

Country Music New Riders, Acuff, Van Zandt Highlight Week

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The hectic pace of live music in Austin continues this week, headed by Leroy Van Dyke, David Houston, Roy Acuff, the New Riders of the Purple Sage, and Townes Van Zandt, in that order.

Starting at 8 Saturday night at El Paso Cattle Co. in Leroy Van Dyke and the Acuffians. Don't be fooled. This guy didn't fade away after his super hit, "The Acuffians" and "Walk On By." Leroy and his band put on one of the most entertaining shows in the business, and last year performed before many fans that perhaps any other country act. The show recently was cited by Newsweek as the "hottest act on the country music scene."

Sunday James White is the booking is bringing back ever-popular David Houston to the Broken Spoke. Only a few singers have had as many number one hits as David, starting with his classic "Almost Persuaded." A few years ago he was joined by the fabulous Japanese singer, Toshi Tsurubuchi, and personal manager, Tillman Franks has had the good sense to make Toshi's fiddle and his vocal an important and entertaining part of David's repertoire.

It's been many a moon since anything has excited me more than the coming of Roy Acuff and his Smokey Mountain Boys at Pflugerville Monday night. I couldn't believe it when Raymond "But" Shuler of the sponsoring Pflugerville Independent Fire Department told me about it, for this is a rare occasion and rare treat. Roy of course is one of the first members of the Country Music Hall of Fame and a pioneer in the Nashville music industry. Known as the "world's richest hillbilly," he still does many benefits, but in my knowledge it's been years since he's left Nashville for a "commercial" tour.

While chatting recently with Ernest Tubb, he laughed and said, "Roy Acuff has received more attention in the last 15 years." This must be one of the times he is wrong on a statement. I asked Bud Shuler how they happened to get Acuff for their benefit. He said they got him through a booking agent in Miami. This really surprised a booking agent in the Austin area, who almost but didn't quite make it in Nashville but made many good friends there before going back home to Miami. He persuaded old friend Acuff to come in Texas for a seven-night tour, pro pay for

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his own musical pleasure as much for Texas fans. With Acuff's Smokey Mountain Boys will be fiddler Howdy Ferebee, along with Pete Kirby, better known as the comedian "Oldald." I've lost track of how long they've been with Roy, but I first heard them in a dirt-floored cattle exhibit man of the Cook County Fair in Greenville over 25 years ago. Also slated to be with the show are three stars of live Howdy Ferebee, Pete Kirby, and Jackie Phillips.

Acuff Monday afternoon will be honored, under the sponsorship of Son Kent Hance, by the Texas Senate and House, where the three Treasures members of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Ernest Tubb, Bob Wills, and Tex Ritter, were inducted a few years ago. The Acuff show will be held at the gymnasium of the "old school" at Pflugerville. Admission tickets for \$2.50 (at the door) are on sale at Colton's on Burnham Road.

The week continues when the New Riders of the Purple Sage bring their rock-country music to Armatilla World Headquarters Tuesday and Wednesday, plus the Doak Dowd Band. Townes Van Zandt, always popular in Austin, sings his folk-country at Castle Creek Tuesday through Saturday. Looking ahead, next Friday and Saturday, Rumble! Jack Elliott is on a remarkable, and a week from Saturday, Tracy Douglas and the Strangers are in the city.

Country Pickin'—The exciting East Sixth street jam, getting a deluxe "Tonight Only!" **JIM MCGORD** & THE TEXAS BLUE NORTHWEST. **English Aire** 7:00-10:00 PM. **DAVE LINZEY** Music Makers 5505 S. Congress 9 p.m.

SCHERHAM ST. WAREHOUSE Austin's Fun-kiest Bar (in San Marcos) Presents **BRONCO BROS.** \$1 Cover

SKYLINE AIR CONDITIONED FREE BEER 10:00-11:00 PM. **THE ECHOS** from Seguin Country Music REVUE 108 8113 11300 N. Lamar

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NAVASOTA is back... at the **Silver Dollar Saloon** 1540 IH-35 in San Marcos Fri. & Sat. 1/2 Price Admission with UT I.D.

Tammy has laid for divorce. To see their band, the Jones Boys, will go with Tammy. The couple recently completed a quart album for Columbia, due in release soon. Don't forget the benefit beginning Sunday afternoon which Allen Martin is sponsoring in homes behind Bar for Helmut Holzer, whose Beck Deck Club burned recently. Both clubs are near Lake Travis on F20 SW. Just another example of how quickly together. Musicians are proud to help.

Vocalist Rick Stebb's throat problem has been cured, and he's back in action again. He'll sing at Uncle Studley's on Del Rio Mall next Tuesday through Saturday. Townes Miller's country music column appears each Friday in the 11th American Statesman.

Recently I mentioned that Check Flood, former general manager of the Austin-based Ritz Club group, had moved to Nashville as national promoter manager for Warner Brothers country music division. He'll be in town for a visit Saturday. "Should I Come Home, Should I Go Crazy," in the live on radio KVEI, in the live on climbing, nationally, was composed of Barbara Mandrell's super hit, "Midnight Oil."

In another room to extend the booking section of Larry Wadkin's Moon Hill Productions new booking manager Segie Fry was joined this week by Craig Hill, one of Austin's better local guitarists. Craig will continue as a musician and record producer at the same time. The on-again, off-again marriage of George Jones and Tammy Wynette is off again.

ALVIN CROW & the Pleasant Valley Boys coming Saturday. **Audrey Lowden** Texas Swingdays coming Sunday. **DAVID HOUSTON** & the Persuaders 453-4100

ARKIE'S DESSAU 7:00-10:00 PM. **CAESAR'S** 7:00-10:00 PM. **COUNTRY WESTERN** ALL DEAN & THE ALL STARS 8:00. **KNIGHTS OF DIXIE** 8:00-10:00 PM.

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SAM BASS STEAKHOUSE 1435 & Hwy. 29. **SOAP CREEK** TONIGHT D. K. LITTLE'S POWER PLAY. **BROKEN SPOKE** 3201 S. Lamar. **ALVIN CROW** & the Pleasant Valley Boys coming Saturday.

ELIS Austin's Great Night Club. **The Back Forty** Family Style Bar-B-Q. **GIRLS * GIRLS * GIRLS** Live on Stage **MY-O-MY CLUB** 10:00-11:00 PM.

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EL Matamoros 504 EAST AVENUE. **Freddie Hart & the HEARTBEATS** with special guest star: BARBARA MANDRELL & THE DO-RITES SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 8:00 PM. **AUSTIN MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM** TICKETS: \$6, \$5, \$4, RESERVED. ON SALE: Raymond Drugs #1 & Raymond Drugs #2 Lariat Ranch Wear Joske's in Highland Mall A Nicholas Conte Production

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