What's Happening, Danielle Spencer?

"The reaction to Danielle Spencer was fantastic," one of her TV bosses said.

Danielle plays sister Dee on the popular show, "What's Happening?"

She started in show business when she was 7 years old. Her flair for comic timing has made her famous.

Danielle, now 13, was born in the Bronx in New York City. She lived there with her mother, who was a college teacher, until the family moved to Malibu, Calif.

This past summer was not a happy one for Danielle. She



Danielle Spencer

was in a very bad car accident. Her stepfather was killed. She suffered a broken arm. She also had to have plastic surgery for a gash on her forehead.

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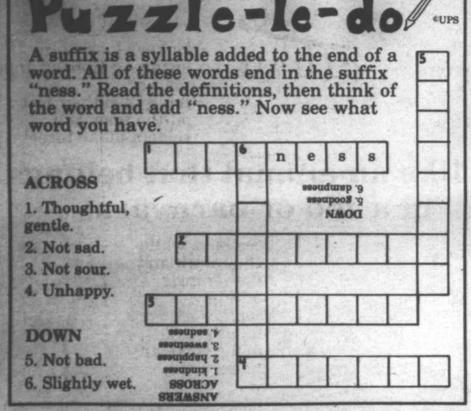
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She pulled through and is still on the show. She is a very good seventh-grade student at Malibu Park Jr. High School.

Danielle has taken on other roles. She will have a part in a new Disney movie. She has a new role in the upcoming "Roots II" on TV.

Danielle is also taking dancing and singing lessons.





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How Some Manners Started



The custom of men walking on the sidewalk next to the street curb started hundreds of years ago. People living on upper floors used to throw their dirty water and garbage into the street. Since the man was on the

outside, the trash would hit him, not the lady who was close to the building. Also, men were to protect women from horses on the streets and roads.



The custom of shaking hands started when a knight would put his sword in his left hand and put out his right hand to signal he did not want to fight.



Buttons on men's coats were first put there to stop soldiers from wiping their noses on the cuffs.