

# Ann Armstrong sings the blues

In Comfort Saturday

"YOU GET A CERTAIN taste in your mouth," Ann Armstrong explained in our phone conversation this week. "The words and music just start coming. Often, when I'm lost in my own thoughts."

We were talking about songwriting, Armstrong is better known these days as a blues chanteuse. Favorite songs in her repertoire include three Robert Johnson songs and one she wrote, the title cut off her first album, "I Go To Pieces."

She has not gone to pieces in a business. She started as a duo with husband, Steve Hughes, and with lots of support from David Cord at Poor David's Pub in Dallas. "I knew John Vandiver," she added. "And I watched Mance Lipscomb live the last years of his life."

She has played Kennedy's Folk Festival several years. Armstrong is in Austin, Cibolo Creek, Benson and Hodges Blues Festival in Dallas and Poor David's in Dallas and Fort Worth. She has also traveled extensively around the country.

"The only place left to see is the Northwest. That's the home of our record label Heads Up. It all started in Dallas with Dave Love. He moved to Seattle to work with Olymcor, a distribution company. The label went with him."

"Many associated with the label are North Texas graduates. He uses mostly jazz, we're the only blues band on the label," Anne continued to explain.

Her band consists of Steve Hughes, Buddy Sledge and Steve Balcock. She also works with a trio of women, "Kokilaboyes." They performed recently with Patsy Montana in the audience. "I didn't hear if Patsy joined in on the yodeling, she'll sing the blues."

Armstrong will perform at Bruno's Texas Star in Comfort this Saturday night. The performance is a benefit for the San Antonio Blues Society, and other performers will make guest appearances. Each one of the strong female voices in the Texas music scene — Anne Armstrong. She won't be yodeling; she'll sing the blues.

DR. E.C. WILLMANN (headliner at the Guadalupe River Club this summer) joins Stewart Crawford around 7:30 Saturday at a Folk Festival in San Antonio's Eisenhower Park. Townes Van Zandt and



Kathleen Hudson

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Gay Clark close it down.

Tish Hinojosa, another strong voice, performs at Leon Springs on Saturday as well. She has just completed playing the Texas Heritage Music Festival in Kerrville on Sunday, Sept. 20, along with Townes Van Zandt. Thanks to generous sponsorship from Budweiser and other local businesses, we have a lot of fun this year that includes Flaco Jimenez (of Texas Tornado) on Saturday as well as about 20 local bands. Put September 18-20 on your calendar.

Happy Trails.



## Blues on tap

An Armstrong and her band performs at Bruno's Texas Star in Comfort Saturday night at a special benefit for the San Antonio Blues Society. Armstrong has been called the premier vocalist of Texas. She has performed for more than 20 years, sharing the bill with Hot Tuna, Arlo Guthrie and Taj Mahal. Other guests will also perform, including Ben Beckerdorf and Laura Ball. At right,



Kathy Murray and the Electrifying Kilowatts perform at Bruno's tonight. Murray and her Austin-based band have performed with The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Koko Taylor and Albert Collins. Their sound is said to be firmly rooted in the blues, but delivered with modern-day urgency.

### Kerrville area live music

- BRUNO'S TEXAS STAR in Comfort — Kathy and the Kilowatts, tonight; Ann Armstrong, Sat.
- CEDARBERRY — Live entertainment, Sat night.
- COWGIRL CORRAL CAFE in Comfort — Supper and singing: Cassal jam and jive, every Mon, 6 p.m.
- CRIDER'S in Hunt — Dance at 9 p.m., rodeo at 8 p.m., Sat.
- ECONO LODGE — Lil'itty Preater, through Sept. 12.
- ELM WATER HOLE at the YO Ranch Hillon — Freed, tonight, Sat.
- INN PUB at the Inn of the Hills — Carolyn Steels, tonight, Sat.; Patsy and gramin'; Open mike every Mon night.
- J&D PARTNERS LOUNGE — Music and dancing, Sat.
- LEON SPRINGS CAFE in

- Leon Springs — Don McAllister, tonight; Tish Hinojosa, Sat.; Jam Session Thurs nights; Bluegrass every 2nd and 4th Sun. afternoons.
- LOPEZ CLUB — Benefit for Henry Vargis Jr., Sat night.
- NONNIE'S CAFE 27 in Center Point — Jimmy Lee Jones, tonight.
- PARTNERS — Silver Eagle Band, tonight.
- SHIRAZ — Waring General Store in Waring — Lynn Myers, Sun aft. and Jam Session Sat. 8-12 p.m.;

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<b>Freddy As F.R. 07</b> PG Animated Comedy Sat. & Sun. Only 2:30 & 4:30		

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## L.M. Boyd

### On carving a pumpkin

When that pumpkin in your garden is the size of a baseball, carve a small face on it, and the face will grow with the pumpkin.

A haboon can't throw overhead. Four classes of college students at Tulane were asked recently to list the 10 first names they liked best. At the top were: Female — 1. Susan, 2. Anne, 3. Jennifer, 4. Elizabeth, 5. Mary, 6. Katherine, 7. Laura, 8. Deborah, 9. Linda, 10. Julia. Male — 1. David, 2. Michael, 3. Steven, 4. John, 5. James, 6. Mark, 7. Thomas, 8. Robert, 9. Christopher, 10. Paul.

Names chosen surprised the survey-takers. They'd expected more exotic selections.

Report is the U.S. military has 13 pages of specifications on chewing gum.

**FLIP SIDE**  
From a client's note: "My husband and I are celebrating our 50th this year. I've always told him he's like an old hit record -- with a flip side most worth listening to."

"Tomatoes used to be called 'love apples.' Not in my time. Or yours. But once, Cleon read that. And asks why. Somebody, maybe the sellers of tomatoes, spread the notion they were sex stimulants."

Q: Did the "Lost Horizon" author James Hilton pattern his Shangri-La after a real place?  
A: Some say so. After Hunza in Pakistan's Northern Frontier. An unusually high number of locals live more than 100 years, it's reported. They claim to be the world's healthiest people.

**FATHER-SON TEAM**  
Q: One father and son team acted in most movies together than any other such pair. Name them.  
A: That renowned Dead End Kid, Leo Gorcey, and his father, likewise Leo Gorcey, appeared in more than 50 films.

Credit as "the windiest city" changes from year to year, but the most mentioned candidate for the distinction is said to be Cheyenne, Wyo., with year-round winds averaging 12.9 mph.

The capital city of Jordan — Amman — originally was called Philadelphia.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

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