

FAMILY

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Other highlights of the conference will feature experts on youth development, and youth performing in a special Talent event. The program is targeted for any individual who desires information for self-improvement or for individuals seeking models of programs focused on the family. The conference will close with a banquet recognizing three outstanding Wake County families in the following categories. The traditional family; the single parent family and the extended family.

CHALLENGES

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Dr. Shannon will deliver two lectures, titled "Biblical Perspectives on the Church and Social Issues." His first lecture will be delivered on Tuesday, March 20, at 9:15 a.m.; his second on Wednesday, March 21, at 8:45 a.m. Dr. Kinney will deliver two lectures titled "Contemporary Perspectives on the Church and Social Issues." His first lecture will be delivered on Tuesday, March 20, at 3 p.m.; his second on Wednesday, March 21, at 10:25 a.m. Dr. E.D. McCreary, pastor emeritus of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., is the conference preacher. Dr. McCreary will preach three sermons, the first on Tuesday, March 20, and Tuesday evening worship at 8 p.m.; and on Wednesday, March 21, at noon.

EX-MAYOR DEAD

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Trooper Morris was released shortly after the incident from Columbus County hospital. He was given four stitches in the head and admitted to the hospital the night of the shooting, officials said. Bowen was mayor of Bolton from 1973 to 1975 but resigned during his second term. After leaving office, court records showed, Bowen had two dealings with the law. He was charged with obstructing an officer in 1981 and assault with a deadly weapon in 1987. Both charges were dismissed, according to court records.

BLACK LEADER

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a shotgun shell and two rifle bullets taped on it, along with a picture of assassinated black activist Malcolm X. The poster asked, "The Ballot or the Bullet?" McGee said that, after an unofficial vote, he was the new national leader of the Black Panther Party. "The future of the Black Panther Party is a militia now," he said. McGee said his announcement was made because he's "fighting mad" about the rash of statistics showing a lack of progress in black education while black crime statistics continue to increase. "We're in a vicious cycle and people are dying out there," he said. "We're in a state of war out here, and we're doing all the dying." The alderman called for creation of a \$100 million job training program for blacks. McGee said nobody balks at cost figures for a proposed new stadium for the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team. "We would all rather build an infrastructure that would last 20 years rather than have people that will last 20 years," he said.

AMBASSADORS

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A new-colonial mindset is also changing. Investment is needed, as a rich continent, Africa requires understanding in terms of their economic, political, and social initiatives. U. S. should look toward Africa, and the students who will be the decision-makers of the future, should remember that this is a growing market for many things. Capital, technology, and "hands-on-experience" are basic economic needs for the continent. Money given today can earn a dividend in just two years, a speaker reminded the audience. A student asked about whether Africa should get its own house in order before aid is given. The speaker admitted that work needs to be done in this area, and that there is a painful transitional period. The future world leaders and the interaction with the students was a significant experience for all concerned. A representative from Chad concluded the conference by suggesting that students come to Chad (4th World nation) and invest their time, talents, and energy to reconstruct the land. It was a great day for Shaw University and a fresh understanding of the Global Village we all call home. A call towards home after 3,000 years was also made. Finally, one of the ambassadors said that if criticism rises against Israel "blackmail" is used to muzzle or mute the critic. The charge, if true, is a serious challenge of intimidation to our constitutional system of

checks/balances. While anti-Semitism is out there, like racism, sexism, and an anti German bias, our constitutionalism demands an open hearing to diverse views and not a monopoly of opinion whatever the cause. We all listened.

OUR SCHOOLS

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well. Unfortunately, however, this venture has received significant criticism. And, instead of being viewed as the innovative and exciting offer that it is, the Educational Network is looked upon as the anathema which will destroy the purity of our public education system. The ballyhoo over Channel One surrounds two minutes. Two minutes of daily advertising that funds hours and hours of educational programming and miles and miles of much-needed technology. Advertising, the "Trojan horse." Advertising, the "Commercialization of the classroom." Those who oppose Channel One oppose it for bringing advertising into the classroom. But advertising already exists in the schools and teachers regularly recommend that students use sources which are full of advertisements. As the Berlin Wall comes crumbling down, American troops invade Panama, the savings and loan crisis costs taxpayers billions and the superpowers meet, can you imagine a teacher telling her students not to watch the evening news, pick up a newspaper or read a magazine because it contains commercials? Many educators, myself included, laud Apple Computers for offering free technology to schools. But does Apple do this for no benefit of their own? Of course not. A whole generation of students is learning Apple Computers' system instead of the system of its competitors. The advertisements on Channel One are clear-cut, with no doubts as to their purpose and our students are smart enough to be aware of this. They see these same commercials every day. And what's more, advertisements can be used as a teaching tool. College courses across the country teach students the inside out of commercial advertising. It enhances their analysis skills, their vocabulary and their critical thinking ability. These are skills that need to be taught when students are younger and more impressionable, and with Channel One teachers will have this opportunity. But Channel One is more than advertising. It is much more, and its opponents obviously do not care to acknowledge this. Channel One is news and current events that are packaged and designed for students so that they can understand how the news affects them. Channel One is enticing and invites students into a world that they are often reluctant to, or simply do not, enter. The Educational Network is not a panacea, it is an opportunity. An opportunity to bump many schools from the "have-not" category, closer to the "haves." Opposition toward educational partnerships cannot be permitted to derail this opportunity.

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INSIDE AFRICA

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people, to thank you again for your efforts and ongoing commitment to regional stability," Bush concluded. The remainder of President Sassou's visit included not only the ceremonies accorded a visiting head of state, but also a wide range of substantive meetings with key senior members of the administration. Following the arrival ceremony, President Sassou briefed President Bush in the White House Oval Office on recent events in Southern Africa, including discussions between the Congolese, Gabonese and Zairean heads of state toward promoting peace in Angola. Immediately after this meeting, the two presidents met with key Congolese officials and members of the Bush cabinet. During the balance of the first day, President Sassou had extensive meetings with Vice President Dan Quayle and with acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger. The traditional State Reception and Dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Bush in honor of President and Madame Sasso capped the first day's events. In his toast to President Bush, President Sassou remarked, "On these various issues [peace among the Southern African nations], our cooperation remains entire and whole and very positive, and I'm gratified by this, just as I am also encouraged by the process underway in the world leading to glimmers of hope for peace and leading to progress along the path of democracy." The meetings and events of the second day of the state visit covered a range of interests for the Congo. President Sassou began the day by meeting with Michael Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, and with World Bank president Barber Conable to review current Congolese loan obligations and to discuss economic development programs and assistance. Carrying his message of economic development and growth and of peace for all of Africa, President Sassou addressed students and faculty of Howard University, followed by a

luncheon at the African center and meetings with senior officials of the African Development Foundation. In the afternoon he met with scholars at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, a prominent Washington think-tank. President Sassou and the Congolese delegation concluded their visit to the United States with stops in Houston, Texas and Boston, Mass. Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire welcomed President Sassou at the city hall, preceding a tour by the delegation of the Johnson Space Center and events sponsored by Amoco and Conoco, two oil companies with important investment in the Congo. In Boston, President Sassou addressed the student body and faculty of Harvard University at the Kennedy School of Government and attended a reception and dinner in his honor at the J.F. Kennedy Library.

NUL Gets Grant For Ed. Project In Cities

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OFF THE WALL

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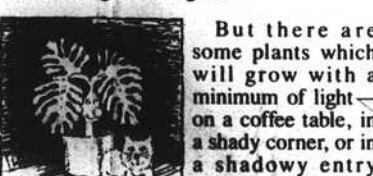
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PLANTS FOR DARK PLACES
By JOEL RAPP
"Mr. Mother Earth"

Hi there, philodendron phans! The question I'm most often asked is "What plants will grow in the dark?" Well, the only plant that will grow in total darkness is the mushroom, and I'm sure none of us want a fungus among us.



But there are some plants which will grow with a minimum of light—on a coffee table, in a shady corner, or in a shadowy entry hall. My recommended "night people" include: *Aspidistra*, *Philodendron*, *Pothos*, *Spatiphyllum*, *Sansevieria*, *Neanthe Bella* (or dwarf) *Palm*, *Kentia Palm*, or any of several *Dracaenas*, including *D. Massangeana*, *D. Craigii*, or *D. Marginata*. Plants that are not getting much sunlight should be watered less than those on the windowsills—feel the soil and only water when it's dry to the touch. Keep the humidity up, but for those plants in dark places, cut the fertilizing in half—feed only about once a month with Liquid Miracle-Gro® Houseplant Food. Happy Growing!

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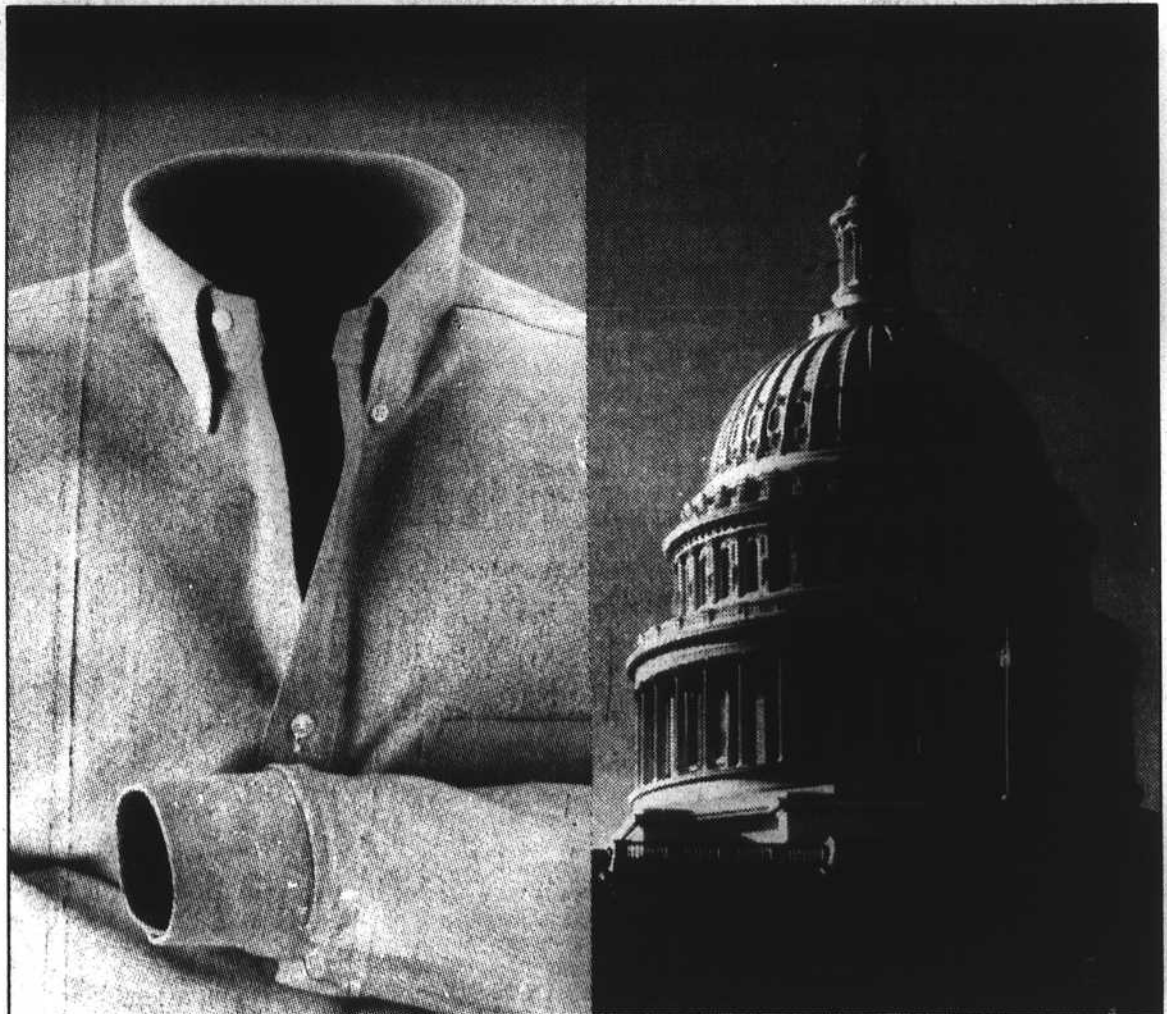
First Black N.M. Treasurer Runs For Congressional Seat

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—State Treasurer James Lewis remembers the reaction of people when he decided to run for treasurer in the state's most populous county. "They told me I couldn't run in a Bernalillo County race and win," he says. He won, becoming the first black to hold the job. In December 1985, Gov. Toney Anaya appointed him state treasurer to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Earl Hartley. Lewis announced the next year that he would seek election to the job. People promptly told him he couldn't win a statewide race. He won, becoming the first black elected to a statewide post in New Mexico, where blacks make up only about 2.5 percent of the population. Now he's running for Congress in New Mexico's First District, which includes Bernalillo, Guadalupe, Torrance and DeBaca counties. And he says he still occasionally hears that he can't win. Lewis, who started school in Roswell in the early 1950s when schools were still integrated, said he nevertheless grew up believing what most Americans believe—that you can be anything you want to be. "I believe seriously in me... there's nothing to stop me but myself," he says. "I'm proud to be a New Mexican," Lewis says. "People are willing to judge me based, as Dr. Martin Luther King said, not by the pigment of your skin but by the content of your character."

Lenton Malry, who served as a state representative from Albuquerque for 10 years and is the only black ever to serve in the New Mexico Legislature, says he never found he was treated any differently than any other lawmaker. "When you're in the Legislature, it's about passing legislation," he says. "The legislation we pass is color-blind." And Malry says the only reason other blacks haven't been elected to the Legislature is they haven't run. Lewis says the southeastern part of the state—the section sometimes called "Little Texas"—and other places in southern New Mexico have probably been the most progressive as far as blacks obtaining political positions. Lea County has had a black sheriff, probate judge and county

commissioner; Hobbs had a black school board member for many years, Las Cruces had a black mayor, he says. "That says a lot about the gains made," Lewis says. Marsha Hardeman, who runs the Cornish-Russwurm Chronicle, an Albuquerque biweekly newspaper about issues of concern to blacks, says that in 16 years in New Mexico, she has not noticed people deal with her any differently because she is black. But the absence of visible black people in various positions troubles her. "You hate to be a pioneer," she says. "I'll be grateful for the day when no one has to be identified as the first. It's hard to be the first; it's hard to be the only." The larger issue, she says, is that minority youngsters must learn that there are lots of minority people doing all kinds of things, since children aspire to what they see and know. "At this point, none of us minorities can afford to have 'do nothings' anywhere," she says. "What I want to say to kids is that education is a tool to get the things you want," Hardeman says. "Once you recognize that, then no one else can barricade your success." Lewis says he was in seventh grade before he had a black teacher. The lack of role models, he says, makes youngsters ask, "Can I achieve?" Lewis points to his own political career as a legacy to African-American youth: "If I can do it, you can do it." He says that when he speaks to youth groups, he tries to convey the idea they can go into any career they want, even if they don't see a role model, and that "the political arena is an honorable profession." "I hope that some of the youth of tomorrow decide to venture out to run for the state House of Representatives, to run for the state Senate, or for any other public office... These are the folks that make the decisions that affect a lot of people's lives. They need to be part of that."

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