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-McCABE'S, 3101 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. McCabe's presents the finest traditional artists from all four corners of the globe in a comfortable little hall that, before dark, is actually their guitar shop. Specializing in folk, country and blues artists — many of whom you'll see nowhere else in the area — they also book rock performers (who've calmed down enough to play acoustically). The easygoing atmosphere and aw-shucks nature of the staff puts McCabe's in a class all its own. No alcohol; coffee, tea and sweets are available. All ages. (310) 828-4403 or 828-4497

Fri.—Songer/singwriter Loudon Wainwright III ap2 pears at 8 & 10:30 p.m. See Scoring the Clubs. Sat.—Tripped-out Texan troubadour Townes Van Zandt; plus more Lone, Star song from Nick Brisko; 8 & 10:30 p.m.

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