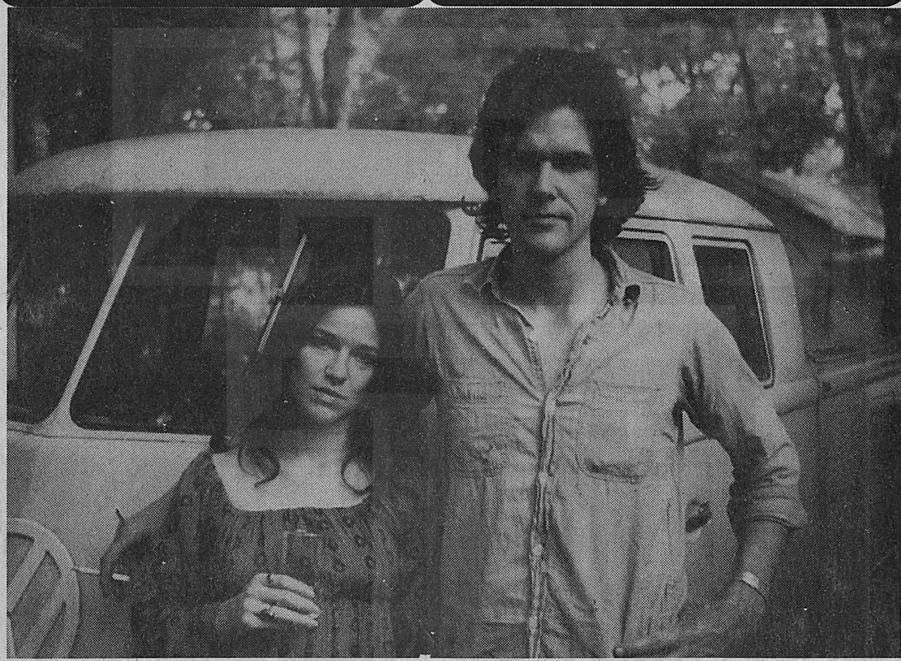
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RED MOLLY • LIGHT IN THE SKY

(self ****.5)

Calling themselves after the female interest in Richard Thompson's 1952 Vincent Black Lightning gets Laurie MacAllister, Abbie Gardner and Molly Venter, who met and clicked at a song swap, off to a good start, but I kept getting stopped cold after the first two tracks before I figured out that the only way to appreciate this album is to pretend #3 doesn't exist—there's a reason CD players have a Skip function. I imagine we've all heard countless maulings of Robert Johnson songs, but Red Molly's version of Come Into My Kitchen really does qualify as 'Epic Fail.' Gardner's deconstruction made me fear for the closing track, Otis Blackwell's Fever, but, by contrast, that's played absolutely straight, with Peggy Lee's upright bass and finger snaps arrangement. The odd thing is that there no obvious rationale for Come Into My Kitchen in the context of the album. Of the other 12 tracks, Dear Someone and By The Mark are by Gillian Welch & Dave Rawlings, Ghost and Why Should I Cry, by Mark Erelli, along with Tim O'Brien & Darrell Scott's Walk Beside Me, Dolly Parton's Do I Ever Cross Your Mind, Buddy & Julie Miller's *Does My Ring Burn Your Finger*, Doc Watson's *Your Long Journey*, Amy Speace & Jonathan Byrd's *It's Too Late To Call It A Night* and originals by Gardner and Vetter. With this kind of material, Red Molly really rev it up, swapping lead and harmony vocals to lovely effect. Juxtaposing a gospel song with the sexual come on of It's Too Late To Call It A Night is mildly curious sequencing (and trying to compete with Speace in suggestive is a lost cause), but this is a major step up from the trio's earlier albums.

THE FAR WEST

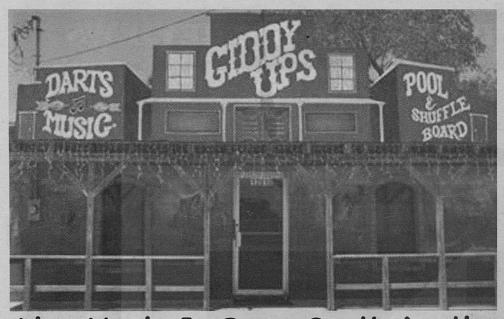
(Light Fighter *****)

sually one picks up, for better or worse, on a particular facet of an album, the singing, the material, an instrument, the arrangements or the production, but with this LA alternative country quintet you get a seamless package, everything fits together like, well, I was going to say a well-oiled machine, but that doesn't work because there's nothing slick or mechanical about their debut. Lee Briante, vocals/guitar/harmonica, Robert Black, bass/vocals, Erik Kristiansen pedal steel guitar/guitar, Tony Sanborn drums/percussion and Mike Wells piano all quit other bands early last year "to pursue a sound they weren't getting elsewhere," but while their website has comments that compare them to Waylon, Wilco and Whiskeytown, or combinations thereof, what I'm hearing is an exceptionally good country band backing two remarkable Americana songwriters, Briante, who wrote eight of the 14 songs, and Black, who wrote the other six. Though you can't tell from Amos McWoods' superb production, the bar was open when this was recorded live to tape at American Legion Post #416, Encinitas, and perhaps being in their natural habitat rather than a studio accounts for the relaxed, laid back vibe. Normally, I wouldn't quote a blog, but a lead story honoring Mamie Van Doren's 80th birthday would give Californiality's review headline, "LA's Best Country Band," major credibility even if I hadn't heard the album. As it is, I'd put these guys up there with Mike Stinson, who collared a good few 'LA's Best' himself before moving to Houston. OK, one criticism—accordionist Debra Tala should be in the band instead of just playing on a couple of tracks.

DALE WATSON & THE TEXAS TWO THE SUN SESSIONS

(Red House *)

lipping open the current issue of *Texas Music*, with Watson on the cover, a friend who works in an Austin record store pointed at a photo showing the 'Lone Star Lite' logo on the back of Watson's jacket, and remarked dismissively, "That pretty much says it all." Which is concise enough but doesn't really plumb the depths. I have to concede that Watson has a genius for self-promotion, though born in Alabama, he's a master of Texas bullshit and his current shovelful, swallowed whole in the blogosphere, is that after a gig in Memphis fell through, he booked time at Sun Studio, wrote six of the 14 songs on this album while en route from Nashville and, after a couple of run-throughs, cut this album with just his rhythm section. There may be some people who can write six great songs in a 200 mile trip, though Watson does not appear to be one of them, but the crappy material isn't the major problem. Were I being charitable, I'd approach this as an innocuous, if pointless, homage to Johnny Cash & The Tennessee Two, but when the one-sheet uses a word like "channeling," it gives the distinct, and very creepy, impression that, while he, Chris Crepps & Mike Bernal do a reasonable imitation of the Sun Records sound, Watson is setting himself up as Cash's spiritual heir, if not his avatar. Thanks to the miracle of recorded sound, Johnny Cash is still very much with us—there at least three 'Complete' collections of his Sun recordings available—so we hardly need a third-rate (to give Watson plenty of the best of it) knock-off. Watson made three good no-frills honky tonk albums for HighTone in the 90s, but since then it's been one gimmick after another. Legends in their own minds are plentiful enough, what baffles me is how many people buy into Watson's construct.



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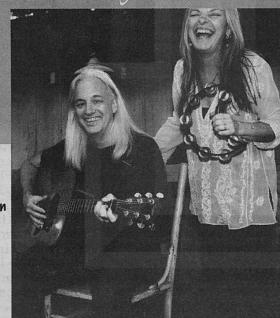
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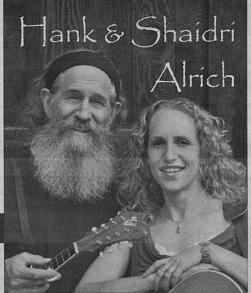


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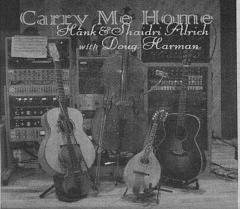
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JOHN THE REVEALATOR

Pust after I'd written a regular size review of VA: The Lost Notebooks Of Hank Williams (Egyptian/Columbia) and had, to the best of my abilities, dotted the i's and crossed the t's, I got an email from Jen Medlin-Lloyd (Back 40, WNMC, Traverse City, MI), who nailed it in six words: "It's so

loathsome I could cry.'

While discussing the Guy Clark 70th birthday tribute This One's For Him (see reviews) with an equally unimpressed fellow music writer, he reminded me of a 60th birthday tribute album that was never released. Or possibly was. There's a reference, on a Rodney Crowell forum (jeez, guys, get a life) to a "limited edition private CD," which included Crowell's version of *Better Days* and further digging revealed that Emmylou Harris' recording of Immigrant Eyes on Songbird (Rhino, 2007) was originally cut for the same project. After that, I ran out of leads.

- While trying to find some background on Tim Henderson (see obituary below), I came across a number of references, none of which gave a citation, to a list of Townes Van Zandt's favorite LPs, supposedly from a 1987 interview. There are a few glitches, I imagine #2 refers to the 1971 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra recording with David Oistrakh and #7 to Van Cliburn's recording of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto #1 in B Flat Minor, while 'Atlantic' is perhaps a simple brain fart or typo for 'Atlanta,' and #8 must be **In Texas Last December** (Buttermilk, 1977). However, #9 is a bit of a puzzle as there was never a 'Complete' Hank Williams on LP, so I assume Townes and/or the interviewer used this as shorthand for Polydor's eight volume series, released between 1985 and 1987, which was as complete as it got at the time. Finally, there's #10, which should, of course, be **Old No 1**, an error that none of the people who've kept this list in circulation has corrected, or possible even noticed. Anyway, for what it's worth:
- 1. Muddy Waters: Hard Again
- 2. Mozart's Violin Concertos #4 & #53. Bob Dylan: The Times They Are a Changin' The Rolling Stones: Sticky Fingers
- 5. Lightnin' Hopkins: Automobile Blues 6. Blind Willie McTell: Atlantic 12 String Van Cliburn: Tchaikovsky's Piano Concertos
- 8. Richard Dobson's first album 9. The Complete Hank Williams

10. Guy Clark: Old #9

11. Jefferson Airplane: Surrealistic Pillow 12. Tim Henderson: Waiting For The Naked

Girl To Call Reader Hal Davis stumbled across this little gem on the Internet. One of the items in an auction of Johnny Cash memorabilia was a handwritten 'To Do' list that reads as follows: "I. Not smoke, 2. Kiss June, 3. Not kiss anyone else, 4. Cough, 5. Pee, 6. Eat, 7. Not eat too much, 8. Worry, 9. Go see Mama, 10. Practice piano." In the 'Notes' section, Cash had written, "Not Write Notes." It went for \$6,400.

Has everyone forgotten Hank Snow? Last month, I mentioned a journalist referring to Snow's monster 1962 #1 hit I've Been Everywhere as a Johnny Cash song (he recorded his version in 1996). Then, last month, during a country(ish) music bash at The White House, President Óbama, who'd just come back from a trip to Hawaii, Australia and Indonesia, told guests that "Johnny Cash was really singing our song when he sang, 'I've been everywhere, man." Incidentally, just when the fuck did **James Taylor** become a country act?

Tommy Hancock, who used to own The Cotton Club in Lubbock once told me about Hank Snow playing there, when he was touring on the strength of

I've Been Everywhere. He came out on stage and said, "It's great to be back in one of my favorite places-Lubbock, New Mexico." As you can imagine, this didn't go down very well.

Nor sure if this qualifies as moving the goalposts or cutting them down, but it certainly roils the already murky definition of 'country': "Among the originals on [Kimberly] Dunn's five-song EP [is] Randy Rogers, a song with a catchy chorus to honor the music of some of the Texas Country artists that helped her reconnect with her country roots.'

Announcing a move to Cherrywood Coffeehouse, Austin singer-songwriter Tricia Mitchell announces, "NEW! Introducing the 'Perry Moment' Drinking Game! During my Happy Hour set, in a light-hearted tribute to Governor Rick Perry's recent 'synapse collapse' during the presidential candidates debate, I will forget random song lyrics, chord changes, and portions of guitar leads! (Of course I usually do that a bit, anyway!) That's your cue to take a gulp of your wine, beer or other beverage."

† LIZ ANDERSON

ot long after her song (All My Friends Are Gonna Be) Strangers had been a Billboard hit for both Roy Drusky (#6) and, his first, for Merle Haggard (#10), Anderson released her debut album, (All My Friends Are Gonna Be) Strangers & Other Country Songs (RCA, 1966), of which all ten tracks were originals, unheard of in country music at the time. Born Elizabeth Jane Haaby, March 13, 1930, in Roseau, MN, 10 miles from the Canadian border, Anderson was married at 16, a mother (of Lynn Anderson) and fledgling songwriter at 17. "When Casey and I moved to Sacramento, there just wasn't any country stations around. I wasn't hearing any new songs, and being the country girl that I am, I just started writing, so I'd have some to sing myself." Her first success was Del Reeves' 1961 #9 hit Be Quiet Mind and, through her friendship with Bonnie Owens, she began her association with Haggard when he and Owens made the Top 40 in 1964 with Just Between The Two Of Us. Later, of course, she wrote Haggard's first #1 hit, I'm A Lonesome Fugitive. Though she herself had hits, she's best remembered as a songwriter, penning Conway Twitty's Guess My Eyes Were Bigger Than My Heart, Norma Jean's I Cried All The Way To The Bank, Roy Drusky's Pick Of The Week and Brenda Lee's Ride Ride, not to mention jump starting her daughter's career with If I Kiss You (Will You Go Away) and Big Girls Don't Cry. Liz Anderson died, age 81, on October 31st.

† TIM HENDERSON

A ccording to what may only be Internet legend, in 1987, Townes Van Zandt's favorite LPs (see above) included Henderson's Waiting For The Naked Girl To Call (BF Deal, 1978), but Van Zandt mentioned Henderson as one of his favorite songwriters both to myself and 3CM reader Patrick Hurley, and if this is merely anecdotal, Van Zandt is also on record as saying, "His songs are soulful and solid, sprung from the soil of Texas. Sometimes witty, always wise. Never showy or shallow. His music has always impressed me as beautifully human," to which Tom Paxton added, "I keep trying to think of a more purely representative American songwriter than Tim Henderson and, frankly I am stumped... Tim is my idea of an American songwriter." Originally from West Virginia, Henderson moved to Austin the early 70s, taught technical German at UT, wrote manuals for companies like Motorola and Texas Instruments and won Kerrville Folk Festival's New Folk competition in 1977. Though as obscure as a singer-songwriter can get, his Rusty Old Red River was recorded by Toni Price and Anne Hills, and Maria Consuelo by Tompall & The Glaser Brothers and others. Beloved by all who knew him, Tim Henderson died, age 71, on November 1st.

† JOE GRACEY

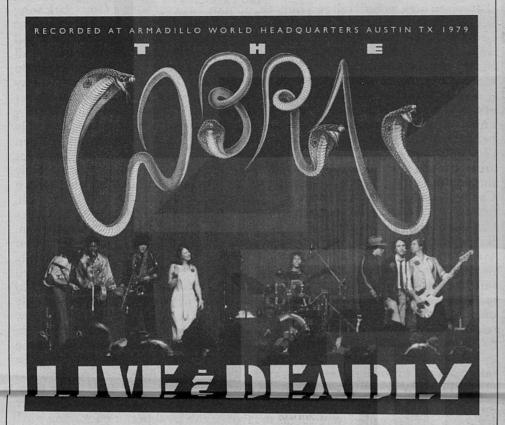
Sadly, Gracey and I fell out 15 years ago over my review of an album by his wife, Kimmie Rhodes, but I was saddened to hear of his November 17th death, at 61. Born November 14th, 1950, in Fort Worth, Gracey moved to Austin in the early 70s and first made his mark as a 'progressive country' DJ on KOKE-FM, named Billboard's 'Trendsetter' station of 1974, and was also a singer, but lost his larynx to throat cancer in 1978. Writing music features that championed local music for The Austin Sun and Austin American-Statesman led to becoming the original talent coordinator for Austin City Limits, giving TV exposure to artists like Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark, Willis Alan Ramsey, Lightnin' Hopkins, Marcia Ball, Tom Waits, Jesse Winchester, Steve Jordan and Clifton Chenier, pairing Ry Cooder with Flaco Jimenez and reuniting The Texas Playboys. When ACL sent a sales force to Europe in the 90s, the music buyer for a British TV channel told me, 'They weren't pushing the early stuff, which was all any of us were interested in. We can get all the video we want of the big stars for free." Gracey later worked as a producer and engineer at his Electric Graceyland studio, played bass in Rhodes' band, gave cooking classes with her and wrote about food.

JOHN LILLY · COLD COMFORT

(self ※※※※)

Given that he's normally a solo performer, as showcased on Live On Red Barn Radio (self, 2010), I'm not sure that the musicians Lilly enlisted for this album should properly be called "Guests," but I have no argument with "Special." Whether at Tommy Detamore's studio in Floresville, TX, for nine of the 13 tracks, or Tim O'Brien's in Nashville for three, Detamore and O'Brien, Mike Bub, Floyd Domino, Skip Edwards, Bobby Flores, Bill Kirchen, Sonny Landreth, Brennen Leigh, Tom Lewis, Ric Ramirez, Kayton Roberts and Johnny Staats are all pretty handy people to have around. After opening with the catchy but cryptic Come And Go, Flores' magisterial fiddle—nothing says 'country' quite like a Bobby Flores intro—and Detamore's pedal steel launch a string of eight originals, seven lovelorn, including a truckdriver song, one celebrating the Two Miracles of love that actually pans out, that are among Lilly's best work. I have a limited taste for novelty songs, so even an off-beat ode to a long-ago Yugo or lines like "We had no electricity so every night/we watched TV by candlelight" don't warm me much to the next three tracks, but the album closes strong with the solo Somewhere In Texas, though those of us who live in Texas might cynically inquire where exactly "it's raining tonight." While the unassuming singer and songwriter is a strong performer, Lilly is, as one writer put it, "way too nice to be in show business," but there was a time when he could have had a great career writing hits for country stars. Unfortunately, that time was 40 years ago, but fortunately, Lilly makes Old School records, this is his fifth, not including one he made with legendary old-time fiddler Ralph Blizard, and, if nothing else, from 2002's Broken Moon on, he's been a consistent favorite with the Freeform American Roots DJs and predicting he'll be #1 in the November chart is a real safe bet.

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ompiling the Freeform American Roots chart is rather like watching a horse race, albeit one in slow motion as the process unfolds over a five day period, and it certainly lends itself to Sport of Kings metaphors. Before I send out the first request for reports, I could make book on the favorites, albums by artists who have form over this course and an inside track with the FAR sters. Then, as the reports begin coming in, I start to see dark horses, albums doing better than I would have expected, others hitting their stride, a number jockeying enters the homestretch, it can be down to the wire, with one contender crossing the winning line hands down or by a length, two others taking place and show ahead of the also-rans. You get the picture.

However, there's one metaphor that requires a little explanation. I send out the first call on the Wednesday before my Sunday deadline for that month, with a last call going out on the Saturday, and I think of this reminder as 'the turn for home.' Some very odd things can happen at this turn, it often seems like there's a total disconnect between the DJs who get their reports in early and those who wait until the deadline looms. Albums that were doing well can simply fade, unable to stay the distance, others that were back in the pack suddenly surge out of it, and the fold charges apprehense.

out of it, and the field changes completely.

This happened rather more drastically than usual with the October chart that ran in the November issue. Before I sent out the first call, Lydia Loveless was my hot tip. Even though I consider 21-years old to be a serious handicap, she looked like a winner in the paddock. During the first round of reports, she amply justified my confidence, first out of the gate when the flag fell, she was pulling far ahead, so far indeed that on Saturday morning I considered her unbeatable. Then I hit Send and it all fell apart. From that point on she got virtually no more support, while Dale Watson, who, up until then, seemed to define long shot, came through to win by a nose.

There some months, in fact many months, when I'm 100% with the consensus, and then there are just as many other months when, well, that wouldn't have been my first pick, but I'm OK with it. In fact, up to now, there had only been one ocassion, in over 12 years, that I really took issue with my reporters, when Bruce Springsteen's **We Shall Overcome**; **The Seeger Sessions** (Columbia, 2006) was voted #1. My problem with it wasn't so much that it was pretty useless, though it was, as that it was on a major label, which I thought rather violated the spirit of FAR, giving non-com airplay to someone who's guaranteed to get plenty of spins on commercial radio. However, as Professor Purple (Amarillo Highway, KZMU, Moab, UT) pointed out, many FAR sters grew up with Springsteen and couldn't resist the opportunity to vote for him when he made a roots-ish album, which I could, aif grudgingly, accept.

Last month, however, for the first time, I disagreed sharply with the result simply on the merits of the albums, joined by several appalled reporters, one of whom wanted to know if I could institute negative voting (too complicated). Still, as any bookie knows, sometimes long shots pay off.

VA: This One's For Him A Tribute To Guy Clark

(Icehouse ※※※)

ometime in the mid-80s, Guy Clark and Jerry Jeff Walker toured Europe together and the conventional wisdom among those of us previewing their shows was that Clark would be the serious shut up and listen to the words songwriter, Walker the showman singer and entertainer. Well, we were wrong, Clark dominated the stage in every sense. The point being, of course, that, up to now, as he'll tell you himself, nobody has ever sung a Guy Clark song better than Guy Clark, and if the 30 covers on this double CD are anything to go by, nobody ever will. While producers Tamara Saviano & Shawn Camp did well matching the contributors to songs that suited their individual styles, all them were, frankly, on a hiding to nothing from the getgo, though a few do manage to shine, most notably Terri Hendrix (*The Dark*), also James McMurtry (Cold Dog Soup), Terry Allen (Old Friends) and, somewhat surprisingly, the rather erratic Trishas (She Ain't Goin' Nowhere), but they're heavily outnumbered by unimaginative, rote renditions, with a few that are so dreadful you can hardly believe it. There's one sequence, of Gary Nicholson, Darrell Scott & Tim O'Brien (Texas Cookin'), Jack Ingram (Stuff That Works) and Vince Gill (Randall Knife) that are such fuck-ups it's hard to decide which is the worst. The lineup is certainly impressive, also including Rodney Crowell, Lyle Lovett, Shawn Colvin, Shawn Camp, Ron Sexsmith, Rosanne Cash, Willie Nelson, Rosie Flores, Kevin Welch, Suzy Boguss, Ray Wylie Hubbard, JT Van Zandt, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Hayes Carll, Joe Ely, Emmylou Harris & John Prine, Steve Earle, Verlon Thompson, Radney Foster, Patty Griffin, Kris Kristofferson, Robert Earl Keen and Jerry Jeff Walker, but if you want to hear Guy Clark songs done right, there's quite simply no substitute for Clark's own albums, especially the early ones, before he slipped into the habit of cowriting, an arc that's easy to trace—his first three albums had just one cowrite, with his wife, Susanna, whereas his last studio album had only one song with a single credit, and that was by Townes Van Zandt. On the few occasions I've encountered Clark, he struck me as a kind of an asshole, though, to be fair, he was usually shitfaced at the time, but he is one of the all-time great songwriters and, more to the point in this context, far and away the best interpreter of his own material. Incidentally, the copy I have in front of me has uncredited artwork with a drawing of Guy Clark looking like a character from a triving Dead, though when I say "uncredited," the booklet uses a tiny font in white on a blue background, so I may have missed it. However, Icehouse was persuaded to junk this in favor of the far superior packaging you'll find in stores. Normally, I avoid album covers, but I love this 1970 picture of Guy & Susanna, taken outside his parents' house in Rockport, TX.

y first thought was to add a quick overview of Guy Clark's 36-year recording career (or possibly 48, see below), but when I compared albums with which I'm familiar to a discography, I realized there are some gaps. Then, I came to find that there doesn't appear to be a single complete and accurate discography. So, as a public service, I present Guy Clark: The Usually Unlisted Oddballs.

ALBUMS

On The Road Live (Warner Brothers Music Show, 1979) radio promotional only Burnin' Daylight (Warner Brothers, 1980, unreleased)

SINGLES

Cotton Mill Girls/Looks Like It's Us (Jester, 1963) I only found one reference to this, but Clark, then 22, was playing Houston's Jester Lounge round that time. The Ballad Of Laverne And Captain Flint/Like A Coat From The Cold (RCA, 1975), Rita Ballou/Let Him Roll (RCA, 1976). Texas Cookin'/The Last Gunfighter Ballad (RCA, 1976), Anyhow I Love You/Virginia Real (RCA, 1977), Texas Cookin'/Broken Hearted People (RCA, 1983), Fools For Each Other/Fool On The Roof (WB, 1978), Heartbroke/Who Do You Think You Are (WB, 1980), The Partner Nobody Chose/Heartbroke (WB, 1981), She's Crazy For Leavin'/ South Coast Of Texas (WB, 1981), South Coast Of Texas/New Cut Road (WB, 1982), Homegrown Tomatoes/Fool In A Mirror (WB, 1983), Better Days/Heartbroke (WB, 1983)

APPEARS ON
Heartworn Highways (VHS, Rhapsody, 1981; CD, Hacktone, 1995; DVD, Snapper, 2005), Texas Folk & Outlaw Music; Kerrville Festivals 1972-1976 (Adelphi, 1983), KGSR Broadcasts Vol 3 (KGSR, 1995), Texans Live From Mountain Stage (Blue Plate, 1997), Kerrville Folk Festival; The Early Years 1972-1981 (Silverwolf, 1999), Pearls In The Snow; The Songs Of Kinky Friedman (Kinkajou, 1999), Transatlantic Sessions 1 Vol 2 (Whirlie, 1999), KGSR Broadcasts Vol 7 (KGSR, 1999), KGSR Broadcasts Vol 8 (KGSR, 2000), Transatlantic Sessions 1 Vol 3 (Whirlie, 2010), Concerts For A Landmine Free World (Vanguard, 2001), Poet; A Tribute To Townes Van Zandt (Tomato, 2001), Merlefest Live! The Best Of 2003 (Merlefest, 2004), KGSR Broadcasts Vol 15 (KGSR, 2007), Old Grey Whistle Test; Country (BBC, 2011)

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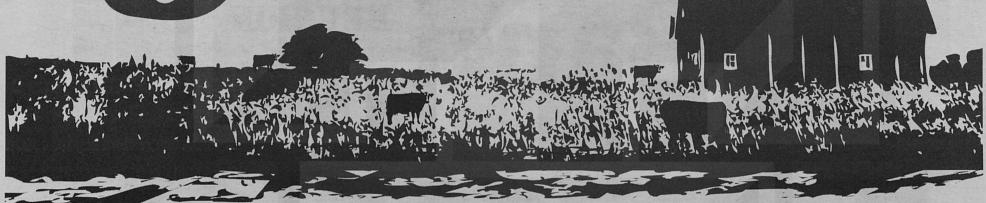
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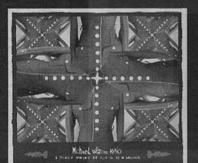
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- 7th Tom Waits 1949 Pomona, CA Bill Boyd † 1977
- 8th Floyd Tillman 1914 Ryan, OK Big Walter Horton † 1981 Marty Robbins † 1982
- 10th Rich Minus 1940 San Antonio, TX
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- 11th Big Mama Thornton 1926 Montgomery, AL Tom Brumley • 1935 Stella, MO Brenda Lee • 1944 Lithonia, GA Troy Campbell • 1964 Germantown, OH
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