

● Sunday, December 19, 1993 — THE TENNESSEAN ● SHOWCASE

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLUBS

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**Ace of Clubs:** Mon.: Taxi Drivers Benefit II, 9 p.m., \$10; Tues.: Nannette Bohannon Britt with George Marinelli, 9 p.m., \$4; Wed.: Dreaming in English with Primitive Futures, 9 p.m., \$4; Thurs.: Big Night on the Planet 3 with Lark Watts & Rattlesnake, Michael Dillon & the Guns & Doug Hoekstra, 9 p.m., \$5, 114 Second Ave. S. 254-2237.

**Alexander's Restaurant & Lounge:** Fri.: shag & line dancing to Carolina beach rhythm & blues music by Nashville Shags dance club D.J.s., 7:30 p.m. 1716 Antioch Pike, Antioch. 834-4845.

**Barbara's:** Mon.: open mike, 6 p.m.; Danny Jakes writers' showcase with Dusty Drake, Darren T., Kari, Bobby John Henry, Diane Tichnor, Stephen Hunter, Frank Spiece, 6:30 p.m.; Star Step talent contest hosted by Judy Martin with Alley Katz Band, 9 p.m.; Tues.: open mike, 6 p.m.; Danny Jakes writers' showcase with Dusty Drake, Tom Bertling, Lisa Marie, Serafin, Ronnie Wayne, Donna Kiss, Bud Judy, John Floyd, Wayne Womack, Beverly Threadgill, 6:30 p.m.; Alley Katz Band, 9 p.m.; Wed.: open mike, 6 p.m.; Danny Jakes writers' showcase with Tony Howell, Kari, David Lindgren, Nancy Craig, Roger Bricco, Tony Eubanks, Jennifer Martin, Thom Shepherd, 6:30; Pathway to the Stars talent contest with the Alley Katz Band, 9 p.m., 9 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat.: Alley Katz Band, 8 p.m. 207 Printers Alley. 259-2272.

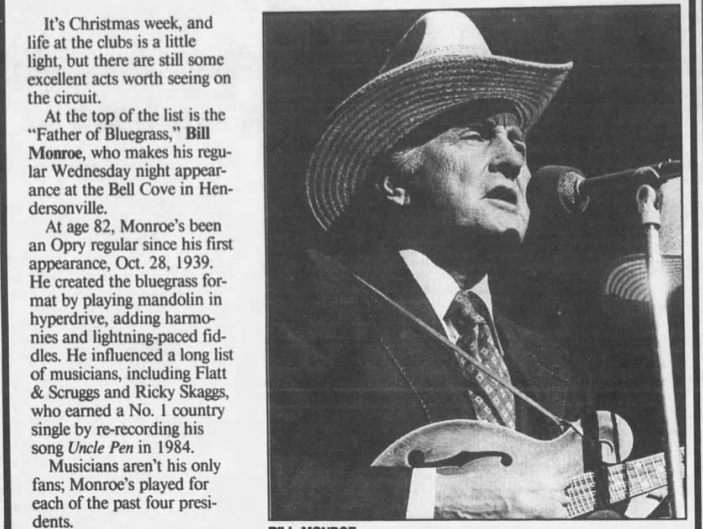
**Beemers:** Tues. & Thurs.: Don Kelley Band, 9 p.m.; Wed.: Tallie Nichols hosts radio show taping featuring Don Kelley Band & guests, 9 p.m.; followed by Big 10 talent contest with Don Kelley Band, ladies night, 9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat.: Don Kelley Band, 9 p.m., \$2/\$3 couple. 1042 Omohundro Place. 259-0459.

**Bell Cove Club:** Wed.: Bill Monroe & Wayne Lewis Band, 8:30 p.m.; Thurs.: writers' night hosted by Larry Johnson, 7:30 p.m.; and David Chamberlain, 9:30 p.m.; Fri.: Joy Ford, Rockin Robin & BC-7, 8:30 p.m. 151 Sunset Place, Hendersonville.

**Blue Sky Court:** Sun.: the Stan Lassiter Group & guests, 8 p.m., \$4; Tues.: Celtic Winter Solstice Celebration with Nashville Weather and Baby Mary, 9 p.m., \$3; Wed.: Greta Gaines, Cliff Goldmacher, 9 p.m., \$3; Thurs.: the Park Avenue Dregs & Yeehaw Junction, 9 p.m., \$4. 412 Fourth Ave. S. 327-8160.

**Bluebird Cafe:** Sun.: Sunday spotlight featuring John Blackstone, 6:30 p.m.; writers' night hosted by Jeff Pearson with Ron Davies, 8 p.m.; Mon.: open mike hosted by Barbara Cloyd, 6 p.m.; the Bluebirds with Mike Henderson, Glen Wolf & John Gardner, 9:30 p.m.; Tues.: in the round with Dave Turnbull, Carol Hashe, Pat Barber & Travis Corder, 7 p.m.; in the round

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT



**BILL MONROE**  
At Bell Cove Wednesday

It's Christmas week, and life at the clubs is a little light, but there are still some excellent acts worth seeing on the circuit. At the top of the list is the "Father of Bluegrass," **Bill Monroe**, who makes his regular Wednesday night appearance at the Bell Cove in Hendersonville. At age 82, Monroe's been an Opry regular since his first appearance, Oct. 28, 1939. He created the bluegrass format by playing mandolin in hyperdrive, adding harmonies and lightning-paced fiddles. He influenced a long list of musicians, including Flatt & Scruggs and Ricky Skaggs, who earned a No. 1 country single by re-recording his song *Uncle Pen* in 1984. Musicians aren't his only fans; Monroe's played for each of the past four presidents.

Appearing at the Boardwalk Cafe on Monday, Fort Worth native **Townes Van Zandt** leads the way among Nashville songwriters doing showcases. The son of an oil industry executive, Van Zandt lived in a multitude of states and cities until he got out of high school. He went to the University of Colorado, quit, then became a folk singer. Fortunately, he's stayed in that vocation. In addition to his role as a roving folk minstrel, he's also created a couple of country chestnuts. Emmylou Harris & Don Williams recorded his *If I Needed You*, and Merle Hag-

uard & Willie Nelson found success with *Pancho and Lefty*. The following evening, Nashville's Casey Kelly leads a Boardwalk songwriters' night. His successes include the Kenny Rogers & Dottie West single *Anyone Who Isn't Me Tonight*, George Strait's *The Cowboy Rides Away*, T.G. Sheppard's *Somewhere Down the Line* and Tanya Tucker's current *Soon*. **David Chamberlain**, best-known for Strait's *What's Going on in Your World*, heads a songwriter show at Bell Cove Thursday, and *Here in the*

with the Floating Men & Jeff Black, 9:30 p.m., \$5; Wed.: non-smoking evening, Annual Young-at-Heart Christmas Sing-a-long, donations for People First of Tennessee, 6 p.m.; Christmas writers' show with John Mollenhauer, Peter Rodman, Renee Coale Willis, Henry Cory & Frankie Staton, Donations for People First of Tennessee, 7:30 p.m.; Hugh Moffatt, Barry and Holly Tashian, 9:30 p.m., \$6. 4104 Hillsboro Road. 383-1461.

**Boardwalk Cafe:** Sun.: writers' open mike, 7 p.m.; Mon.: Townes Van Zandt and Tom Powell, 8 p.m.; Tues.: in the round with Dave Turnbull, Carol Hashe, Pat Barber & Travis Corder, 7 p.m.; in the round

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**Bogie's Back Bar:** Sun.: Mark Aaron James' Rock 'n' Roll writers' night with Chance Chambers, Lori Webb, Travis Corder, Doc Downs, Jilly Shut, Audra & Elaine, Dave Watson, 7 p.m.; Mon.: Dianna Ryan's writers' showcase, 8 p.m.; Tues.-Wed.: James Breedwell's writers' showcase, 7 p.m.; Thurs.: Debi Champion & friends with James Peters, Darrell Loden, Barry

Cash, David Lee, Stephen Hunter, Brett Quinn, Vince Quinn, Jeannie Z., David Lee, Kari Robbie Holder, Jon Michael, Tom Pequin, Dale Russell, Lew Gary, Gary Linder, Ray Sisk, Carla Taylor, Sue Davies & Lenaye, 7 p.m.; Fri.: Mark Aaron James, 5 p.m.; Danny Jake & Friends, 8 p.m.; Sat.: Danny Jake & Friends, 8 p.m. 18th & West End Ave. 327-0922.

**Bogie's Listening Room:** Mon.: James Breedwell's writers' showcase, 7 p.m.; Tues.: Debi Champion and friends with Howard, Lewis & Willis, Kraig Valerie Smith, Paul Jefferson, Jeannie Z., James Peters, Barry Cash, Holt Wilson, David Lee, Vince Quinn, David Lee, Will Todd,

Danny Austin, Brett Quinn, David Nash, Karl, Robbie Holder, Tom Pequin, Len Gary, Kami Lyle, John Moran & Ronnie Buff, 7 p.m.; Wed.-Thurs.: James Breedwell's writers' showcase, 7 p.m.; Fri.: Gibson & Milette showcase, 8 p.m.; Sat.: Blazon Pearl & friends, 8 p.m. 18th & West End Ave. 327-0922.

**Bonus Hill:** Tues.: Turban & Tattoo, 9 p.m.; Thurs.: Chip Vandiver & the Bluesers, 9 p.m. 3914 Lebanon Road. 885-8690.

**The Broken Spoke Saloon:** Sun.: Shawn Hammonds & the Flash Band, 9 p.m.; Mon.: free dance lessons with Michael & Arlene Kimery, 7 p.m.; Daryle Singletary & the Flash Band, 9 p.m.; Tues.: the Hot Flash Band, 9 p.m.; Wed.: Randy Ahart & the Hart Aches, 9 p.m.; Thurs.: \$100 vocal talent contest, 9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat.: Billy Bob Shane, Donna Faye & the Flash Band, 9 p.m. 1-65 & Trinity Lane. 226-3230.

**Buckboard Saloon:** Sun.: Tommy & Sammie, free dance lessons, 6 p.m.; Mon.: Tommy & Sammie, free dance lessons, 7 p.m.; Tues.: Tommy & Sammie, free dance lessons, 7 p.m.; Ty Saunders dance band, 9 p.m.; talent contest, \$50 in prizes, 9 p.m.; Wed.: Ty Saunders & the Buckboard Band, Jam Night, 9 p.m.; Thurs.: Ty Saunders & the Buckboard Band, dance contest, 9 p.m., \$100.00 in prizes; Fri.-Sat.: Ty Saunders & the Buckboard Band featuring Juleann, 9 p.m. 555 Donelson Pike. 889-1501.

**Calvin's Lounge:** Tues.: dart tourney; Fri.-Sat.: Michael Hackett with special guests, 9 p.m. 1501 Second Ave. S. 256-8841.

**City Limits:** Sun.: dance lessons, 7:30 p.m.; music by Wade; Wed.: karaoke, 8:30 p.m.; Thurs.: dance lessons, 7:30 p.m.; Gypsy Hollar, 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat.: Gypsy Hollar, 9:30 p.m. 2146 Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro. 893-3999.

**Club Mere Bulles:** Sun.: Nobody's Business, 9:30 p.m., \$3; Wed.: Familiar Faces, 9:30 p.m., \$5; Thurs.: Familiar Faces, 9:30 p.m., \$3; Sat.: Familiar Faces, 9:30 p.m., \$5. 152 Second Ave. N. 256-2582.

**Commodore Lounge:** Mon.: Steven Farmer hosts writers in a row with Pam Belford, Mark Irwin, & Jerry Vandiver, 9:30 p.m.; Tues.: Stan Corliss, 5 p.m.; Wed.-Thurs.: Jack Mosely, 5 p.m. Holiday Inn Vanderbilt, 2613 West End Ave. 327-4707.

**Courtyard Cafe:** Sun.: Mike Rogers hosts writers' showcase with Nancy Moran, Frett, Jeannie Z., Len Chappel, Marc Anthony, Paul Jefferson, Joe Pedigo, T.K. & Allen, Donnie Blanz, Steve Bard, Casey Bethard, Brian Fredrick, 7 p.m.; Mon.: Monday night football party, 8 p.m., free chili and hot dogs; late open mike & auditions, 10:30 p.m.; Tues.: Mike Rogers hosts Nicki Hare, Barry Coggins, Mike Whites, Tom & Priscilla Bertling, Steve Bo-