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Rock Beat: 'Now' Sounds Around Town

Townes Van Zandt: Unique Talent

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Townes Van Zandt is a contrast against the backdrop of smoking, sex and covered eyes and glitter that exists in a great part of the performing and recording world.

superficial impression. Unless you're careful, you'll miss all the drama and the pain and the searching questions put to a silent universe. In some ways he reminds me of Hank Williams, the pained surfaces of his face, and the pianissimo long wail held on as if by tension stretched between pain.

kind of incredible palace that Chopin and sometimes W.C. Fields lived in, one where daily occurrence gets pulled up and looks hilarious like the face on a balloon after you blow it up. When you look at things his way, sad and happy merge into each other in a new way. The same thing happens in Hank Williams and Bob Dylan songs cry "My Back's Got A Hole In It" or "Taking World War Three".

and his friends in the band played one of the tightest, most relaxed, most enjoyable sets I have ever heard, anywhere, their musicianship radiant, py. Jerry Jeff's voice goes better and better all the time, showcasing a more expressive instrument and reaching that day when the voice and the personality are mirror images.

The King of Chicago comes to town. Joe Gray's rock music column appears each Saturday in the Austin American-Statesman.

Spin-Off Failure

Hollywood (NEA) — A tried-and-true method of creating new TV shows is to have them "spin-off" from existing shows. But now there's a new wrinkle — a spin-off from an unsuccess-

ful show. Brenda Benet and Pat Harrington Jr. were two members of a large cast that made a pilot called "Wednesday Night Out." It didn't sell. But the network liked Brenda and Pat so much, they've created another show for them.

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