

ROOTS Returns

The Emmy Award winning drama, "Roots," will be rebroadcasted over WSOC-TV on September 5 through 10. This "ABC Novel For Television" was viewed by over 130 million people when it first aired in January of 1977. Since then it has gone on to win nine Emmy awards and a Peabody Award.

The story is based on Alex Haley's best seller, "Roots." It traces the Haley family from its origin in Africa during 1750 through 100 years of slavery to freedom in the United States.

On the first night of "Roots" Kunta Kinte is born to a loving Gambia, West African family. He grows up free and happy and is taught good manners as he is guided into his manhood. During his late teens, he is captured by slave thieves and is shipped off to America. LeVar Burton, Cicely Tyson, Thalmus Rasulala, Maya Angelou, Harry Rhodes, Moses Gunn, Ji-Tu Cumbuka, O.J. Simpson, Edward Asner, and Ralph Waite all star in the first episode.

Night two shows Kunta Kinte's involvement in the revolt attempt during the voyage to America. Upon reaching the world, he is immediately sold to his first owner where he meets his friend Fiddler. Naturally his stay with the new owner is unpleasant and Kunta makes several attempts to escape. Lorne Greene, Louis Gossett Jr. and Vic

Morrow are the stars added to night two.

The year 1776 finds Kunta Kinte is the same rebellious state that he was in when he first reached America. His final escape attempt cost him his right foot. This along with the birth of his daughter, Kizzy, cools him out considerably. Fiddler convinces him to marry a slave woman, Bell who gives birth to his only daughter, Kizzy.

Years later, Kizzy helps a young slave run away. As punishment, she is immediately sold and is raped by

her new owner, John Amos, Madge Sinclair, Robert Reed, Lynda Day George, Leslie Uggans, Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs, Sandy Duncan, and Chuck Connors all star in night three's presentation.

The final episode of "Roots" captures Chicken George's return as a free man. He finds his son married and is acting head of the family. George's freedom is deeply resented especially with the talk of slave abolition in the air.



Young Kunta Kinte [LeVar Burton, right] receives a lesson in the meaning of manhood from Touray, played by O.J. Simpson, in the multi-part drama ROOTS* BASED ON Alex Haley's best selling book.



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"NOTES OF THE WEEK....."

The upcoming worlds heavyweight fight between MUHAMMAD ALI and LEON SPINKS is without a doubt the greatest rematch title fight in the history of the fight game since the Marquis of Queensbury rules were established to govern all fistic encounters for public viewing in the squared circle. The date for this great fistic encounter is September (15), in the city of New Orleans, and as usual the hotels of that city are setting heavyweight prices on their room accommodations to score a financial knockout on out of town fight fans. The good news however regarding this heavyweight hotel price for those planning on being at the fight and looking forward to securing regular room rates, is the special fight package being offered by DON BUTLER and Tours & Tickets Unlimited. This special fight package includes hotel rooms at normal prices (and incidentally at the better hotels in the city), ringside fight tickets, tours of the city, and other goodies and attractions that will give the buyers of these special fight packages the best for their money. So for those of you that plan to attend the fight, and haven't already gotten your fight tickets and hotel accommodations straightened out.....call DON BUTLER at his toll free number in New Orleans, which is 800-825-5136.....see you at the fight.

It looks like MAYOR TOM BRADLEY has won out in his bid to get the Olympic Games into Angel-town in spite of all the political opposition and

stuff.....right on, right on, right on.

Congratulations also to COUNCILMAN ROBERT FARRELL of Angeltown on his vote of confidence from his fellow councilmen after he defeated a recall issue.

DWAN SMITH who is commonly referred to as The Queen of TV Commercials (she's got better than 58-TV Commercials going for her), will add a new dimension to her ongoing and successful acting and commercial career when she completes the album of songs she's currently recording under the production and guidance of noted record producer RICK HOWARD. The title track of Dwan's new album project is "Star Love" written by JOHN FOOTMAN* with

other album cuts written by REGGIE BURKE and CLAY DRAYTON. **HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE.....**

Ja'NET DuBOIS who's in the process of opening up her modeling and charm school in Hollywood, has been set to fly to Houston, Texas, the early part of September to speak to the Black Businessmens Association during their Anniversary Program.

Actor SAM LAWS just back from a performance in Washington, D.C., is currently working with BILLY DORSEY who's in the process of putting together a Gospel Musical called P.O.P. (which stands for the Power Of Prayer). The backers audition for this Gospel Musical is set for September.



Hamilton Bohannon - subject of Chronicle Interview Next Week

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