

HAPPENINGS



Kimberly Alisha Swopes, 20, daughter of Frank and Elaine Swopes, recently won the title of Miss Video Portland, at Flirts in the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. For the past several months, selected nightclubs around the United States have been conducting eliminations to choose a finalist to represent their area in the Miss Video World contest. On August 2nd, Kim, along with 30 finalists, will be flown to Hollywood for video screen testing, which will be combined on a single videocassette. Customers viewing this program on video replay at participating clubs will cast their votes on special ballots for their choice of the most exciting girl for motion pictures, video, and television. These votes will be tabulated on a television special for release in September.

The finalist with the greatest number of votes nationally will be declared Miss Video USA, and will receive a screen contract in addition to \$1,000 cash and other prizes. She will also advance to compete against the winners from foreign countries for the title of Miss Video World early next year.

As Miss Video Portland, Kim will receive round-trip air fare to Hollywood as well as free hotel accommodations, food, entertainment, and limousine service. The four-day trip is sponsored by Video World Productions, an Alvin Lewis Fast presentation.



ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK

Joe "Bean" Keller, Entertainment Editor

"The Motown Revue starring Smokey Robinson," a contemporary music and comedy series, will have an early season premiere on NBC-TV on Friday, August 9, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET. The show marks the TV series debut of Smokey Robinson, an enduring legend in contemporary music. Smokey each week will host top music and comedy stars in a party-like atmosphere reflecting the latest happenings in entertainment.

In launching the new series, NBC was inspired by the Emmy Award winning "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever," which broke all ratings records for a music and comedy special and, more recently, by the highly rated and critically acclaimed "Motown Returns to the Apollo."

NBC has selected "The Motown Revue starring Smokey Robinson" as the lead-in for its top-rated Friday night hit, "Miami Vice," the August 9 premiere will highlight special guest star Stevie Wonder and will also star DeBarge, The Four Tops, Vanity, comedian Arsenio Hall, and young actor Leo O'Brien. Stars booked for future shows include Diana Ross, The Temptations, "Weird" Al Yankovic, The Mary Jane Girls, Ashford & Simpson, Ray Charles and The New Edition. The show will tape before a live audience at NBC's Burbank studios.

According to Suzanne DePasse, president of Motown Productions and executive producer of the show, "In addition to Smokey's integral role in shaping the Motown sound, he has had an endless list of hit records which have made him one of the world's most loved and respected songwriters and performers. This, coupled with his innate, easy-going personality, makes him the natural and perfect choice to host 'The Motown Revue'."

"The Motown Revue starring Smokey Robinson" is a Motown/Schlatter Production produced by Robert Illes, James Stein and Steve Binder. The show is directed by Binder and Illes and Stein. Supervising producers are Michael L. Weisbarth and Suzanne Coston.

"Top of The Cosmo," located at 1030 N.E. Union Avenue, announces that Gene Diamond will be performing there July 29 through August 31, 1985. The entertainment begins at 8:30 p.m., six nights a week (8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday; 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday).

"Ain't Misbehavin'" opens the 13th SRO Season at Portland Civic Theatre, starring (left to right) Julianne Johnson, Preston Smith, Alicia Locke, Kevin Neil Cheatham and Joette Johnson. This Portland premiere is a jubilant musical tribute to America's jazz great, Thomas "Fats" Waller. June 28 - August 3, Thursdays through Sundays, call 226-3048.



Robert Crag Band

On Thursday, August 8th, the Key Largo (31 N.W. First), one of Portland's hot live entertainment spots, will come alive to the Blues and R&B sounds of the Robert Crag Band.

The Oregon-based five-piece Robert Crag Band has just released their long-awaited second album LP, "Band Influence," and has received raves from and eager following of critics and blues and R&B fanatics. Their recent East Coast debut tour included a standout performance at Carnegie Hall, which was hailed by the *New York Times*, *Billboard*, and others.

Unity Day

The Black United Front's 6th Annual Robert Bowden Community Unity Day will be held again at Peninsula Park, 6400 N. Albina, Saturday, August 10, 1985, from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. Robert Bowden was a dedicated member of the Albina Community. A graduate of Jefferson High School, Robert was a positive role model for our community. He represented the spirit of the Black struggle for equality in the state of Oregon. Community Unity Day is a Portland Black United Front thank you to its many supporters throughout the city and the state. There will be athletic events and other competition for grade and high school students. Food will be available for a small donation and live entertainment will be provided. The Black United Front hopes to see you at this family event. Bands performing will be the Flirt Band and CleanCut.

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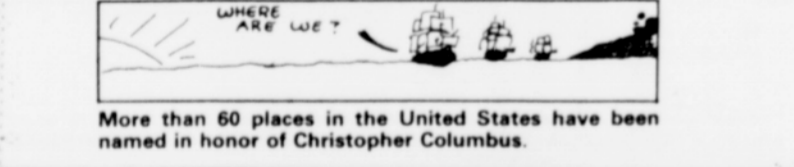
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Edmon Orton, guitarist, will be performing along with Les Williams and Co. at the Royal Esquire Club on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9th and 10th. Orton is also a vocalist and has performed in such places as Small's Paradise in New York City.



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