

Van Zandt, McClinton stands open lively week

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The coming week is a lively one for Austin country music fans, and it starts early with Thursday through Saturday performances by Townes Van Zandt at the Montana Mining Co. North and by Delbert McClinton at Soap Creek Saloon.

It's sort of a homecoming for Townes, who moved to Austin about two years ago but has spent the past two summers in Colorado. Montana has been closed for almost two weeks for remodeling. Reopening with Townes, whose "Ballad of Lolly and Pancho" is being sung by artists all over the nation, is a continuation of the artistic billings it has exhibited in recent months.

Fort Worth's bluesy Delbert McClinton has been gaining Austin fans rapidly, and his firming of a KLRN "Austin City Limits" television show was a masterpiece. Two songs which he wrote have been particularly popular: "Honky Tonks" ("I Guess I've Done Me Some"), a recent single release, and "Victim of Life's Circumstances," the title cut of his album.

The crowded week continues with the Outlaw Concert outdoors Sunday. Then Monday Willie Nelson opens a four-night stint at Soap Creek Saloon, and David Allan Coe comes in for two nights at Alliance Wagon Yard, while Ernest Tubbs is scheduled to appear outdoors Wednesday at the International Speedway north of Georgetown.

I'll have more details of the big week in Friday's column.

COUNTRY CONCERT
It's a shame that Sunday's scheduled country music Outlaw Concert on the Steiner ranch has been marred by controversy over the recent rock music concert held there. I talked with Larry Trader, representative of the producers, just before writing this column. "We are asking every agency involved and every individual to tell us exactly what they want done to please them—then we are going to do it," Larry says.

The producers say they are willing to do everything possible to eliminate any objections to the concert. This would include traffic problems and security for property of neighbors.

I specifically asked Larry what would be done to protect the health of those who choose to go to the Lake Austin site by water, a suggestion I made in this column last week. He told me that boat owners would be given a numbered ticket, similar to those used in auto parking lots, and that no one would be allowed near a boat without that claim check.

The concert starts at 10 a.m. and features 20 acts, headlined by Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Tracy Nelson, Asleep at the Wheel and David Allan Coe.

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in the outlaw movement in country music, dominate the final nominations for this year's Country Music Association awards. The voting by CMA members now has been distilled into five final nominees in each of the 10 award categories. The winner in each category will be announced on live television Oct. 11.

This is the first year Willie has ever made it to the finals—and he did it in a big way. He's a finalist in

five categories. So is Waylon, plus a sixth for his hand, the Waylors. Third for most final nominations is Ronnie Milsap with three.

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