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will include the Lost Gonzo Band, Beto y los Fairlanes, Mother of Pearl, Butch Hancock, Kurt Van Sickle, Natalie Zoe and Turk Pipkin and Kim.

TRAVELIN' THROUGH: Traveler came off the endless road long enough to play Armadillo last weekend. The band seemed loose and ripped through two fine sets, reaching back for some vintage oldies and bringing out a bevy of friends including Rick Stein, Susie Elkins, Cam King and Craig Hillis. A second single from Traveler's "Lost in the Late, Late Show" LP is set for release Jan. 12 — most likely it'll be "Who Are You Foolin'." The album gets a nice review in the current *Creem* . . . Looking ahead to the next album, guitarist **Bill Browder** says the band is thinking about London for its studio work, but no final decision has been made.

TEXAS GOES TO LONDON: Mort Cooperman, the man who made longnecks and chicken fried steaks chic in the Big Apple, plans to open a second Lone Star Cafe in London come February. And Cooperman, who says he can't get enough Texas performers to satisfy his clientele, plans to feature the same progressive country-blues talent lineup at his new pub. **Greezy Wheels** and **Kinky Friedman** are among those Cooperman's considering to open the London Lone Star . . . **Doug Sahn**'s at the Lone Star this weekend and the **Cobras** are set to open for **Otis Rush** Nov. 27 and 28.

DANCE, WHITE SHOES: Billy Johnson had his knee cut Friday so he won't be dancing in the end zone for a while, but that doesn't mean of White Shoes won't be dancing. A Houston group called **Larry and Marilyn** and the **Brass Connection** has recorded a tune called "White Shoes" at Mickey Gilley's Pasadena studios and as soon as he's able to walk, Johnson plans to choreograph it. Already one Houston radio station and several Space City discos are playing the song, set for release any day on the band's Lar-Mar label. Johnson and his agent hope the song will catch on nationally, especially

after NBC uses it on an upcoming "NFL '78" segment

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Van Morrison's management has ruled he'll do only one show at Armadillo Thursday night. Seems too many nights of two shows a night were burning out Van the Man . . . **Taj Mahal** returns to the Opera House Tuesday . . . **Downer** freaks won't want to miss **Black Sabbath** and **Van Halen** at Municipal Aud Friday . . . Tickets for **Linda Ronstadt's** Dec. 15 date at the Super Drum go on sale at 7 a.m. Monday. Credit card holders can call in orders beginning at 10 a.m. Monday . . . **Armadillo** has one of its classic pairings on tap Dec. 8 and 9 — **Talking Heads** and **Townes Van Zandt**. Explains **Michael Priest**, the artist who doubles as AWHQ emcee, "We figure if you're into **Talking Heads** you need to know **Townes**, and if you're into **Townes** you need to know **Talking Heads**."

TAKING LEAVE: **Joe Nick Patoski**, who usually shares his space, has taken a leave of absence to write a book about **Willie Nelson** for *Rolling Stone*. He should return around the first of the year. In the interim, he will be missed. Immensely.

QUICKIES: **Jerry Jeff Walker's** on the road in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Arizona. His managers are flying to L.A. this weekend to finalize details on the release of his first Elektra/Asylum LP . . . **Willie Nelson** plans a Christmas tour with **Leon Russell**, finishing up **New Year's Eve** in Houston. **Gary Busey** will do his **Buddy Holly** schtick at some of the gigs . . . Columbia's veep in charge of talent acquisition scouted **Omar** and the **Howlers** at Alamo Roadhouse last weekend . . . **Kerry Reid** and **Tom Brown**, owners of **Spellman's**, have taken over management of **Cotton Eye Joe's** on 290 West. They plan a grand opening soon . . . **Walter Becker** and **Donald Fagen** — **Steely Dan** — have formed their own label, distribution to be handled by Warner Bros. They owe ABC another disc before their company goes into full production . . . **Neil Young** and **The Band's** **Garth Hudson** were among the homeless after recent brush fires near L.A.

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