

# VIBES

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### SPOTLIGHT

Louis Gossett Jr. used his full family name for the first time in his professional career with his appearance in "Roots", the "ABC Novel for Television" that set viewing records when it aired Jan. 23-30, 1977 on the ABC Television Network.

Gossett won an Emmy for his sensitive portrayal of Fiddler, the plantation slave who became the first and only true friend of Kunta Kinte. The award followed numerous accolades for his performance.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Gossett attended Abraham Lincoln High School, where he was a basketball star. He began his acting career at the age of 16 with the lead in the 1953 Broadway production of "Take a Giant Step."

Gossett, who admits he had absolutely no interest in acting at the time, was sidelined by injury while being considered for a college basketball scholarship when one of his teachers at Brooklyn's Abraham Lincoln High School suggested that he audition, along with 500 other boys, for the lead in the Broadway production of "Take a Giant Step."

## Louis Gossett, Jr.



He won the role, his only previous acting experience was the lead in a high school rendition of "You Can't Take It With You."

After Broadway, Gossett entered New York University as a pre-med student specializing in pharmacy, but his acting success catapulted him

into other roles, including another Broadway production, "The Desk Set," with Shirley Booth, which ran for a year and a half. There were also appearances in top contemporary television shows such as "The Goodbye Theatre," "Philo Theatre," "The Big Story," "You

Are There" and "Omni-bus."

Five years and 50 TV appearances later he finally graduated from NYU with a degree in drama and was able to subsidize his dad, a porter, a mother, a domestic who sometimes worked in three homes a day to help Lou through his

initial days in college.

Other Broadway credits include "The Skin Game" with James Garner, "Travels With My Aunt," "The Laughing Policeman" with Bruce Dern, "White Dawn," "The Deep" and "The Choirboys."

This fall, shaven-headed Gossett, who serves as national spokesman for the Muntu unity symbol, takes another "giant step" as star of his first regularly scheduled series "The Lazarus Syndrome."

The success or failure of the show is far more important than just livelihood. Gossett, along with James Earl Jones in the CBS series Paris, are attempting to show that black actors can be successful in serious roles instead of comedy, as the networks respond to complaints about their depiction of blacks in comedy shows.

The Lazarus Syndrome sets Gossett, Dr. MacArthur St. Clair, as chief of staff in a private hospital. The show deals less with the technical medical details than with the human frailties and concerns of the doctors, administrators and staff.

## DEWAR'S PROFILES

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## LES PAYNE

HOME: New York, New York

PROFESSION: Journalist

HOBBIES: Painting, mountain climbing, softball.

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Winner of a Pulitzer Prize for his newspaper series, "The Heroin Trail."

QUOTE: "The emergence of Africa has made ours a critical and challenging era, particularly for journalists. We are scouts for the historians who will later try to explain these years of great change."

PROFILE: Seeks out ambitious and sometimes dangerous assignments, yet is pleasantly low-key. He is an ardent believer in each individual's responsibility to better his world.

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## NCSA Acts Attract 220,000

A grand total of 220,145 people attended in-state and out-of-state productions by the North Carolina School of the Arts during the 1978-79 school year, an increase of 23 percent over the total attendance for 1977-78, according to figures released today by Nancy Dawson-Sauser, NCSA's director of community service.

The largest percentage increase for any single type of event was in attendance at concerts in Crawford Hall by the NCSA Orchestra, which showed a gain of 92 percent over the previous year. Audience counts for other music events were

essentially unchanged. Attendance at drama events overall was up by 12 percent, and attendance at senior performances in repertory, inaugurated in 1977-78, rose by 52 percent during its second year of existence.

NCSA and its affiliates were responsible for 469 performances during the 1978-79 school year, of which 419, or 90 percent, were in North Carolina. The in-state audience count was 177,470, or 81 percent, of the total head count of 220,145. There were 50 out-of-state U.S. percent of the audience head count.

The above figures do not include performances

in Winston-Salem and overseas under the summer International Music Program, which were at

tended this year by 19,700 people, an increase of 49 percent over the summer 1978 total.

## STARSCOPE

by Clare Annsell

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1979

**AQUARIUS — January 21 - February 19**  
A period that's highly conducive to creative expression — so drag out the paint brushes, the writing pad. Written agreements are in week's picture; you may be asked to make an investment or act as co-signer.

**PISCES — February 20 - March 20**  
Possibility is strong that you're involved in some sort of legal matter — and it's a must that all dealings be in writing. Caution Monday - Tuesday; it's easy to overcommit yourself, socially or professionally.

**ARIES — March 21 - April 20**  
Where money discussions are concerned, diplomacy is the key. Still, ask questions rather than coasting along making assumptions. Love life perks up on weekend — provided you can be more trusting.

**TAURUS — April 21 - May 21**  
You could be looking for a new source of income — but be wary of any get-rich-quick schemes. A conservative approach is your best course in all areas but romance — where you can afford to be bolder.

**GEMINI — May 22 - June 21**  
An active week, during which you can discover a hidden or long-forgotten talent. A friend goes out on a limb for you — don't forget to show appreciation. Professional goals are in sight, at last.

**CANCER — June 22 - July 22**  
Several financial loose ends are being tied together, and it's an excellent time to work out budgets, do a little buying and selling, and ask for overdue payments — and even a raise.

**LEO — July 23 - August 22**  
Emotions could interfere with financial judgment now. Try hard — especially Monday - Tuesday — to departmentalize your life. Good news from out-of-town adds sparkle to weekend.

**VIRGO — August 23 - September 22**  
Could find yourself involved in affairs of two or three households. Good chance of being a winner all week — if not in competitions, then in battles of the wits. Don't ignore any kind of health check-up.

**LIBRA — September 23 - October 22**  
Romantic setbacks are reversed by Tuesday, but financial pressures tighten. Wonderful time for enrolling in new course of study; consider psychology, astrology or gourmet cooking.

**SCORPIO — October 23 - November 21**  
Fine chance of meeting a VIP during the weekend — but you won't realize how important he/she is until afterwards. Be extra conservative with money; much more generous in time shared with an older person.

**SAGITTARIUS — November 22 - December 22**  
Thursday - Friday find you more chipper than lately, then you become quiet and terribly philosophical. Friends can't keep up, and so you could find more time than usual spent alone.

**CAPRICORN — December 23 - January 20**  
In health and romance, make no diagnoses — for yourself, for your loved ones. Keep abreast of goings-on; there's a news item that concerns your future. Amusing mix-ups Tuesday - Wednesday.

**BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**  
You're the friend of the zodiac: charming, loyal and understanding. But sometimes you nag those you love the most. There's a chance to change your lifestyle early in 1980. For singles, an important meeting can happen by summertime.

**BORN THIS WEEK**  
September 27th, King Louis XVI, 28th, German author Goethe, 29th, naval hero Lord Nelson, 30th, singer Johnny Mathis; October 1st, President Jimmy Carter, 2nd, actor Groucho Marx, 3rd, etiquette expert Emily Post

## LUTHER By Brumsic Brandon, Jr.



British television personality James Burke is the host of CONNECTIONS, a television series which accompanies the Courses by Newspaper series published each week in the Chronicle. Join Burke Sunday at 8 p.m. on UNC-TV Channels 4, 26. The alternate viewing night for CONNECTIONS is Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

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## WORDS & MEANINGS

By Dorothea Josephine Coates

Unmix the letters in the boxes to form a word. Then circle A, B or C for the correct meaning (or definition).  
Score yourself as follows:  
4 Correct-Excellent 2 Correct-Fair 3 Correct-Good 1-0 Correct-Poor

- I V E**

A. LEVER B. SHY C. COMPETE
- T A G I**

A. FENCE B. PACE C. SALE
- F Y O L T**

A. HIGH B. MISTY C. WARM
- N E I S E**

A. NET B. OLD C. EVIL

Answers: 1. LIVE 2. GAIT 3. LOFTY 4. SINE

Build your vocabulary. Learn the word and use it in a sentence.

## FINDIT!

Find 15 things that measure things. Words run across, down, or diagonally in any direction. Word list below.

M O N T H C N I  
 G I K E E W I N  
 A C N C F O O T  
 L D N U H R D R  
 L U R P T A M A  
 O W I A Y E I U  
 N N O R Y Y L Q  
 T M D N O C E S

Word list: Day, foot, gallon, inch, mile, minute, month, ounce, pint, quart, second, week, yard, year. Leftover letters will give you a surprise measurer!

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