

world of women



CARMEN ROSA MAYMI

Puerto Rican named to Women's Bureau

Mrs. Carmen Rosa Maymi has been appointed to the new position of Associate Director, Women's Bureau, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards Richard J. Grunewald announced recently.

Grunewald said Mrs. Maymi's primary responsibility will be to develop, monitor and evaluate programs to increase employment opportunities for and eliminate discrimination in employment against women.

Mrs. Maymi was a consultant to the Women's Bureau from May 1972 until her appointment.

The Santurce, Puerto Rico, native came to the Labor Department from the staff of the Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish-speaking Persons, where she assisted in developing and evaluating Federal programs for Spanish-speaking Americans.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor and Women's Bureau Director Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koonz, said, "Mrs. Maymi's experience and rapport with Spanish-speaking people will greatly enhance the Bureau's efforts to identify and fulfill the needs of minority women."

Mrs. Maymi has held various other posts with a Washington, D.C., consulting firm, Volt Information Sciences, Inc.; the Office of Economic Opportunity; the Chicago, Illinois, Committee on Urban Opportunity; and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

She holds a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in Spanish from DePaul University, Chicago. She also attended the University of Chicago Graduate School. Mrs. Maymi resides in Washington, D.C.

YWCA begins expansion campaign

The Portland YWCA will open a campaign January 1 to raise \$1.5 million for improvements and expansion of its facilities in Portland and on the coast.

Mrs. Gregory Wolfe, wife of the president of Portland State University, will be chairman of the five-month fund campaign.

Mrs. Gerald Thomas, president of the metropolitan YWCA board of directors, announced the UGN-approved campaign today, and the appointment of Mrs. Wolfe to head it.

Funds will be used for: - Building an enclosed swimming pool in the St. Johns area and remodeling present facilities; - Improving the downtown building for more efficient use, and buying property for expansion; - Expanding Westwind, the YWCA camp on the coast, at the Salmon River estuary on Cascade Head; - Purchasing vans and buses to take YWCA programs to people who cannot afford transportation, and to take people to YWCA centers for non-van programs.

Among community leaders who participated on committee, chaired by Mrs. Raymond E. Vester, in preparing development plans for the YWCA are: Charles Boyle, Jr., the late Earl Dresler, Donald Frisbee, Glenn Jackson, Fred MacDonald, W.W. Marsh, Howard Rankin, Lyman Seely, Estes Snedecor, Jr.

Presently the Portland YWCA operates from four centers: Northeast Portland, 126 N.E. Alberta; Central East, 337 N.E. 47th; St. Johns, 8010 N. Charleston, and the downtown building, 1111 S.W.

10th. More than 200 educational and recreational activities are provided for children, young people, men and women, and senior citizens.

During this past year, participation by low-income families has increased 24 percent in health, physical education and recreation, 20 percent in adult education programs, 74 percent at Westwind, 12 percent at St. Johns, 30 percent at Northeast Portland and 170 percent in Southeast Portland.

Among new programs getting under way is a Women's Resource Center at the downtown building. It will include a multi-purpose office and information center on women's issues and concerns, and a job bank.

The Wilson Center, a unique theater for the performing arts is under construction on the third floor of the downtown building.

The YWCA will also be co-operating in a rehabilitation program for released women prisoners beginning this summer.

Youth hostelry service will be continued and expanded. The residence remains full with a waiting list.

"We were glad to have had accommodations available for some of the victims of the Madison Park Apartments fire," Mrs. Thomas notes. No girl or woman in need is ever turned away from the YWCA.

The YWCA will also continue free swim hours for senior citizens, free films and programs for older women as well as summer day camping for city children.

Rambling Rose

By Rosalie Boothe

Cultural Arts seems to me to be the one foremost ingredient left out of many of the black films today. Very early in my youth it seems that although many of the happenings on the screen we view today were taking place, there was always theatre, music, street parties, etc.

One of the happenings burst into focus in N.Y.C., The Place: 99th Street N.Y.C.'s Westside. Location: Between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue.

The most recent black film this writer has viewed was "The Lady Sings The Blues". Starring Diana Ross portraying the late Billie Holiday.

Ninety-ninth Street was the business residence where Sadie Holiday (Billie's Mother) made a living. Building No. 71 W. 99th Street, eight steps below street level. My Mother occupied the Madam E. Johnson Colonial Beauty Shoppe, eight steps above street level.

Sadie Holiday was a short, 4 foot 11 inches, plump, jolly and well rounded human being with a light velvet complexion and laughing eyes filled out a beautiful contoured face. She had a terrific zest for life and loved everybody, especially younger people. She always felt that being around younger people kept her young, and vibrant. Therefore the friendship between Sadie Holiday and my Mother lasted until her death.

Billie Holiday never visited her mom spontaneously without her manager. Sadie did all the calling and begging to get Billie over. She would save special foods, and on many occasions she had to eat them the next day herself. But she usually pretended that Billie showed up real late and they had a wonderful visit. Nobody had the heart to bust her bubble.

Billie was never extravagant with her money when it came to special appreciation for her mother. Billie's white manager pushed \$100.00 bills on Sadie occasionally, which usually helped tie her over

paying rent and business expenses. One night Sadie averted a robbery by turning off the main lighting switch and cats stepped all over each other getting out. Mrs. Holiday laughed and related this episode in a movie.

Mrs. Sadie's untimely death was the result of her change of residence from the Bronx to the cold drafty backroom of her diner with inferior heating. She never did recover from her bout with pneumonia.

There are so many personalities and talents across the country that emerged from 99th streets. Let's not be contented to sit in our own vacuum and cheer the pimp, the dope pusher, or the man-let's force these producers to dig a little deeper and portray what really makes us tick on the screen especially for each black youngster viewing black movies. Let's leave him with a dream. Not the impossible. But one that he can cheerfully go home and cultivate.

Cultural Arts salutes all for the New Year, May 1973 hang in there just for you!!!

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Children's class set

A special gymnastics program for children will be offered winter term at Portland State University.

Classes for young people 12 and under are set from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays beginning January 8, and for those 13 and over from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays starting January 10. Sessions run through March 4 and 6.

Fee for the gymnastics course is \$20 per person. Participants must bring their own clothing.

First-come, first served registration for the courses is Saturday, January 6 from 10 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the PSU Health and Physical Education Building, 950 S.W. Hall.

Gymnastics coach at PSU, Randy Carruthers, will be aided by University gymnasts to teach students skills on all pieces of equipment such as the trampoline, balance beam, free - exercise, un - evens, vaulting, parallel bars, horizontal bar, side horse, still rings, long-haul vaulting and tumbling.

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Human Emphasis

by Tom Boothe, Ph.D.,
Professor of Communications Heuristics

Q. Dear Dr. Boothe:

I recently bought a used car and I was told by the dealer that it had been thoroughly reconditioned. It really did look sharp. The dealer further assured me that if anything went wrong with the car to just bring it in and they would fix it, at no extra cost to me. Well, I had the car less than a week when I found that it needed new brakes and a complete tune-up and also that the motor needed extensive work, as it smoked terribly bad. I have been trying for over two months to get this dealer to fix it. They have been really nice to me, and they haven't said they won't fix my car, but they keep giving me the run-around and the car doesn't even run any more, and even if it did, it has no brakes. What can I do?

A. Dear Car Buyer:

I have no way of knowing what kind of written guarantee you got from the dealer when you bought the car or what would be covered by it. You have obviously placed too much emphasis on what the dealer or salesman said and not enough emphasis on the car. If a dealer or salesman fails to meet the terms spelled out in a written guarantee or warranty, the D.A.'s office is the place to go. However, most dealers guarantee do not cover the items which you spelled out. If the dealer or salesman told you that the car had been reconditioned, that could mean anything from vacuuming the inside, to merely washing the windows and would not necessarily have anything to do with the mechanical aspects of the car. If you have been getting the run-around for two months and the car isn't even driveable any more, you may have learned a very expensive lesson in used car buying. But, because the dealer has not flatly refused to fix the car,

there is a chance all is not lost. Pin the dealer down tactfully. It is certain that he will not want to go the entire bill for fixing the car, but he may be able to give you enough of a break that it may be worth your while, especially since you have had very little service from the car. If you and the dealer enter into an agreement on the repairs make sure that everything is included and make sure he gives you a firm cost analysis, the check around and make sure that he is actually saving you money. It may be that you will be better off getting the car repaired at a more reputable dealer. But before you buy anything else, or make any more deals with anyone, get a copy of the consumers buying guide. It will cost you \$1.00 and is distributed through the Portland Better Business Bureau, Corbett Building, Downtown Portland, Phone 226-3981. Drop me a letter and let me know how you made out.

Dear Dr. Boothe:

I have been having trouble with my husband running around with other women. He recently started seeing a doctor and refuse to tell me why? My friends warned me to have a check up in case he might have a venereal disease, you see we have 4 children and he handles all the finances and there is no money in the budget for me to check out my suspicions to see a doctor, is there somewhere I could go and check this out without paying a fee?

Sincerely Broke & concerned

Dear Concerned:

Yes, any State Public Health station will do the necessary tests. Locations: 12240 N.E. Glisan St. Phone 254-7301 for the Portland downtown area it is located at 104 S.W. 5th Phone 227-8411

Teachers honored

Ruth Peets, specialist in speech and hearing at the Portland Public School Child Service Center, 220 N.E. Beech Street, recently was elevated to the coveted status of ASHA Fellow at the American Speech and Hearing Association Convention held in San Francisco, California. This award is in recognition

of outstanding achievement in the field of speech. Only about three persons in the Portland area have attained this honor. Teddy Lyons, speech therapist for Irvington and Eliot Primary Schools, was elected by the ASHA Legislative Council to serve for a three year term on its honors committee beginning January 1.

Pageant planned

Plans for the 3rd Annual "Hal Jackson's Miss Black Teenage America Beauty Pageant and U. S. Teen Revue TV Special" are being finalized.

The event, open to teenagers 13 to 16 years of age with a performing talent, will take place in New York City, July 1973, and will once again be taped for a 60 minute syndicated TV special sponsored by the Pepsi Cola Company and other participating sponsors.

Mrs. Alice Jackson, of Hal Jackson Productions, sponsors and TV producers of the

pageant said, "Because of the many fine people who sponsor our pageants across the country, thousands of teenagers enjoyed the exciting experience of participating in a pageant, with the finalists sharing their talent abilities with the American TV viewing public. Individuals or organizations interested in helping and supporting our efforts, with the added benefit of a fund-raising activity, by sponsoring a pageant in their areas should contact Hal Jackson Productions, 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3308, New York, New York 10001.



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