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## Black Leaders Meet

Over 20 Black leaders from western states met in Los Angeles recently with the Republican National Committee (RNC) at the first of a series of mini-conferences being sponsored by the committee.

"This first conference was a tremendous success. We are pleased with the amount of interest among Blacks about these mini-conferences and we look forward to those ahead of us," said Dick Richards, chairman of the Republican National Committee.

"In the past, our efforts have been less than successful in reaching out to the Black community. But through these conferences we will be able to discuss fresh ideas with grassroots workers, Black elected and appointed Republicans and other Black activists and find out the best way to bring them into our party," he added.

As part of their "out-reach" program, the Republican National Committee will be holding four regional Black mini-conferences around the country during April and May to discuss ideas for bringing more Blacks into the Republican Party.

In addition to Los Angeles, regional meetings will take place in Washington, D.C., Chicago and New Orleans. There will be approximately 18 participants at each event.

"Blacks suffer from the same problems as all Americans, such as inflation and particularly unemployment. We want to elect Black Republicans to office and help them wherever possible in articulating the manner in which Republican Programs and principles serve the needs of the Black community," Richards said.

Earlier this year the RNC announced plans to expand and broaden its ethnic liaison effort within the Republican Party. The program is referred to as "outreach," and serves as an umbrella for the committee's special interest in Blacks, Hispanics, Jews, ethnics, the elderly, veterans, blue collar workers, evangelicals and Democrats.

"These Black mini-conferences are a major first step towards broadening the Republican Party," Richards said.

### City Services

Need to know what services the City offers you as a resident? Once you know, do you need to know how to request City services or where to call if there are problems with City services?

If so, then you need a copy of "A to Z": A City of Charlotte Services Guide. This 26-page book is full of information on City services and phone numbers you can call if you have questions or need to make a service request.

Individual copies are free to Charlotte residents and can be obtained by calling the Public Service and Information Department at 374-2395, or by writing the department at: 600 E. Trade St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

### TURTLE-TALK



A chip on the shoulder always indicates that there is wood higher up.



**WINSOME CRYSTAL STRONG**  
...To attend Appalachian State

## Crystal Strong Is Beauty Of The Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

It's crystal clear that our beauty leaves no head unturned. She's one lady who exhibits a strong impression even long after she has exited. Her name -- Crystal Strong.

Her outward charm isn't Ms. Strong's only attribute. She seems to shine from within with sincerity and innocence.

Now a 12th grader at Myers Park, our 18-year-old beauty has been accepted to Appalachian State University in Boone.

"I enjoy politics," Ms. Strong admitted, "and I love government and occurrences that are happening now."

Her favorite subject is political science. Becoming either a Business or Criminal lawyer is her ambition. Her philosophy involves "...succeeding at what you start."

Our Capricorn beauty is constantly striving to improve her mind, to become more self confident, and to reach her desired plateau in life.

"Success to me is reaching the goal you have set for yourself," Ms. Strong began. "It's not only achieving the goal but be-

### Optimist Club

### To Hold Awards Banquet

The Optimist Club of West Charlotte will hold its First Annual Awards Banquet on Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union at Johnson C. Smith University.

Awards will be presented to several retiring officers for their dedicated service by City Chief of Police, Mack Vines, during Respect for Law Week.

Don Stieger, Assistant City Manager of Charlotte will be the guest speaker. Other local dignitaries and members of the Optimist Club within the area plan to attend.

West Charlotte's Optimist Club welcomes the public to attend. Tickets will cost \$5 apiece and can be purchased from any club member.

ing good at what you have achieved."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby K. Strong, our beauty has one brother and two sisters.

"My parents are my favorite people -- they continue to give me a lot of initiative," Ms. Strong revealed.

The smell, look and feel of nature is a favorite of Ms. Strong. The debonaire Teddy Pendergrass dominates her musical tastes.

Participating in the 1981 Delta Sigma Theta Debutante Ball has kept Ms. Strong rather busy during the past few months. She also works at Solon Automotive Service in addition to her studies at Myers Park. She attends Salem Baptist Church.

Ms. Strong has many aspects about her worth commending. But her foremost quality is her sense of direction. The road to success always seems easier to travel when you know where you are going.

## NAACP To Declare War On Klan

The NAACP declared a non-violent war on the Ku Klux Klan today and urged the Reagan Administration to establish a Presidential Commission to investigate the alarming increase in racial violence against Blacks and other minorities.

The Board adopted a series of resolutions at its quarterly meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., in support of efforts to stem the growing incidences of violence perpetrated by members of the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi party and other hate groups. The Board said "the presidential commission to study terrorism in the United States would provide a fuller picture of the activities these groups are engaged in and would determine how much they have contributed to the current climate of intolerance for minorities and other groups." According to a recent report issued by the Community Relations Service of the Justice Department, 68 Klan-related cases were under investigation during fiscal 1980, which represents an increase of 55 percent over previous years.

The NAACP also called on its constituency to lobby for state legislation that would "outlaw paramilitary training camps for the purpose of training people in racial violence." In recent months, widespread reports have indicated the existence of a network of guerrilla fighter training camps scattered from California to Connecticut purportedly operated by members of the Klan.

The Board's action follows the establishment of a "Klan Alert" program earlier this year aimed at defeating members of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups seeking elective office.

## New Chairman Will Work Hard To "Create More Unity In The Party"

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

"My number one task is to work hard, make the next two years more fruitful, get more blacks elected, inspire young people to get involved and create more unity in the party," declared Robert Lee Davis, who recently was elected chairman of the Democratic party in Mecklenburg County. He is the first black ever elected to that position.

The principal of Street Academy, Robert (Bob) Davis has been involved in politics since 1946 when Fred Alexander got him interested in encouraging people to vote. His concern expanded from the grassroots level of black organizations to state convention floors.

Davis has served as chairman and vice chairman of Precinct No. 25, on state, and county executive committees, and aided in Governor Hunt's and Randy Kincaid's 1980 campaigns. He served as chairman of the Mecklenburg



**Robert "Bob" Davis**

...First black elected Black Political Caucus for seven years, but soon will resign that position. Affiliations in the non-partisan group "might be construed as a conflict of interest," he said.

Assessing party needs, Davis said unifying Democrats will be one of his main objectives. He said wealthy and older Democrats have become less active in politics and the party must reclaim them.



Clifton Hudson (D), shown with his daughter Florence Springs, loves life in spite of being confined to a wheel chair. (Photo by Teresa Burns)

## 66-Year-Old Amputee Hudson Realizes Importance Of "God And The Church"

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

Clifton Hudson was 16 when he realized the importance of God and the church. As the years passed he became more active in church organizations. He worked for the city in the Sanitation Department, served in the CC Army (now called the Reserve) and fathered three children, Florence, Michael and Pamela.

Today Hudson is 66. Stricken with diabetes while working for the city he opted to have both of his legs amputated. He stopped working at age 60, God gave him a life to live out and he confesses, "I'd rather be living."

Hudson was on the list to go to a nursing home but his daughter, Florence

Springs, wanted her father with her. Six of Mrs. Springs' seven children are living with her now in a two bedroom apartment. "But I couldn't let my father go into a nursing home," Mrs. Springs admitted.

Following Hudson's amputations he continued to go fishing and spend time in church as president of the Usher Board, president of the Treasury Department of the church and a member of the sick committee at Parkwood Institution Church.

The church is now planning to build a ramp for wheelchairs.

### Heart Attack Is Nation's Number One Killer

RALEIGH - Heart attack

is the nation's number one killer. It will strike about 1.5 million Americans this year. Approximately 650,000 of these heart attack victims will die--more than half of them before they ever reach the hospital.

"There's a good chance many of these people might be saved if bystanders knew what to do to help someone showing signs of a heart attack," said Thomas Harmelink, chief of the Department of Human Resources' Office of Emergency Medical Services.

"The first few minutes are extremely critical for the heart attack victim. In fact, the victim could suffer irreparable brain damage or die if assistance isn't given quickly," said Harmelink.

"There are several ways citizens can prepare themselves if they're with someone showing signs of being susceptible to a heart attack. First, they should know the telephone number of their nearest emergency medical services (EMA) and keep it handy at all times.

Harmelink noted that a statewide citizens' CPR training program is being initiated by the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the N.C. Heart Association.

The son of Robert and Rosa Bell Davis, he is married, has two children and two grandchildren. Davis is vice chairman of the Charlotte Community Relations Committee and See NEW on Page 13

## Minorities Invited To 3 Hearings

The Administration's tax proposal does not seriously consider the plight and current disadvantages of the nation's small businesses.

That is the conclusion of the Minority Trucking-Transportation Development Corporation (MTTDC), the national representative of minority motor carriers, almost all of whom are small entrepreneurs.

Testifying before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Tax, Access to Equity Capital and Business Opportunities April 2, MTTDC Executive Director Waymon Wright said that proposed tax cut does not "allow an environment in which our businesses can grow and expand."

The session was the last of three hearings held by the subcommittee on the tax reduction portion of the Administration's economic program and its possible impact on small businesses. The other hearings were held March 25-26.

Explaining the purpose of the hearings, Congressman Henry J. Nowak (D-N.Y.), Chairman of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Tax said, "It is important that the needs of the small business community are recognized and addressed" in the Administration's tax cut package.

The smaller firms, which have been seriously hit by soaring and erratic interest rates and the sluggish economy, "need a tax cut now just to stay even," Nowak said.

Other witnesses were from the U.S. Dept. of Treasury, Data Resources, General Business Services and a host of other organizations that speak for the small business community. But, no minority organization was invited to the first two hearings. The only two minority participants in the hearings, AAMESBICs and MTTDC, joined only after they protested to the subcommittee the omission of minority spokesmen in the original roster.

In a message to Rep. Nowak, after the first two hearings were held, MTTDC said: "It is appalling and unconscionable that not one constituency organization or association was invited and is scheduled to present the views and concerns of the minority segment of the nation's business community."

MTTDC demanded that this be corrected immediately.

However, an aide to Congressman Nowak attributed the omission to "oversight", and invited the organization to state "its views on an issue crucial to the survival and development of minority and other small businesses."

The members of MTTDC, like all other small businesses are victimized by the ravages of inflation, soaring interest rates and "the strong-arm pressures from the well-heeled, big, established carriers," Mr. Wright said in the testimony.