

FRIDAY

■ TO say **Townes Van Zandt** is a legendary figure in country-folk circles is a bit of an understatement. Whenever two or more songwriters or fans are gathered together, the name of the reclusive Texan writer of delicate classics like *Pancho And Lefty* and *Tecumseh Valley* invariably crops up. For years, his indifference to the music business meant he was hardly ever seen outside the Lone Star state, let alone in this country, and his albums were difficult to find. Of late, he's been playing live rather more often and has just released *No Deeper Blue*, his first new studio album of all-new songs in over a decade. You can hear songs from it and plenty of the classics at Manchester University Students Union, Oxford Road. 8pm. £8.