

Live entertainment

✓ Sunset Sampler of Western Food and Music, with Guy Clark, Townes Van Zandt, Robert Earl Keen Jr.; 7-9 p.m., Monday,

Lodging, tickets: (800)458-8386.

✓ Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's "Distinguished Poet Awards" contest. Entry deadline Sept. 30. Submit to: Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Department J, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, W.Va. 26175.

Texas singers featured in Hilton show

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It will be like "Austin City Limits" meets the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, says promoter Ron Wilson of his "Sunset Sampler of Western Food and Music" on Monday.

The show, 7-9 p.m. at the Grand Junction Hilton Beer Garden, will feature Robert Earl Keen Jr., Guy Clark and Townes Van Zandt.

"All three are writing some of the best folk and country songs around," Wilson said.

These three Texans will showcase their songs in solo performances. Keen, who's considered among the finest of a new generation of Texas songwriters, which includes Lyle Lovett and Nanci Griffith, is known for his storytelling as much as his country-folk style.

Like Keen, Van Zandt and Clark draw on real-life Texas experiences in their soulful country tunes. Where Keen is considered among a new breed of songwriters, Van Zandt and Clark are the ones who



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influenced them. Both are considered the Lone Star state's best. Wilson stressed he wants this to be a family show. There will be plenty of room in the beer garden for kids to run around, he said. The "food" portion of the sampler include chili and jalapeno cornbread for \$3 and beer.

Tickets are \$11 in advance, available at Airtime Video, Records and Tapes, 1059 North Ave.; Triple Play Records, 419 Main St.; Mesa Music, Mesa Mall; and Roper Music, 136 N. Fifth St. Tickets will be \$13 the day of the show. Children under 12 years will be admitted for \$2. To order tickets by phone, call 243-TIXS.



Robert Earl Keen Jr.