

● Holy smokes, the Edmonton Folk Festival looks to be one of the most happenin' gigs in North America this summer. Booked by Holger Petersen, the man behind Stony Plain records, the Edmonton Fest is a virtual who's who of fab singer-songwriters, including Randy Newman, Rosanne Cash, Rodney Crowell, Guy Clark, Phil Alvin (formerly of the Blasters and X, now a solo artiste), John Sebastian, Townes Van Zandt, Eric Anderson and Ferron, among others. The real coup, though, is the appearance of legendary country songwriter John D. Loudermilk (who hasn't played live in years) and the reunion of Saskatoon folkers Humphrey and the Dumptrucks. The Festival runs from August 7 to 9: for information, write to P.O. Box 4130, Edmonton, T6E 4T2 (phone 403-429-1899).