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NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....AL CADEAUX, the enterprising young entrepreneur who owns the hottest disco-nitery on the east coast, **THE HURRICANE** in Ocean City, Maryland, is alerting the show biz world and especially the West Coast and Las Vegas about his latest discovery, a nine-man act called **"THE SOUTH MARYLAND BAND"** featuring **HARVEY HUBCAP**. As you can tell by the groups name, it's a take-off of a take-off of the 1950's, "Grease"/"Sha Na Na" nostalgia but with a big difference. Their group, says Al, not only can re-create all the oldies-goldies of the rock 50's and 60's, but they are also on target with the latest disco sounds and contemporary rock. Cadeaux who has been booking name acts like **THE FOUR TOPS**, **B.J. THOMAS**, **BILLY JOE ROYAL**, **CORNELL GUNTHER & THE COASTERS**, etc., etc., at The Hurricane has been playing the "SMB" and Harvey Hubcap contingent every free week he can grab them. They are a monster hit throughout the east and have some very impressive credits behind them including club dates from Maine to Florida, and a couple of very successful tours with **The Righteous Brothers** and other top name acts this past year. Al will be coming west later this year on another talent scouting trip. He took over The Hurricane about a year ago and has expanded, added and upgraded the sound/light and disco facilities by nearly \$100,000. His last visit to Las Vegas was as one of the guest judges at the annual **BEAUX ARTS HALLOWE'EN BALL**, last October at Circus Circus; a visit he hopes to repeat for this year's Ball which has been announced for October 31 at the Stardust Hotel.....**SHECKY GREENE** has Sahara star **CHARO** as his special guest star for his one week engagement now underway at Sahara Tahoe. Shecky will be

BEN SANDERS, 5TH AVE. COUNTRY BOY IN TILLOTSON SHOW AT LANDMARK

When Johnny Tillotson steps onto the stage at the Landmark Hotel, the whole Jubilee Showroom is flooded with sunshine. The slight country performer with both a song and a smile in his heart is lovin' every minute of it, and so does everyone else--all the way down the line, through a medley of some of the 23 hits which put him on the national country charts such as "Poetry In Motion," "Talk Back Trembling Lips" and "Heartaches By The Number," to some of the memorable tunes of the legendary Hank Williams, to the best offerings of today's country greats. The versatile performer has had the ability to withstand the tests of time and has been



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able to bridge the pop/country charts, making him an excellent subject for magazine and newspaper coverage as well as guest-

ing on all the major TV talk shows. Ben Sanders, "The Fifth Avenue Country Boy" has earned himself another handle --

Ben "Las Vegas Style," because of the favorable reaction he has received here, causing him to be brought back to appear in four of the hotel's country shows. His Texas drawl and laid back manner is a refreshing change from the norm and is reminiscent of Will Rogers. Musical backing is provided by Tillotson's band, **Slippery When Wet**, while beauty and female flavor is provided by singers **Watkins & Stevens**. A strong newcomer to the Vegas main-room scene is **Dick Mohr**, an exciting, Jerry Lee Lewis style piano man with a rockin' country flavor. The tall, handsome blonde is equally entertaining when laying down a country ballad in song.

back at the MGM Grand in October..... Hypnotist **SAM VINE** makes his Strip bow opening at the end of August at the Thunderbird Hotel. Vine's guest will be youthful song bird **CARRIE McDOWELL** who debuted here as part of **Liberace's Hilton extravaganza**.....**PERRY COMO** makes his first Hilton appearance since 1972 when he comes in following **ANN-MARGRET** on August 29. A-M opens August 17, but has to cut her stint a bit short to start filming her next "The Last Remake of Beau Geste" which will make three or four still to be released **Ann-Margret**

movies for 1976 and 1977..... Beautiful **LESLIE UGGAMS**, always such a big favorite here, has been signed to star in a **TWELVE** (12) hour television blockbuster, "ROOTS". Leslie starts filming in August; "Roots" will be airing in September.....

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STRIP BITS & PIECES.....Why all the commotion and Gaming Commission interest in whether or not **FRANK SINATRA** is buying into or all of the Sahara or Del Webb hotel-casinos?? Seems to many that **FRANK SINATRA** would make an ideal hotel owner, and could, practically singlehandedly bring back a lot of the glamor, excitement and class to the Strip that has been slowly but surely evaporating and fading this past decade. It was stars like Mr. Sinatra that made Las Vegas what it is today.....so why shouldn't he, and any other interested performers, be allowed -- even encouraged -- to continue their participation whether from on stage or as part owners, operators and directors???.....Speaking of commotion, a lot of talk around town that **BOB HOPE**, the ever elusive one, may be finally getting near to a Las Vegas showroom debut.

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