

## OLCC Hearing On Non-renewal Of Liquor License For Gabi's Restaurant To Begin Oct. 28

An administrative hearing on the proposed non-renewal of the liquor license for Gabi's Restaurant and Lounge will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Oregon Liquor Control commission at 9079 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd., Portland.

The hearing is scheduled for eight days, Wednesday, Oct. 28 through Friday, Oct. 30, and Monday, Nov. 2 through Friday, Nov. 6.

Earlier this year, OLCC staff, after consultation with the Portland Police Department, recommended that the class A dispenser liquor license (hard liquor, beer and wine) for Gabi's not be renewed, citing concern for public safety.

In June 1991, the OLCC suspended Gabi's (then called Niecey's) liquor license because of a record of 50 incidents of illegal activities reported at the business, located at 5700 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Portland. The OLCC lifted the suspension one week later after owners Cordell and Etta Blockson agreed on a plan to overcome the problems.

"However, between November

1991 and March 1992, according to Portland Police Department reports and OLCC observations, numerous incidents of violence occurred at Gabi's," said Mike Reed, OLCC assistant administrator and director of Regulation. "The incidents included two stabbings, 14 fights or assaults, seven reports of minors and two treats with guns inside the bar or in the parking lot controlled by the licensee."

"When Gabi's liquor license came up for renewal last April, the OLCC administrator considered staff recommendations and proposed not to renew it because of the continuing violence there," Reed said.

The Blocksons requested a hearing to contest the proposed non-renewal of the license.

"Recently, we have reports of more fights and assaults in Gabi's and the parking to in August and September," said Reed.

After the hearing, the hearings officers will make a recommendation to the board of Liquor commissioners, who will make the final decision on the license renewal for Gabi's.

## Six Reclaimed Portland Homes (Including One Condominium) Available For Ownership at PDC's Homestead Open House

Six homes in Portland neighborhoods (including one condominium) will be offered to lower-income residents at the upcoming Portland Homestead Open House on Sunday, October 25, 1992, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Portland Development Commission administers the Portland Homestead Program, which provides home ownership opportunities to those who otherwise might not be able to afford their own home. The program provides a significant tool to help the City reclaim vacant and abandoned housing, while encouraging neighborhood preservation, revitalization and stability.

Through the Portland Homestead Program, PDC acquires vacant homes in need of repair and transfers them to qualified Homesteaders. In turn, Homesteaders agree to make necessary repairs before moving in, accept a low-interest PDC home repair loan and live in the house for at least three years. There is no down payment involved in becoming a Homesteader. Homesteaders pay a one-time charge for taxes and insurance of \$500. Monthly payments on the home repair and acquisition loans average \$375, including taxes and in-

urance. Each of the homes to be offered October 25 will be open between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Potential homesteaders must visit each home in which they are interested to be considered for ownership. PDC will hold a random drawing for each home and will notify those whose names are selected. PDC advisors will be at each home to answer questions during the open house. The addresses of the homes being offered are:

- 5214 N.E. Davis, 2 bedroom
- 225 N. E. Mason, 2 bedroom
- 849 N. Farragut, e bedroom
- 122 N. Blandena, 3 bedroom
- 7205 N. E. 10th, 2 bedroom
- 6864 N. E. Claremont, 2 bedroom (condominium)

Individuals interested in being added to the mailing list for Homestead Program offerings should call PDC's Neighborhood Housing Preservation Office at 823-3422 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Portland Development Commission is the City's agency for urban renewal, housing and economic development.

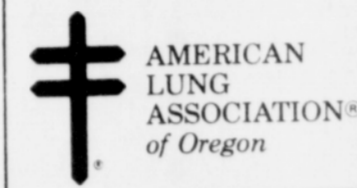
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## Nonminority Business: Way To Go?

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

That was quite a response to last week's wrap up of my Minority Business Series, "A Reality Check". My Voice Mail and Fax lines were overloaded two days in a row (Voice mail 284-7080, Fax 284-0484). Many inquiries and comments came from far beyond the northeast community--including requests to do workshops.

Several readers said the title of the series should have been, "Expanded Horizons". In any case, let's wrap up the "wrap up". Others asked, "why aren't we getting this type of valuable information from the agencies who are funded by our tax money?" I am not about to become engaged in a running controversy with those who know perfectly well what their agenda should be--and what the deplorable shortfall has been since the inception of most of these programs. There are those other quite competent members of this fraternity. However I am moved to repeat several time-worn but quite valid adages: "He who knows does, others talk! Know ye a tree by the fruit that it bears!" And Buick's old advertising refrain, "Ask the man who owns one!" If your advisers only "business" experience has been a program payroll, then you are in big trouble. Move on brother/sister. And how many wrote for free "Consumer Information Catalog, Pueblo, Colorado 81001?"

Congratulations to those readers who finally made it to the public library

business section--after my sarcastic remarks that African Americans are seldom seen, but lots of Asians, Hispanics, Africans, Native Americans, Etc. Forgive me, but as you say, "you were right, I should have been there yesterday". Another interesting development; For the first time in a decade, I heard from several of my former business students who have "made it". We are going to have a reunion around the first of the month. Some good real-time instructional material should develop from this--excellent guidelines for the next time I write on this subject.

In those photocopies of my business articles I cited last week are plenty of references to relevant information retrieval sources and there will be more here. I am sure you have noted over the years how many "out-of-town" citations I give, from organizations and publications--to the "yellow sections" of phone books from other cities, where you will find numerous ideas for enterprises not in vogue in Portland. The public library has phone books for most major cities.

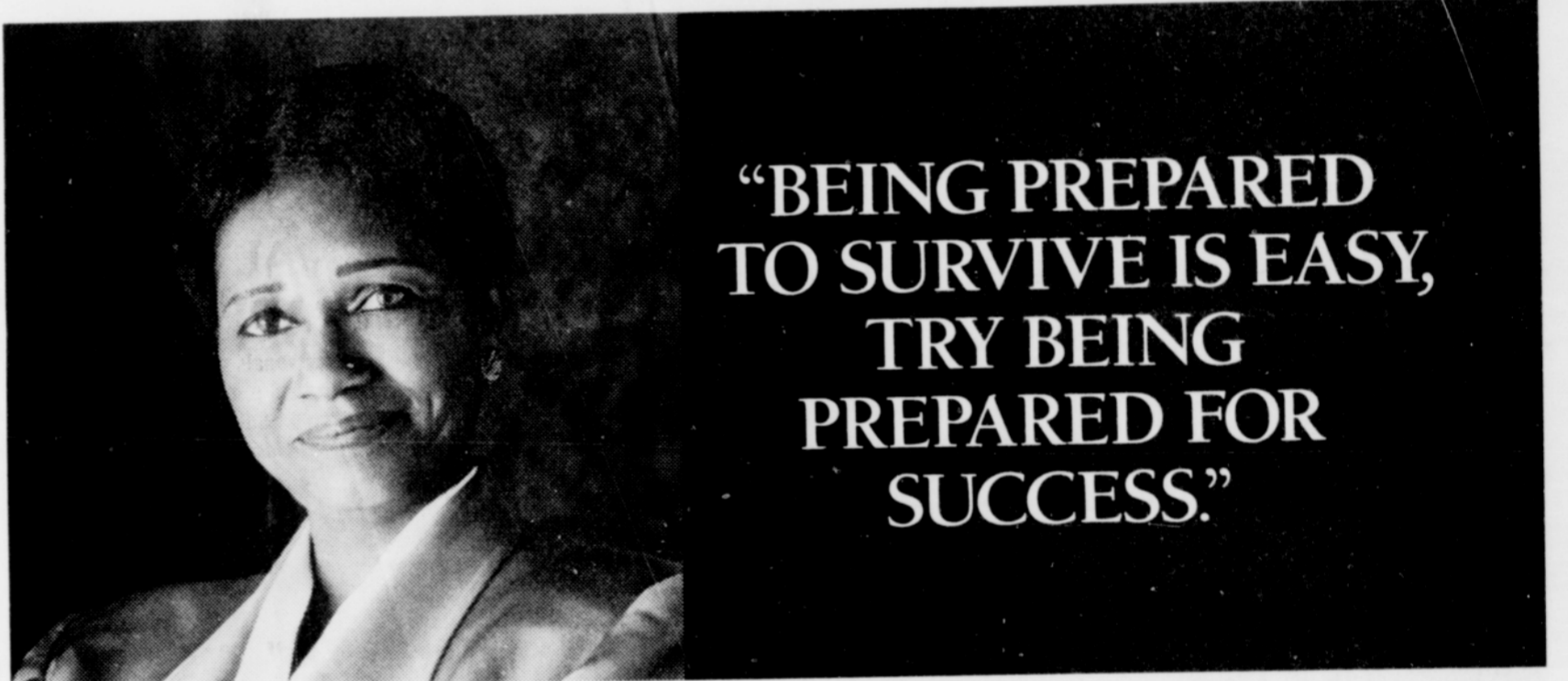
A most informative publication is "Chicago's Minority Business", monthly. This is an extremely well structured, tabloid-type business magazine that is sure to yield reams of valuable information on every aspect of enterprise; 36 South Wabash Ave., #725, Chicago, Ill. 60603 (312) 263-0105. I believe the subscription price is \$12.00. Just full of new ideas.

Again, you will certainly want to subscribe to "Black Enterprise", P.O. Box 11602, Des Moines, IA 50350-1602 (800) 727-7777. Another ethnic-oriented publication is "Minority Business Entrepreneur", which seems to have a predominately Hispanic slant. To receive this semimonthly publication, it is best to subscribe in the name of an organization, giving the subscriber's title and the nature of the group. Reader Service Department, 924 North Market St., Inglewood, California 90302-2309 (310) 673-8398, \$12.00 yearly.

No one, either in or contemplating a business, should be without "Direct Marketing: strategy, Planning, Execution; Second Edition," Edward L. Nash, McGraw Hill Co. 1986. The best book in the field, and by the most successful pro in the field. Not only how to get the customer or client, but how to use the media effectively, print and electronic. Locally, you might have Looking Glass Bookstore price and order it for you. Also, if you are going to market electronically, get the latest edition, "The AT&T Catalog: Business communications", Call (800) 635-8866. For general business lines of AT&T (including "900" number info) call (800) 222-0400.

Be sure to get the photocopies of the "Minority Business Series" that support all of this. Send \$3.00 and your name and address to the Observer, 4747 N. E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97211.

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