slickly-recorded message tunes quite well, as "Wings Of An eagle" and "My Soul Desire" clearly show.

"Straight Ahead" is almost straight ahead rock and roll (why do I think of Phil Collins's "Sussudio" every time I hear this?). Deniece also covers the traditional "I Surrender All."

Other cuts: "They Say," "If We Are The Light," "What You Do For Me."

BILLY JOEL
"The Bridge" (Columbia)

This is a new Billy Joel album, but it sounds like one of his earlier classics, like "52nd Street" or "The Stranger." It's his follow-up to "An Innocent Man."

The 37-year-old singer from Long Island released his first solo album, "Cold Spring Harbor," 14 years ago. He first hit the charts in 1974 with "Piano Man" and went on to have two number one chart hits, "It's Still Rock And Roll To Me" (1980) and "Tell Her About It" (1983). He almost hit number one with his most recent top ten hit, "Modern Woman," which is on the soundtrack of the film "Ruthless People."(Funny, that single is on Epic, whereas his new single, "A Matter Of Trust," is on Columbia).

"A Matter Of Trust" is one of the best songs on the "The Bridge" album, because it's a tough, pure rock and roll song, not the kind of track usually associated with a man who has written songs like "Just The Way You Are" and "Honesty."

All right, it may sound a little like Springsteen, but we've already heard how Joel can somehow take a musical style made very popular by another artist, and then somehow incorporate it into the intricate fabric of his own musical personality, often resulting in a real musical gem. Remember how "Uptown Girl" reminded you so much of the Four Seasons?

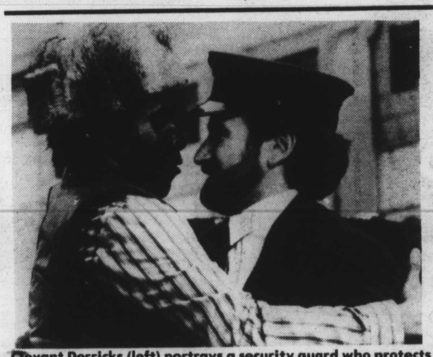
Billy Joel himself admits, "I can play guitar, badly, but I can play it as well as a lot of heavy metal guitar players." Fortunately, Joel's recruited David Brown and Russell Javors on guitar for "A Matter Of Trust."

Over the years, Joel's made a few videos, and they're not bad. My favorite was "Allentown" ("Well, we're living here in Allentown..."). You have to see that one in color to really appreciate it, since it keeps switching from black and white to color all through it.

Ray Charles joins the fun with Billy on the soulful "Baby Grand" (what will Joel think of next?), and appearances by Steve Winwood and Cyndi Lauper are two more things this album's got going for it.

At least I can't accuse Joel of making predictable record albums. (I ain't no psychic, anyhow.)

Deniece Williams



Clevant Derricks (left) portrays a security guard who protects a Russian defector (Robin Williams) from the KGB, in the broadcast premiere of "Moscow on the Hudson," airing Tuesday, September 9 at 9 p.m. on CBS.

ASK ME ABOUT TV

By Val Carew

In what TV series did David Janssen star? Is the actor still alive? -- V.B., Jau, Maine.

Janssen's first series was "Richard Diamond, Private Detective" (1957-60). This was followed by "The Fugitive" (1963-67); "O'Hara, U.S. Treasury" (1971-72); and "Harry-O" (1974-76). Janssen died, at age 50, in 1980.

What can you tell me about Simon Estes? I fell in love with him -- and his voice -- after hearing him sing a selection from "Porgy and Bess" during the Liberty Weekend festivities. -- W.L.S., New York, N.Y.

The bass baritone, who was born in 1938 in Centerville, Iowa, began singing at age eight. To help pay for his education at the University of Iowa (Estes was a pre-med and psychology student), he became the first black member of the Old Gold Singers, a pop-music ensemble that consisted of the university's non-music majors. Estes was spotted by a member of the school's music faculty, who took him on as a student. Soon afterward, Estes was accepted on a full scholarship at Manhattan's prestigious music school, Julliard.

He made his operatic debut as Ramfis in a Berlin production of "Aida." Since then, Estes has performed at every major opera house. On Sept. 22 of this year, he will become the first black male to open the Metropolitan Opera House season when he stars as Wotan in Wagner's "Die Walkure."

Estes recently completed his first album of popular songs. The record, which will be released this fall, features "Save the Children, Save Their Lives." A portion of the song's proceeds will go to the Save the Children Federation.

(Do you have a question about TV? Write Val Carew at 200 Park Ave., Room 602, New York, NY 10166. Questions cannot be answered personally, but those of general interest will be answered in future columns.)

SOAP OPERA WEEK

By Kimberly Redmond

What can you tell me about Leslie Denniston, the actress who portrays Maeve Stoddard Sampson on "The Guiding Light"? -- L.L., Hickory, N.C.

Denniston, who is best known for her role as Karen Peters on "As the World Turns," has an impressive list of stage credits. She has appeared in the Broadway musicals "Shenandoah," "Happy New Year" and "Copperfield," as well as in the drama "To Grandmother's House We Go." She toured the country in productions of several Broadway shows, including "Baby" and "I Love My Wife." Denniston has appeared in the cable TV production of "Pippin." She is married to Don Hastings, who portrays Bob Hughes on "As the World Turns." The couple share their upstate New York home with their 4-year-old daughter, Katharine.

My sister and I have been arguing about Charles Jay Hammer. Is he the only actor to have portrayed Fletcher Reade on "The Guiding Light"? Did Hammer ever portray Allan Willis on "The Jeffersons"? -- S.S., Jamestown, N.Y.

Hammer created the role of Reade when he joined the CBS soap in 1984, and he is the only actor to have portrayed the character. And yes, the actor did portray Willis during the 1978-79 season of "The Jeffersons." He was billed as Jay Hammer.

What happened to Rosemary Prinz, the actress who portrayed Penny Hughes on "As the World Turns"? -- L.G., Whitepine, Tenn.

After leaving the CBS soap in 1968, Prinz originated the role of Julie Franklin on "How to Survive a Marriage" (1974). The actress also has appeared in several theatrical productions. Prinz recently reprised her "ATWT" role for the show's 30th anniversary and for the memorial episode that honored Don MacLaughlin. The actor, who died last May, played Penny's father, Chris.

(Have a question about soap operas? Write Kimberly Redmond at 200 Park Ave., Room 602, New York, NY 10166. Questions cannot be answered personally, but those of general interest will be answered in future columns.)

I heard Whitney Houston was going to appear as a regular on "The Guiding Light." Is this true? I can't wait! — S.H., Kingston, N.Y.

Your facts are a little bit mixed up, S.H. Houston was never supposed to appear on "GL," but she did do a guest-starring stint on "As the World Turns" in 1984. The singer teamed with Jermaine Jackson and performed "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do."

The Tube

TV program guide
Friday, Sept. 5, 1986 to Thursday, September 11, 1986
WEEKDAY DAYTIME REGULARS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 1986

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WDVM 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 67	HBO
7:00	Today	Today	Insp. Gadget	Good Morning	CBS Morning	CBS Morning	Good Morning	Robotech	MacNeil /		Insp. Gadget	Write Course	Exch. Stdt.
7:30	"	"	ThunderCats	America	News	News	America	Bugs Bunny	Lehrer		He-Man	Captain Roo	Fraggle Rock
8:00	"	"	Fat Albert	"	"	"	"	Heathcliff	Mister Rogers		Transformers	Sesame Street	Movie:
8:30	"	"	Flintstones	"	"	"	"	Jetsons	Captain Roo		He-Man	"	"Finnegan
9:00	Donahue	Love Conn.	I Love Lucy	People's Court	I'm Not Stupid	Divorce Court	People Are	W.O.W.!	Sesame Street	Jagaerobics	Ernest Angley	Mister Rogers	Begin Again"
9:30	"	Password	Andy Griffith	Double Talk	"	Break Bank	Talking	Kid's Break	"	OWL / TV	"	Educational	
10:00	Family Ties	Family Ties	Jeannie	Make A Deal	WUSA	Pyramid	Hour Magazine	700 Club	Sesame Street	3-2-1 Contact	All In Family	Programming	Video Jukebox
10:30	Good Times	Sale Of Cent.	Bewitched	Headline Ch.	"	Make A Deal	"	"	"	Anasa Briggs	Andy Griffith		"Let's Spend
11:00	Wheel Fortune	Wheel Fortune	Rhoda	Lifestyles	U.S. Open	U.S. Open	Love Boat	Eye On Wash.	Mister Rogers	Society	Big Valley	The Mimi	The Night
11:30	Alice	Scrabble	Alice	Ryan's Hope	Tennis	Tennis	"	Gilligan	Reading	Society	"	Shakespeare	Together"
12:00	News	Fantasy Island	Panorama	News	News	News	News	Carson	Ctry. Garden	MacNeil /	Quincy	Hour	Movie:
12:30	Search Tom.	Search Tom.	"	Loving	U.S. Open	U.S. Open	Loving	Movie:	Vict. Garden	Lehrer	"	TBA	"Kentucky
1:00	Days Of Our	Days Of Our	Movie:	All My	Tennis	Tennis	All My	"Soldier Of	Mod. Maturity	Evening	Movie:	Educational	Woman"
1:30	Lives	Lives	"Only Two	Children	Women's	Women's	Children	Fortune"	All About TV	Exchange	"The Paper	Programming	"
2:00	Another World	Another World	Can Play"	One Life To	Semifinal	Semifinal	One Life To	"	Nature	Carl Sagan	Chase"	"	Movie:
2:30	"	"	"	Live	Matches	Matches	Live	Monkees	"	"	"	We're Cooking	"Country"
3:00	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Gumby	General	"	"	General	Voltron	Mister Rogers	Mod. Maturity	Scooby Doo	Sesame Street	"
3:30	"	"	She-Ra	Hospital	U.S. Open	U.S. Open	Hospital	M.A.S.K.	Reading	Painting	She-Ra	"	"
4:00	Love Conn.	Hart To Hart	He-Man	$1 Mil. Chance	Tennis	Tennis	Hawaii Five-0	Gobots	Sesame Street	Star Perf.	He-Man	Mister Rogers	My Father, My
4:30	People's Court	"	Addams Fam.	Sale Of Cent.	Continues	Continues	"	Trans'formers	"	Peter Gunn	ThunderCats	Special	Rival
5:00	News	News	Star Trek	News	News	Barney Miller	Diff. Strokes	Law. & Shirley	Sesame Street	I Spy	G.I. Joe	Lassie	Movie:
5:30	"	"	"	"	"	News	Taxi	Law. & Shirley	"	"	Brady Bunch	Colorsounds	"Life On The
6:00	News	News	Happy Days	News	News	News	News	W. Happening	Newton	MacNeil /	Star Trek	MacNeil /	Mississippi"
6:30	NBC News	"	Too Close	ABC News	"	CBS News	"	Hangin' In	Business Rpt.	Lehrer	"	Lehrer	"
7:00	Wheel Fortune	NBC News	Day At A Time	Jeopardy	CBS News	Newlyweds	ABC News	Jeffersons	MacNeil /	Evening	Mork & Mindy	Alive	Inside The
7:30	United Way	United Way	United Way	United Way	United Way	United Way	United Way	United Way	Lehrer	Exchange	United Way	Animals	NFL
8:00	A-Team	A-Team	Redskins	Webster	Billy Graham	Twilight Zone	School On	Movie:	Wash. Week	Money World	Movie:	Wash. Week	Movie:
8:30	"	"	Redskins	Mr. Belvedere	Crusade	"	Trial	"Gidget's	Wall St. Wk.	First Edition	"The	Wall St. Wk.	"The
9:00	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Jefferson	Love Boat	Movie:	Movie:	Love Boat	Summer	Great	Mysteryl	Goddess"	Great	Breakfast
9:30	"	"	Starship	"	"Outland"	"Outland"	"	Reunion"	Performances	"	"	Performances	Club"
10:00	NBC News	NBC News	News	"	"	"	"	Rockford Files	"	Alive	CNN News	"	Movie:
10:30	Special	Special	"	"	"	"	"	"	Way Special	Summer's End	All In Family	Summer's End	"Scream For
11:00	News	News	WKRP	News	News	News	News	Benny Hill	Wk. Review	Business Rpt.	Too Close	SCTV	Help"
11:30	Benson	Tonight	Baretta	Nightline	U.S. Open	M*A*S*H	Ent. Tonight	All In Family	Tony Brown	Star Perf.	Tonight	The Avengers	Movie:
12:00	WKRP	"	"	Ent. Tonight	Music Video	U.S. Open	Nightline	Hitchcock	World Chess	Peter Gunn	"	"	"Terror In The
12:30	Friday Videos	Friday Videos	Movie	Movie	Connection	Movie	Lifestyles	Jim & Tammy	Championship		CNN News		Aisles"

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 1986

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WDVM 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 67	HBO
7:00	Woody	Studio 4	Insight	Pumpkin	Pole Position	Garden Living	Greatest	700 Club	Sesame Street		Beaver	Write Course	Survival
7:30	Woodpecker	3 Stories	Veg. Soup	Weekend	In Our Lives	Look At It	American Hero	"	"		Gilligan	Business File	"
8:00	Snorks	Snorks	Newsbag	Pink Panther	Wuzzles	Urban Scene	Pink Panther	Ernest Angley	Sesame Street		Outlook	"	Movie:
8:30	Bombehell	Gummi Bears	Rainbow Brite	Littles	B'stain Bears	Heads Up	Littles	"	"		Black Forum	New Literacy	"American
9:00	Smurfs	Smurfs	Popples	Bugs Bunny	Muppets	Muppets	Bugs Bunny	Jim And	"	Jagaerobics	James	"	Flyers"
9:30	"	"	Ulysses 31	"	"	"	"	Tammy	Am. Interests	Another Page	Kannedy	Human	"
10:00	"	"	Bionic Woman	Laff-Lympics	Hulk Hogan	Hulk Hogan	Laff-Lympics	Happening	Wall St. Wk.	Computer	Movie:	Behavior	Inside The
10:30	Punky	Punky	"	Ewoks &	"	"	Ewoks &	Puttin' On	Wash. Week	Motorweek	"A Day At The	Project	NFL
11:00	Chipmunks	Chipmunks	Star Trek	Droids	U.S. Open	Dukes Of	Droids	Wrestling	Wk. Review	Innovation	Races"	Universe	Movie:
11:30	Super Sat.	Kidd Video	"	Up The Beat	Tennis	Hazzard	Super Powers	"	Capitol Jrnl.	Cookin' Cheap	"	Adult Years	"Rio Bravo"
12:00	Mr. T	Mr. T	Kung Fu	College	Women's	College	Weekend	Movie:	Money World	Cookery	Movie:	Humanities	"
12:30	Wonder	Spider-Man	"	Football	Final and	Football	Kids Battle	"Bruce Li, The	S. Previews	Great Chefs	"Boom Town"	War	"
1:00	Woman	Speed	Movie:	South	Men's	South	Movie:	Invincible"	Tennis	Gourmet	"	Managing	"
1:30	In Baseball	In Baseball	"The Chinese	Carolina at	Semifinals	Carolina at	"Terror	"	"	Madeleine	"	Oil Painting	Movie:
2:00	Baseball	Baseball	Web"	Virginia	U.S. Open	Virginia	Among Us"	"Great	"	Justin Wilson	One On One	TBA	"The Last
2:30	Toronto Blue	Blue Jays at	"	"	Tennis	"	"	Northfield,	"	Old House	Jim Beam	Houseworks	Dragon"
3:00	Jays at	White Sox or	Movie:	"	Continues	U.S. Open	College	Minnesota	"	Painting	'86 Pro Kickoff	Old House	"
3:30	Chicago White	Padres at	"Hot Rods To	College	"	Tennis	Football	Raid"	Special	Painting	Special	Vict. Garden	Movie:
4:00	Sox	Mets	Hell"	Football	"	Women's	UCLA at	Star Games	Old House	Painting	Wrestling	Nova	"The
4:30	"	"	"	UCLA at	"	Final and	Oklahoma	"	Gourmet	S. Previews	"	"	Oklahoma City
5:00	Branded	NFL Update	Soul Train	Oklahoma	U.S. Open	Men's	"	Greatest	Nova	Matinee At	Check It Out!	Motorweek	Dolls"
5:30	Will Sonnett	'86	"	"	Tennis	Semifinals	"	American Hero	"	The Bijou	It's A Living	S. Previews	"Pee-wee's
6:00	News	News	Fame	"	Continues	U.S. Open	"	Small Wonder	Living Wild	"	Ted Knight	Newsrap	Big
6:30	Next Question	NBC News	"	"	"	Tennis	"	Happening	"	Newton	Dance Fever	Lassie	Adventure"
7:00	Fame	Redskins	Archie Bunker	Jeopardy	Agronsky	Happening	News	Solid Gold	Nature	Dance	Hee Haw	Rebecca	Movie:
7:30	"	McLaughlin	Ted Knight	At The Movies	Wheel Fortune	Small Wonder	Square Off	"	"	Connection	"	"	"Desperately
8:00	Facts Of Life	Facts Of Life	Movie:	College	Melba	Melba	College	Movie:	Nature Of	Magical	Lifestyles	Jacques	Seeking
8:30	227	227	"The	Football	Movie:	Movie:	Football	"Race With	Things	Mystery Place	"	Cousteau	Susan"
9:00	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Conqueror"	Florida State	"Taps"	"Taps"	Florida State	The Devil"	Tiny	Smithsonian	Movie:	First Contact	Rodney
9:30	Spitting Image	Spitting Image	"	at Nebraska	"	"	at Nebraska	"	Revolutions	World	"Monster	"	Dangerfield
10:00	Hunter	Hunter	News	"	"	"	"	Wrestling	"	Ad Lib	Zero"	Bless Me	Boxing
10:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Lyman Howe	Ad Lib	"	Father	M. Spinks vs.
11:00	News	News	Meditation	News	News	News	News	Redskins	Movie:	Saturday	Be Thinner	Wodehouse	Tangstad
11:30	Saturday	Saturday	Movie:	ABC News	Write Songs	Wrestling	Shake Down	Tales	"Made For	Night Sing	Dark Shadows	Doctor Who	Training Camp
12:00	Night Live	Night Live	"Murder Can	Entertainment	"Attack On	"	"Night The City	"Angry Red	Each Other"	Bobby Jones	Movie		Not News
12:30	"	"	Hurt You"	This Week	Fear"	Movie	Screamed"	Planet"	"		"		Movie

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 1986

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7:00	Jimmy	3 Stories	Jimmy	Revival	World Tom.	Later Years	Real To Reel	Eye On Wash.	Sesame Street		Kenneth	Focus On	Movie:
7:30	Swaggart	First Light	Swaggart	Discovery	Sunday Mass	Urban Scene	Workshop	Jimmy	"		Copeland	Society	"Turk 182!"
8:00	Lift Voice	Whiz Kids	Frederick K.	Bauman Bible	Oral Roberts	Gospel	Black Sheep	Swaggart	Sesame Street		Underdog	Business Of	Cont'd
8:30	Oral Roberts	"	Price	"	R. Schuller	Essence	Squadron	Funtastic	"		Robotech	Management	Fraggle Rock