

**SUCH A DEAL:** Texas expatriate Townes Van Zandt has a housing deal near Nashville that sounds too good to be true — though he swears it is. “We live on a 100-acre farm for \$30 a month,” says Townes who plays Kerrville Monday night. “It’s never really seemed like home to us, but it’s so cheap it’s like not having to pay rent” . . . Van Zandt recently checked into a Tennessee state hospital for a 5-day detoxification treatment. Only Townes forgot getting out of those facilities is not like exiting a Holiday Inn. He ended up spending 10 days in a psychiatric ward — “one of those places where everybody’s pumped fulla Valium” — and had to go before a judge to get released. “The guy they put me in with was a real psycho. He kept borrowing every dime I had and calling the secretary of state to say he was being held prisoner in a mental hospital,” Townes says. “Believe me, after 10 days of that I was straight.” He’s stayed straight, too. His Steamboat 1874 shows were excellent.