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YOUR ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE FOR THIS WEEKEND — AND BEYOND

SPOTLIGHT

TOWNES

VAN ZANT!

West Texas songwriter gives everyday life a mystical spin

By Stewart Franke

West Texas is the best songwriter in the world, and it's hard to see that in the eyes of the rest of the world. Van Zant, now in his late 40s, does not just live in the West. He lives in the West. He lives in the West with his wife and two children while playing one-man shows in small towns.

"I live the part of the whole," Van Zant says. "I really consider myself a Texan. I started when I didn't have a family. I was over there we could play for \$20 a night and still have enough left for the week."

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Townes Van Zant: The first folk artist to put forth a tough, self-reliant attitude.

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NIGHT BEAT

7:00 p.m. appears at the State Theatre with Sattani Saturday.

CONCERTS

DAVID BOWIE, with Martin McBride, 9 p.m., Joyce at Robert Hill, Ticketmaster at 525-1100.

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ROCK/POP

100 YEARS OF THE BEATLES, 10:30 p.m., Joyce at Robert Hill, Ticketmaster at 525-1100.

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JAZZ

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VOCALS/INSTRUMENTAL

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BIG BAND

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BLUES

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