

# Entertainment

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

### REQUIEM FOR A HEAVY 'WRITE' HAND PUNCHER

CHICAGO, ILL.-Charles B. Armstrong was a rare human being, a heavy-weight of style and character. He possessed a bear hug affection for his well-chosen cadre of friends and a youthful admiration for achievers. However, he expressed a vocal public disdain for jive 'A' folks of all races and persuasion. He possessed a big mouth that was rivaled in size by his stout heart. A man's man, his salty language was not always for femme or public ears. A person of no half-way measures, he offered a solid friendship to a choice selection. He would not only give them the shirt off his back, but the skin it covered. His Chicago Metro newspaper was one of the city's refuges against those poets of emotions who rap to keep us as indentured slaves to feed their own power lust. Hard hitting, unbought, unbossed and unafraid, it is his monument to honest toil. The Black Press whirl has lost a champion, and this scribe a respected friend. It is hoped that the good which he has done in this arena will not be interred with his mortal body. Or the sweep of history be allowed to hide his achievements beneath the rug of time.. HIS DEATH WAS A TERRIBLE WASTE - ANOTHER BLIGHT UPON THE SOCIETY WHICH WE

### HAVE ALLOWED TO THRIVE AMONG US!

WRITE AROUND:- Cong'man Gus Savage, former newspaper pub., should have known better than to take on the highly successful #1 in the country, 'Bill Cosby Show' without checking his facts. There are lots of Afro-American professional couples in our land. Many



Bill Cosby

of them in DeeCee where the write-wrong legislator is a part-time resident. Cosby's runaway nielsen in TV land is causing a different kind of concern in that industry's ivory towers. The wheels are now attempting to figure out h'cum an all Black 1/2 hour is so eye/ear attracting, killing all its competitors. If that didn't stun them, Bryant Gumbel and co-host Jane Pauley, 'The Today' show, topped the David Hartman/Joan Lunden 'Good Morning America,' which has been tops for 5 yr. in TeeVee's wake up slot...That major Black radio station boycott called against Warner Bro. wax works is over. Instigated by KACE-FM the 4-day sound-



Bryant Gumbel

out was called for alleged mistreatment. Support reportedly came from KJLH, KGfJ, L.A.; WBMX, Chgo.; WDIA, Memphis; WBLS, NYC; and KSOL, San Francisco...Joe Louis, the immortal heavyweight, will add to the polish of the Big Apple when he's honored this wek. among others to be placed into Boxing's Hall of Fame. Later this summer the Madison Square streets complex will have its name changed to Joe Louis Plaza. The City Council has already voted to so honor the section.

EYES WRITE:-Harold Simms, formerly of Nat'l Urban League, and later Johnson & Johnson circles, and Fred Lewis are hopeful of returning from abroad with a \$20-million

## GONG SHOW AUDITIONS TO BE HELD AT WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

Hear ye! Hear ye! All amateur singers, dancers, jugglers, comedians - it's time to get your acts together for another great time plus prizes, prizes and applause! All interested participants will be excited to know the audition dates for the West Las Vegas Library-sponsored, second annual 'The Gong Show!!' have been set for April 6, 13, 20 and 27, by appointment only.

Musicians, ventriloquists, dramatic readers and impressionists all are

plus grant. They and a few others have discovered a foundation established to aid Afro-American ventures...Former Cotton Club lovely, Ruby Dallas Young had her pocketbook picked on her b'day by a very charming young lady. She should have suspected her when she offered her a seat on a crowded bus...P.D. Commish. Ben Ward has turned out to be the only top official in NYC correct about the media glorified Bernhard Goetz. The 'shooter' really talked

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invited to vie for the first prize of a video cassette recorder. Other survivors of the 'gong' will compete for second prize (\$100 cash), and third prize (dinner for two at the Port Tack Restaurant and a \$25 gift certificate donated by J.C.

Penney's, Meadow's Mall).

After you've gotten your act together for the June 22 talent show, to be held from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at Las Vegas High School Auditorium, call the staff at the West Las Vegas Library, 647-2117, for an audition appointment.

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