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A special ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m. The Ribbon will be cut by Miss Tan Portland, 18-year-old Ophelia Stevens. Also attending will be Benjamin Franklin President Robert H. Hazen and City Commissioner Charles Jordan.

The new Walnut Park office is located at 5775 N.E. Union Avenue, at the corner of N.E. Union Avenue and N.E. Jarrett Street.

Members of the Women of Providence from the Providence Missionary Baptist Church will serve

refreshments throughout the day. The public is encouraged to stop by to see the new Benjamin Franklin office and have some cookies, coffee and punch.

Interior decor of the new 1800-square-foot Benjamin Franklin office carries out a colonial theme in keeping with Benjamin Franklin offices statewide. Unique to the Walnut Park office is a large wall mural featuring street scenes of Union Avenue taken in the mid-1930s. Featured is custom-carpeting which incorporates the Presidential seal and a patterned "portrait" of the firm's namesake, Benjamin Franklin. The decor also includes a 25-foot-long curved walnut counter

with four teller windows and three brass candleabra chandeliers.

The exterior is white Colonial with a large bay window and a clock tower facing Union Avenue. Complementary landscaping has been installed around the building.

A convenient drive-up teller window is located on the south side of the building with an entrance off Jarrett Street. Customer parking is located on the west side of the building with access off Union Avenue.

Architect for the new Walnut Park office was Bruce Samuelson, A.I.A. Contractor was Reimers and Jolivet Inc.

## University of Oregon schedules blues festival

The EMU Cultural Forum of the University of Oregon and Mercury Entertainment will present the Fourth Annual Oregon Blues Festival.

On September 28th and 29th at 8:00 p.m. at the EMU Ballroom at the University of Oregon.

Featured on September 28th are: Little Willie Littlefield, The Gospel Trumpets, Ron Thompson Trio, and Big Mama Thornton.

Playing on September 29th are: Omar Hakim Khayyam, Robert Cray Band, Little Joe Blue, and

David "Fathead" Newman.

Little Willie Littlefield is a boogie woogie and blues piano player and vocalist. He is a major influence on Fats Domino. At age 17, he formed his first orchestra and toured the U.S. performing at such showcases as the Apollo Theater in New York. Littlefield's most successful recording was *K.C. Loving* for Federal Records in 1952.

The Gospel Trumpets: This Portland based group is a good time, get down, soulful gospel group which

gives the Annual Oregon Blues Festival its first Gospel presentation. Black church music has been a critical historical influence on the development of Blues music as a popular art form.

Ron Thompson Trio: Ron is generally considered to be the best rhythm and slide guitarist on the West Coast.

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## CODA rethinks drug program

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The *Observer* has learned that a special meeting of the CODA Board of Directors has been called to review the project, staffing policies and pending personnel actions. Internal strife with racial overtones fosters skepticism in the Black community about the sincerity of the concern for minority clients.

"We have tried to do what the State doesn't do very well . . ." (in the area of affirmative action) said Robbins. Sally Kent, in the staff affirmative action position, could not be reached but indications are that the history at CODA for hiring and promotion of minorities is not outstanding. Among a staff of fifty, "Maybe seven are Black and one Hispanic", according to Robbins.

Only the newly appointed controversial head of the proposed project is in a position higher than the low paying counselling positions occupied by the rest of the minorities.

Methadone itself is a highly controversial treatment "modality" and according to Robbins one of the proposed modalities has such a high failure rate that no more than two clients would participate in a year.

The other drug maintenance program would have twenty-five to thirty clients "maintained" free on a drug some have called worse than heroin. Finally, the Executive Director offered, the project would have fifty clients in the drug-free "modality". This three part project would serve seventy-five clients.

One question not answered by the staff of CODA is where more than the present 34 identified Northeast residents are going to come from. That "planned growth" concerns citizens, parents and leaders of King.

Robbins indicated that CODA success is "being punished" by the withdrawal of funds. This means that more Black drug addicts, like more low achieving Black children, provides more money for salaries. Even a non-profit agency needs to pay salaries and grow. None of this sounds good to the community.



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