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several new clubs planned to fill void



Country rock group Alabama accepts a Grammy award for Best Performance by a Country Duo or Group.

released a single from it, "Too Late To Go Home." Rodriguez has been touring obsessively for much of the past year, rebuilding a career marred by drug abuse and commercial ennui the hard way; one night at a time. Judging by his last two appearances in Austin at the Double Eagle and Aquafest, Rodriguez has a handle on his career again. At least, that's what his fans' ecstatic reactions would indicate.

Rodriguez, who began his musical career stealing goats in the Rio

Grande Valley, would be an ideal presenter for this year's (or this month's, depending on the ineptitude of future robbers, burglars and hijackers) Dumb Desperado Award . . . This time, the coveted Golden Handcuffs go to the clowns who knocked over a house in Evansville, Ind. last month. Along with various and sundry valuables, they also took four tickets to Alabama's upcoming Evansville concert. Considering how hard tickets to the group's shows are to come by

these days, the thieves can be forgiven for grabbing them along with the rest of the swag.

But then, these criminal masterminds (and, one presumes, their dates) show up at the concert. Police, who had staked out the seats in question, took the quartet into custody. Fortunately, terminal stupidity is not yet a capital crime in Indiana, or these guys would get the chair posthaste.

Things are better in Austin. At

least you don't have to steal tickets to see the **Austin Roadhouse Band** tonight at the Austin Outhouse. Also, **Townes Van Zandt** will be at the Cactus Cafe and **Jesse Taylor** and the **Combo Kings** will be at Soap Creek Saloon.

Sunday, the Central Texas Bluegrass Association will be having their Pick-Nic at St. Michael's Church from 2-6 p.m. Also, **John Fahey** will be at Soap Creek, **La Movida** will be at Amigo's and **Buckwheat** and the **Its Sont Partis Band** will be zydecoing your socks off at Antone's.

Monday, the **Geezinslaw Brothers**, **Johnny Dee**, **Allen Dameron**, **Tex Thomas** and **Better Than Ever** will join **Steven Fromholz** for his live radio show from the

Continental Club.

Tuesday, the **Carl Hutchens Band** continues their **Happy Hour** gig at the Hyatt and **Robbie Taylor** and **Responsible Johnny** will be at Antone's.

Wednesday, **Coupe De Ville** will be at the Back Room and the **Saddle Tramps** will be at the Side Saddle Club.

Thursday, **Townes Van Zandt** will celebrate (if that's the word) his 40th birthday with **Shiva's Headband** at the Ritz, **Ladyfingers** will be at the Cactus Cafe and **Delbert McClinton** and the **Planets** will be at 6th Street Live.

Friday, **Tracy Nelson** will be at Soap Creek (this time for sure) and **Lucinda** and **Darden Smith** will be at the Cactus Cafe.

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