

Lovett or leave it

Flood of concerts has music lovers drooling

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What is this, Nashville? Judging by the number of Reno-area concerts this week, it's a fair question. Starting Wednesday and running through Sunday, 12 acts will be performing in nine different concerts.

There are three concerts on Thursday night alone, two of which are at the Reno Hilton. On Saturday, music lovers will be filing in and out of tiny Rancho Nevada in Verdi when Townes Van Zandt does a show sandwiched between early and late gigs by Jerry Jeff Walker.

Van Zandt vs. Walker. That's a good match-up of Texas songwriters, but it's not the only heavyweight bout in town this week. On Thursday, Lyle Lovett takes his Large Band (in the Hilton's Pavilion) against Brian Setzer's Orchestra (in the showroom). Then on Saturday, Alabama (Hilton Amphitheater) will face Joe Diffie (Silver Legacy) in a country music slug fest.