

local scene out in cold



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The thing that these "researchers" and "consultants" never take into account is that there are people behind those numbers, and that, in the case of this station, those people were a coalition of minority tastes: punks, art-rockers, hippies and other unconventional types. Now, they will have to conform to the listening habits of the faceless nationwide "majority" or go without. And they will have to forget hearing new and unproven artists in any of those categories because the new format dictates that somebody else will have to turn it into a "hit" before KLBJ will play it.

Wilson puts the panic on the local scene down to

Clubs 'n' Bars 'n' Pickers 'n' Stuff: Perhaps the only way to cope with this whole disaster is to support your local clubs (Tom Quarles, former Music Director at KLBJ-FM, is now the deejay at Club Foot full time) and live musicians and let the radio stations go out of business. In case that's what you want to do, this is a pretty good night to do it. For starters, **Zapp**, that fine funk band from New Jersey, is playing the Opera House, the **Thunderbirds** are at Antone's, **Stevie Ray Vaughan** and **Double Trouble** are at Steamboat 1874, **F-Systems** and **5-Spot** are at Club Foot, **Vince Bell** and **Townes van Zandt** are at You Scream Ice Cream, **Bill Neely's** at the Alamo Lounge, the **Number 2 Diners** are at the Continental Club, and the **Telephones**, **Aces 88**, and the **Jacks** are at Raul's.

Sunday, the **Alex Coke-Rich Harney Band** will play Copa's, Monday sees the next-to-last **Cobras Blue Monday** at the Continental Club, as well as the **Wild Cantinas** at You Scream Ice Cream. And Tuesday you can catch two hot new bands, **Jet Set** and **Condition Red**, at Club Foot as part of their new Tuesday audition policy. (You will also be able to see them, thanks to the fact that the infernal post in front of center stage is gone!)

Well, that's it for today. I'm sure there will be a lot more about all of this stuff in Wednesday's paper, so keep the tips coming, and I'll see you then.