

# Accident Cancels Van Zandt's Date

A scheduled appearance by folksinger Townes Van Zandt at Castle Creek here this week has been canceled as a result of an accident involving the singer in Houston.

According to Doug Moyes, manager of the Lavaca Street folk club, Van Zandt has been hospitalized in Houston for several days, but the news of the accident was delayed because the singer's manager felt he would be released in time to keep the Austin date.

No details of the accident are available here, but Moyes added that he would attempt to re-book Van Zandt for a later engagement at Castle Creek.

Meantime, Michael Murphy, currently one of the hottest folk attractions in Texas, will open at the club Tuesday night to replace Van Zandt for the week.

A longtime friend of Van Zandt, Murphy plans to contribute some of his Castle Creek fee to help defray the ailing singer's hospital expenses, and Moyes said the club will also donate some of its receipts for the week to this fund.

Van Zandt, who sang around Austin in the mid-1960s, has recently emerged as a major folk performer who has been hailed in New York music circles as "another James Taylor."

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