



**KING COBRA LADY** - Ramona Burr, a Los Angeles model, receives a check from Al Cummings, King Cobra brand manager, for winning the title of national King Cobra Lady. The

25-year-old beauty was selected in a national contest sponsored by the King Cobra Premium Malt Liqueur.

## Georgetown Coach Thompson Receives Drum Major Award

Congressman Michael Espy, from Mississippi, and John Thompson, Georgetown University's illustrious head coach, are among the noted and exciting personalities scheduled to be honored at the eighth annual Drum Major For Justice Dinner, Friday, April 3, at Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta. The dinner has become a landmark event held yearly on the anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. The event draws its name from the slain leader's nomination of himself as "a drum major for justice!" Awards are given to people in several areas who have been "drum majors" in their respective fields.

Women who are national religious leaders will also receive honors. Among them are the Rev. Dr. Johnnie Coleman, pastor of the 10,000-member Christ Universal Temple Church. She has the largest, single religious complex in Chicago. Bishop Leontine Kelly of San Francisco will also receive an award. She's the only black female Bishop in the 10-million member United Methodist Church.

Shirley Caesar, popular gospel singer will perform and receive an award for her contributions to religious music. Noted jazz artist Roy Ayers will provide after-dinner entertainment.

John Thompson will receive an award for his leadership in combining sports and academics for his players.

"He fields a team that achieves excellence in both athletics and academics," said Joseph E. Lowery, Southern Christian Leadership Conference president.

While the Drum Major for Justice awards dinner gives SCLC a

special chance to spotlight those who hear "different drummers"....Friday night is only one segment of an action-packed, SCLC-sponsored weekend.

Friday morning more than 2,000 teens will hear noted ex-drug users and professionals tell them to steer clear of abusing chemicals. Ron LaPreard, formerly of the Commodores, and Cliff Austin of the Atlanta Falcons will give personal testimonies about the terrible things that can happen to someone who abuses drugs. The Conference on "Youth and Drug Abuse" will run from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the West Hunter Street Baptist Church.

Saturday morning two SCLC activities will take place. Eight a.m. is tee-off time for the fourth annual Drum Major for Justice Golf Tournament, held at Top Holmes Golf Course. A press conference at 10 that morning will introduce some of the players and list prizes available to the golfers.

On the other side of town, at the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the first hearing of SCLC's Poor People's Crusade will take place. The hearing starts at 9 a.m. at Freedom Hall and will deal with how poverty affects housing, health, the homeless and welfare. Representatives from governmental, church, and private agencies will talk about, not only the obvious aspects of poverty, but also the new phenomenon which SCLC President Joseph Lowery describes as those "one paycheck away from being poor."

The hearing will end at 12:30 p.m. That's when a special wreath-laying and re-dedication

ceremony will take place at the Martin Luther King Memorial.

Sunday will be considered Southern Christian Leadership Conference Day in Atlanta. Churches are asked to collect a special offering for the 30-year-old civil rights organization and a special Gospel Tribute honoring Dr. King will take place that evening.

Anyone wanting more information about any of the events mentioned should contact the SCLC offices, 522-1420.

## USDA Needs Sponsor For Food Program

Atlanta - The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking sponsors to operate the 1987 summer food program in North Carolina.

The summer food program provides nutritious meals to children in needy areas, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap, during extended school vacation periods. In most areas, the program operates from June until August. Under the program, meals and snacks are served to children in such places as schools, playgrounds and parks.

Public or private, nonprofit schools and units of local, municipal, county or state governments may qualify as sponsors of the summer food program in areas where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced price school lunches. Residential summer camps whose enrollment includes needy children may also act as program sponsors. Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for program operating and administrative expenses up to the current rates of reimbursement.

To be eligible, sponsors must:

--provide continuing service to the community;

--serve meals on a regular schedule to children or provide meals as a part of an organized program for enrolled children at camps; and

--show they are financially and administratively capable of operating the program.

For more information, potential sponsors in North Carolina should contact the Division of Child Nutrition, State Department of Public Instruction, Education Bldg., Raleigh, NC 27611. Telephone 919-733-7162.

## Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is seeking information on a suspect's identity. On Wednesday, March 11, 1987, at approximately 4:45 p.m., the suspect entered the First Union National Bank located at 1625 South Boulevard and committed the robbery. The suspect is a black male around 30 years old, 6' tall, weighing 170 pounds, with a mustache and unshaven appearance. At the time of the robbery he was wearing a dark baseball cap with red letters, a tan trench coat, turquoise sweat pants, white running shoes, and dark sun glasses.

Call Crime Stoppers, 334-1600.

## Prophet's Column

# Blindness Of Mind And Heart

By J. M. Little  
Special To The Post

I hope that you are continuing to listen to the VOICE OF TRUTH with our late Pastor, L.R. Shelton, each Sunday morning over WAGI at 7:30 and over WAGL at 8:00. If you and I ever needed to listen and turn to the Lord, it is now. God's Word is true and will be fulfilled just as God said. You cannot get around dealing with Almighty God. And you'll have to deal with Him through the Son. Deny the Son all you please, in the end, He is the One you will have to face and deal with. It would be funny, if it weren't so tragical, to see infidels, atheists, modernists, agnostics and unsaved religionists take the Son of God so lightly and even deny Him. The very Lord you are denying is the One keeping you out of Hell, right now. Your atheism doesn't do away with Hell.

Our subject at this time is: "THE BLINDNESS OF THE MIND AND HEART." I feel so helpless to accurately describe what I know, experimentally, taught by God's Holy Spirit, of the blindness of the mind and heart of totally depraved men. There really are no words in any human language to really describe in full, the true condition of man's mind and heart since the Devil has blinded and captured both. Nevertheless, by God's grace, all I can do is set forth what the Lord has taught me on this very grave subject. It is one which very few in the ministry or any other walk of life know very little about. For if you knew at this very moment how the Devil has your mind and heart blinded, it would frighten some of you into violent actions, and even suicide.

Your mind is your reasoning faculty: your perception, remembrance, reasoning, feelings, desires, imagination, etc., etc. Your heart is the seat of your innermost



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being; out of it comes your issues of life: adultery, affections, doubts, fears, hatreds, love, lusts, meditation, pride, sorrow, etc., etc. There is a difference between the mind and heart, even though at times the two can and do overlap in evil desires. The Apostle Paul said; "...walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind...because of the blindness of their heart." (Eph. 4:17-18). The heart does not grow out of the mind, but the mind grows out of, or is a child of the heart, note that the Apostle said; "because of the blindness of their heart." By nature man is totally depraved and can only produce that which is evil, continually. Listen again to the beloved apostle; "In whom the god of this world HATH BLINDED THE MINDS of them which believe

not..." (II Cor. 4:4). The "god" of this world is Satan, or the Devil. It is Satan who, at this very moment, has blinded every soul out of Christ. How does Satan blind minds? He first started with mankind back in the Garden eastward there in Eden. He first began to question the Word of God with the woman, Eve. Then she began to question and doubt God's Word. Second, Satan lied to her on God. When Satan successfully gets you to doubt God's Word, and you begin to question God's Word, he has blinded your mind and your heart. And he has you right where he wants you. Now you think seriously about it, my friends. The reason the world is in the mess it is in today is because men the world over have been blinded by Satan and are his captives, going and coming at Satan's call and command. That's right, I don't care how much you deny that truth. Paul said that ever unbeliever is blinded by Satan. I wish I could describe the blindness of your mind and heart as I know it. But once the Holy Spirit begins to shine the light of the glorious gospel of Christ into your mind and your heart, you come to realize just what a lost, blinded, deceived, and helpless child of the Devil you are. I can't show you these things, neither can any other man. It is the work of the blessed Holy Spirit to shine the light of the glorious gospel of Christ into your heart, to reveal yourself unto you, in order that He may REVEAL Christ to your heart. Listen to how God saves a sinner; "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (II Cor. 4:6).

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Philip Morris USA recently presented \$7,000 to Barber-Scotia College toward its Freshmen Incentive Scholarship Program. According to BSC President Dr. Mable McLean, this donation "is intended to give financial recognition to freshmen

students who have achieved a minimum of 3.0 average in their high school program." Philip Morris continues its investment in higher education in the local community," adds Dr. McLean, "and we are grateful for this support."

## Networking: An Exchange

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"Networking is an exchange and the exchange has to be valuable to all persons involved," according to Assist City Manager Don Steger in a speech last Friday night to members of the Charlotte Civic League. Members of the Charlotte Civic League, braving a spring rain, hosted their spring reception at the Afro-American Cultural Center.

Keynote speaker for the event, Don Steger, urged the group to understand the importance of networking and what networking really is--an exchange. It's important for black people to network with each other because "we all need each other," according to Steger. In urging League members to be involved in the community, Steger suggested that each person should determine what his/her motives are for becoming involved. "Not knowing why you're involved will result in dissatisfaction and dropping out," added Steger.

Members of the League were encouraged to become involved in organizations such as the Charlotte Urban League and other organizations working to solve some of the problems in the black community. Steger told members to consider joining such groups as the Rotary, Kiwanis, and United Way because "you can't beat the system from the outside." "If you



Don Steger

want to beat the system, you must be in the system. Once you're in, open the door for someone else," concluded Steger.

The program also included a performance by Catchin' On Dance, a local dance company led by Chris Thompson and Barbara Howse Meadows. Together since 1985, Thompson and Meadows choreographed the routines as well as danced in several of them.

Debra Williams, a Charlottean, author and member of the International Black Writers Conference, read three of her original works. Williams' book, "Life Ain't Easy," is scheduled for publication later this year.

## Keen Speaks At Marriott

Charlotte - Silas Keen, president of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago, will be the speaker for the fifth distinguished lecture sponsored by the College of Business Administration Alumni of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The event at noon, Friday, April 10, at the Charlotte Marriott City Center is open to the public, with seating limited to the first 200 persons making reservations.

Keen's topic will be, "Monetary Policy--A Time of Challenge and

Change."

A native of New York, Keen is a graduate of Hamilton College and holds the MBA from Harvard. His banking career began at Mellon Bank where he served 23 years, rising to become vice chairman of the board of the bank and its parent company.

In 1980, Keen became chairman of the board of Pullman, Inc., in Chicago and became president of the Federal Reserve bank there in 1981.

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