

RELIGION

Isaac Hayes and Lisa Marie Presley Host Celebrity Tribute To Martin Luther King

The World Literacy Crusade (WLC) celebrated its 7th Anniversary on Saturday January 16, 1999 at 8:00pm at the Wilshire Ebell Theater with its 7th annual Isaac Hayes Celebrity Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The benefit tribute was co-chaired by legendary composer, musician and actor, Isaac Hayes, international spokesperson for the WLC, and patron Lisa Marie Presley.

The event was emceed by Dawnn Lewis (Different World) and featured musical performances by jazz guitarist Jonathan Butler, Ronnie Laws and Gospel greats Rev. Calvin B. Rhone and Michael Speaks, with readings from the works of Dr. King presented by R&B artist Maxwell and Lewis. The Spirit of the Community Award was presented to actor and community activist Edward James Olmos for his numerous efforts to improve the

quality of life in urban communities. "History reveals that education is one of the most productive and effective vehicles for African-American achievement and advancement," says Hayes. "Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of freedom and equal opportunity for all races is now possible through the efforts of the World Literacy Crusade and the use of the effective learning technology of L. Ron Hubbard."

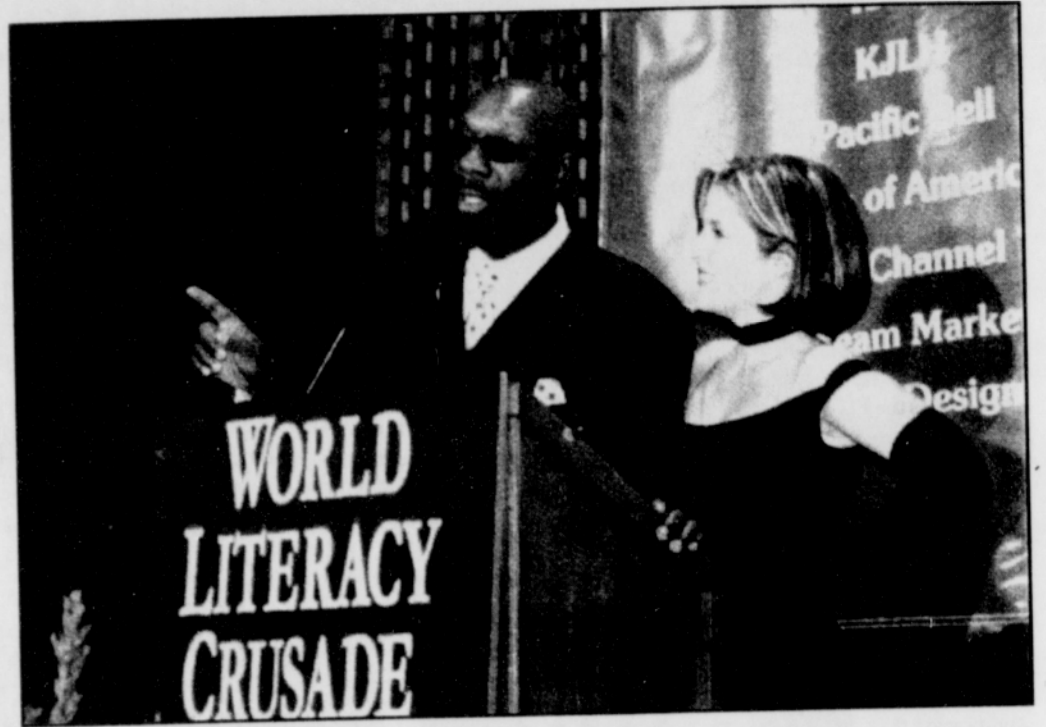
Rev. Alfreddie Johnson, Jr. founded the WLC in the aftermath of the Los Angeles civil unrest of 1992. The purpose of the program is to address the illiteracy, poverty and hopelessness underlying such civil unrest. Through a concerted effort of local ministers, community leaders and volunteer tutors, inner city youth and adults are taught the fundamentals of literacy, utilizing exclusively

the groundbreaking educational materials known as the Study Technology. "With the application of this technology we are living 'the dream' through literacy," said Hayes.

Researched and developed over a period of four decades by author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard, the result of learning Study Technology is an individual capable of overcoming any barriers to learning, thus, able to fully comprehend any subject.

The WLC has literacy projects operating in inner city areas across the U.S. as well as in Australia, New Zealand and Canada. This year the WLC and Isaac Hayes plan to launch Literacy Links 2000 in Ghana, West Africa which will link children from Africa with children from U.S. inner cities via the Internet thus enabling them to exchange dialogue and learn about one another's cultures.

Isaac Hayes and Lisa Marie Presley speaking at the World Literacy Crusade's 7th annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The World Literacy Crusade is a national inner city literacy program utilizing the study technology of L. Ron Hubbard.



Week of Prayer Demonstrates Black Church's Commitment to AIDS

Too often, the Black Church is accused of being a non-player in the AIDS epidemic. Or worse, it is accused of continuing to contribute to the spread of the virus through denial and by stigmatizing people who are living with HIV/AIDS. AIDS is now the leading cause of death for Black men and Women between 25 and 44 years old. Anyone who knows anything about Black people knows that our churches - which nearly 80 percent of us attend regularly - must lead us through the AIDS crisis.

And that is exactly what is happening. More Black religious leaders are sounding the call for greater attention to be paid to AIDS. Ministers are seeking, What would Jesus do in this age of AIDS? Their answer is education to their congregation as well as pastoral counseling and direct services to people in their community who are living with the virus. Most importantly, churches are initiating prayer for people whose lives are impacted by HIV/AIDS.

It is very significant that some of the most admired Black religious leaders joined me on World AIDS Day to help launch the 10th anniversary of the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS (March 7-13 1999). On this historic occasion, ministers came together across denominational lines to provide inspiration and encouragement to Black churches that will have to struggle with the destructive effects of AIDS for decades to come.

Rev. Dr. Johnnie Coleman, Rev. Dr. Robert Franklin, Bishop T.D. Jakes and many other respected leaders have spoken. Churches throughout the nation are affirming their commitment. As we approach the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS we



From left: Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes of New York City's Riverside Church; Bishop Norman Quick, bishop of The Church of God In Christ, NY Southeast District; rev. Canon Frederick Williams NYC's Episcopal Church of the Intercession; Rev. Dr. Robert Franklin, president, Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; Rev. Dr. Johnnie Coleman, founding minister of Chicago's Christ Universal Temple; Bishop T.D. Jakes, senior pastor of Dallas' Potter's House; Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, NY and Rev. Dr. Alvin Durant, pastor of NYC's Mother AME Zion Church. At center is Pernessa C. Seele, founder/CEO of The Balm In Gilead, the New York-based organization that sponsored the program with underwriting from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Dupont Pharmaceuticals Company and Glaxo Wellcome.

are pleased to know that more churches than ever before will be part of this national movement. On Sunday, March 7 thousands of churches and hundreds of thousands of Black people will become educated about AIDS and collectively will pray for our families and communities to be healed of the devastating impact of the epidemic. Together, our prayers will make a difference, for prayer changes things!

Yes, controversy has stopped some churches from acting. However, regardless of our position on homosexuality, needle, exchange, extra-martial sex or condom distribution, the alarming AIDS profile of Black America demands that we heed the words of Bishop T.D. Jakes who, on World AIDS Day, said: "Church, there is a way for us to do what needs to be done without violating what we believe."

I urge all concerned Black Ameri-

cans to contact The Balm In Gilead at 888-225-6243 to find out how they can be part of the Black Church of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.

Immaculate Heart Catholic Church's Louisiana Gumbo and Jambalaya

How would you like to donate your money and your weekend time to a worthy cause?

You'd rather enjoy yourself and feed your face instead? Well, how about doing both at once?

Immaculate Heart Catholic Church is once again offering authentic home-cooked Louisiana gumbo and jambalaya at its annual dinner from noon to 7 p.m. on February 13, 1999

at 2926 N. Williams Ave. For \$10 you get a gumbo dinner with salad, garlic bread, coffee, and your choice of two desserts from a large selection. Jambalaya is \$8, children's dinners \$5. You can also order dinners to go; for this and large dinner parties you are urged to call ahead at 287-8639. The proceeds will go to the church's restoration fund to refurbish its 100-year-old parish hall

"Gospel Greats" 2nd Anniversary

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Surviving Family

Members

- Mary Turner (sister)
- Helen Sloan (sister)
- Larry Sloan (brother)
- Linda Ford (sister)
- Patricia Jenkins (sister)
- Tommy Sloan (brother)
- Laurie Sloan (sister-in-law)
- Sam Sloan (brother)

Ronald Ray Sloan *Ronald loved pastor Brown, Sunrise, March 16, 1953 - very much. His favorite hymnals are "Amazing Grace."* Sunset, February 2, 1999



North Portland Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic

Mariah A. Taylor, R.N., C.P.N.P.

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