Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....French chanteuse-producer LINE RENAUD back in town for a quick visit and to tape segments of her upcoming special for French television, "Line Directe". Line's guest this time will be THE OSMOND BROTHERS, PAUL ANKA, LOUIS PRIMA and special guest BOB HOPE. Mlle Renaud is currently the toast of Paree with her hit record albums, television talk show and a series of specials. Line's American revue, "Fantasies of Love" closes this month at the Playboy Hotel in Miami has had several Vegas buyers talking about bringing it to the Strip later this summer.....At Caesars Palace, the very special international star PETULA CLARK is back for her only Las Vegas appearance this year. Petula leaves America immediately after her Palace date to begin another series of concerts in and around London....JOAN RIVERS, TRINI LOPEZ, MIMI HINES, LINE RENAUD, PAUL ANKA, JILLIAN ('Lido'), JIMMY MICHAELS (The Establishment), JACKIE BEER ('Geisha'rella'), new group RICHARD CURTIS & GENESIS, JACK ACKERMAN ('Funny Girl'), SHARON DALE & JACKIE "Miss Velvet" HOUSTON, SUZANNE VEGAS, and LELAND SCOTT III among the celebs and friends in to see Detroit singing star BOB ANDERSON in a guesting with JACKIE GAYLE at the Sahara Casbar. ANDERSON, who will be opening next month with Miss Rivers at the Ye Little Club in Beverly Hills, hosted a "get acquainted" bash attended by dozens of Strip showfolk. This week, Bob's off to Los Angeles to audition for a couple of tv guesting to promo his Bev Hills bow. First stop on Anderson's busy stopover will be a party hosted by MARTY & FRENCHY ALLEN who have been instrumental in his career and were the first stars to persuade the young singer to make a move to Vegas and L.A.....JOHNNIE RAY makes his first L.A. appearance in more than eighteen years opening April 11 at the Century Plaza's Westside Room.....Movie star JAMES DARREN opens this weekend (April 8) with BUDDY HACKETT at the Sahara Congo Room. Darren, recently signed to a new recording pact with MGM, just waxed half a dozen new songs for upcoming single releases. Jimmy just closed a sell-out sixteen day engagement at Philadelphia's Palumbo's, his first hometown appearance since his early "Gidget" successes.....Delightful KAY BALLARD, an all too infrequent Vegas headliner, opened to rave reviews and SRO in her San Diego Off-Broadway Theater production of "Gypsy". Attn: Producer Maynard Sloate: The show and the star would be perfect for a summer outing on the Strip.....

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STRIP CHATTER.....Australian impressionist-comedienne DAPHNE DAVIS in her Vegas debut in BARRY ASHTON'S "THIS IS BURLESQUE" at the Aladdin.....Tis being said here and there and everywhere round the Strip that BOB HOPE will accept the staggering offer to open the new MGM GRAND HOTEL, this fall.....Riviera star DON RICKLES will be back from his current Copa engagement to host the "Tonight" Show April 23. Star JOHNNY CARSON will be appearing that week, with PHYLLIS McGUIRE, at the Sahara. Carson and Miss McGuire open April 20.....Don't Miss the all new edition of the always unusual THE UNUSUAL WE, now back on the Stripscene after more than a year's absence. JEROME BRANDON & JESSE SALVE'S new group is at the Flamingo Casino Theater in an all new package of songs, dances and showmanship. THE UNUSUAL WE has a strong following here from its previous outings at Caesars Palace, the Frontier, and the Desert Inn

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.....GLADYS KNIGHT AND THE PIPS will be GOLDIE HAWN's special guest stars when she makes her Las Vegas Hilton debut opening June 25. Goldie's new act is being staged by choreographer JERRY JACKSON.....Academy Award nominee DIANA ROSS returns to Caesars Palace on June 7.....TAKEUCHI KEIGO's opulent Oriental extravaganza "GEISHA'RELLA" will switch showtimes to afternoons this week, now that the Thunderbird is back to a name star policy opening tonight (April 5) with DONALD O'CONNOR. Also signed to join the T-Bird stable: SARAH VAUGHN.....The Sands Hotel will host RED McILVAINE's 1973 ANNUAL BUMMER AWARDS (for worst radio & television commercials) on May 3.....Don't miss the upcoming Memorial Day (May 27-28) all-star telethon for the HIGHWAY SAFETY FOUNDATION emanating from New York & Las Vegas. Starring on the Vegas PAUL ANKA-hosted portion will be TRINI LOPEZ, FRANKIE RANDALL (who opens this weekend at the Tropicana Casino Theater), MAMIE VAN DOREN, WAYNE NEWTON and "Folies Bergere" star AUDREY ARNO.....

HAWAII'S KIMO AT LANDMARK

KIMO

If the names Kimo and The 50th State on the Landmark's marquee lead you to believe you are in for a night of romantic Hawaiian music, you may be disappointed . . .but only for an instant.

Kimo -- who has been called " the Hawaiian Prince Valiant" -- is everything but island in his musical fare. The handsome, talented young singer has been compared more to Johnny Mathias, Lou Rawls, and Humperdink in rave reviews across the country.

But it might be best to describe him as "something else." He has a style all his own, which packed the Landmark Supper Club last fall.

This appearance is an all new, bigger and brighter show. Kimo will be backed again by the power of The 50th State, and the offering this time will be augmented by Luv, Peace & Soul, which otherwise means girl, girl, and girl. They're a brand new and very promising dance trio.

Showtimes for the big new Landmark show are 6, 7:30 and 9:30 for the three dinner performances, with a special cocktail performance at 11 p.m. That fourth show will be an "all out performance ", souped up for the cocktail crowd.

As usual, there's no cover and no minimum in the Landmark Supper Club, and the hotel's offering its $4.95 prime rib dinner and show combination.

Kimo and The 50 th State return to Las Vegas and the Landmark from a highly successful tour of the mid-west and a record-breaking engagement in Boston.

James "Kimo" Mata was born on the big island of Hawaii. He has three brothers and three sisters. He learned music from his aunts and uncles who were traveling musicians. At age 15, he and his two brothers formed a local group. You get the Mata family together and you've got nothing but musicians and singers. His father came from Manila, where Kimo's grandfather lived to 102. while his mother, whose parents came from Corsica, remembers her grandmother, who lived to he age of 107.

A black belt holder in Karate, his major interest is all forms of art.

His musical director, Pat Demain is a graduate of music of the University of Hawaii, majoring in arranging. He is bright, creative and a great asset to Kimo's career.

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