

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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* Important To-Do's:

• Update PowerSchool Information:

- Please remember to update phone numbers and addresses that may have changed over the summer.

• Call or email Debbie at:

- 406-268-6337 or
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[Click here to read handbook:](#)



• Activity Participation Forms:

- If you do not want your student to participate in certain GFHS clubs and/or organizations, you need to complete the ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION form.

* GFHS Events and Sports Travel forms

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* MT Law 20-5-201

Montana Code Annotated 20-5-201(4) authorizes school districts to withhold grades, diplomas, or transcripts if a student owes money for school materials, lost, or damaged property.

* Attendance Notifications:

GFHS Parents/Guardians

In order to receive attendance notifications regarding your student, you must be signed up with PowerSchool!

Call attendance for support!



REGULAR			PLCT			EARLY OUT			ASSEMBLY (40 MIN)		
PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END
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3	9:58	10:51	3	9:46	10:43	3	9:12	9:43	ASSEMBLY	9:46	10:26
4	10:56	11:49	4	10:49	11:36	4	9:48	10:19	3	10:31	11:18
LUNCH	11:49	12:19	LUNCH	11:36	12:06	5	10:24	10:56	4	11:23	12:10
5	12:25	1:18	5	12:12	12:59	6	11:01	11:33	LUNCH	12:10	12:40
6	1:24	2:17	6	1:05	1:52	7	11:38	12:10	5	12:45	1:32
7	2:23	3:15	7	1:58	2:45				6	1:37	2:24
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Principal's Message:



Dear Bison Family,

This week is the very last few days we'll be sharing with this year's senior class. It has been a privilege to work alongside these amazing young people. We wish all of the seniors and their families the very best from the Bison Family!

It is a crazy week of events for the seniors and the rest of the school. See below for all of the information.

Reminder: We have semester tests next week for all underclassmen. Please see the schedule below, there is a change!

Go Bison!

Geoffrey Habel



* Seniors:

- Grad Walks - Tuesday - *Thank you to United Way Cascade County!
- Senior Assembly - Wednesday
- Tree Planting - Wednesday
- Senior Luncheon - Friday
- Graduation Rehearsal - Friday
- Graduation - Sunday - 4pm

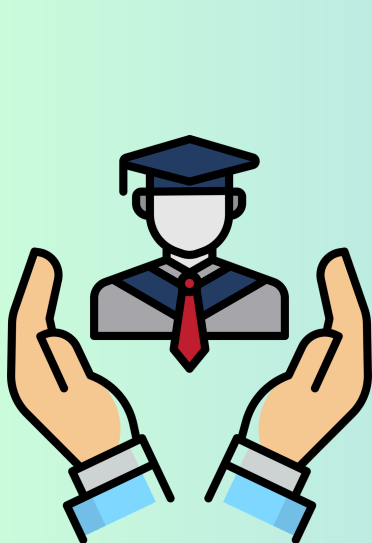
* SEMESTER TESTS: NEXT WEEK

- Semester test schedule below in the newsletter

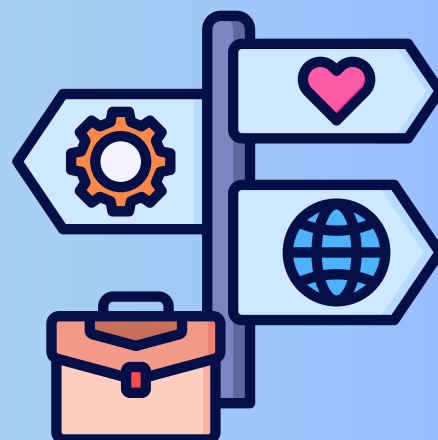
* Summer Virtual Academy Payments

- Virtual Academy cash & check payments can be made in the GFHS Main office
- Credit card payments must be paid at the DOB

Great Falls High School Counselor Corner



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GFHS Fine Arts At A Glance

5/7-5/9 Drama Spring Production - "Loving Lives"

5/18 Band Awards Concert

5/19 Orchestra Awards Concert - "90's"

5/26 Choir Pop Concert - The Beatles "Blue & White Album"



UPCOMING Student Exhibit:
2026.2027 AP Studio Art Exhibit
coming soon at Buffalo Blanc



Art Club meets in room 113
every **Wednesday** at lunch.

- ☐ Two more regular meetings this academic year!
- ☐ Potluck Lettering Celebration June 3rd @ 1:30 PM in room 113.
- ☐ Children's Museum project kicks off June 9th from 10AM-2PM.



SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE

*Parents:

- Note that Tuesday June 2nd has a Semester Assessment Support time from 8:00am - 9:30am
- This is our last opportunity for students to get support prior to their tests

GFHS SEMESTER 2 TESTS/LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

2025-2026

TEACHERS: Please share the following information with all your students to familiarize themselves with and make them accountable for the adjusted schedule for Semester Tests.

Monday June 1st is a regular schedule and school/review day. School will dismiss at 3:15pm

<u>Tuesday June 2, 2026</u>	<u>Wednesday June 3, 2026</u>	<u>Thursday June 4, 2026</u>
8:00 – 9:30 <i>Semester Assessment</i> <i>Academic Support:</i> Students arriving before 9:30am will report to their 3 rd period teacher. This includes all bus students.	8:00 – 9:25 Period 2 Final 9:35 – 11:10 Period 4 Final 11:10 – 12:00 <i>Lunch</i> 12:05 – 1:30 Period 6 Final	8:00 – 9:25 Period 1 Final 9:35 – 10:05 Period 2* 10:10 – 10:40 Period 3* 10:45 – 11:15 Period 4* 11:20 – 11:50 Period 5* 11:50 – 12:20 <i>Lunch</i> 12:25 – 12:55 Period 6* 1:00 – 1:30 Period 7*
9:40 – 11:10 Period 3 Final 11:10 – 12:00 <i>Lunch</i> 12:10 – 1:40 Period 5 Final 1:50 – 3:15 Period 7 Final		*Chromebook check-in will take place period 2-7

Friday the 5th is the Early out Schedule (12:10pm release.) Anybody who did not turn in their Chromebooks on the 4th will need to do so today.

GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

- **State Track:**
 - Missoula
 - May 28th - 30th
- **State Tennis:**
 - Kalispell
 - May 28th - 29th



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SENIOR STUDENTS

Great Falls High Class of 2026 All Night Graduation Party



May 31st
8pm-1am
@ the Montana Expo
Park (right next door
to the graduation
ceremony)

Tickets will be available to
purchase during lunch April
28th, 30th, May 5th, 7th, and
12th As well as before school
starting at 7:30 May 5th and
7th.

Tickets are \$25 (scholarships
available, call Sarah at
(406)899-5952)

*you will get the cost of your
ticket back at the party in the
form of a gift card*

Cash, check or Venmo available

Join us for food, games, music,
prizes (including cash!!), photo
booth, and so much fun!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION WALKS 5/26

*HUGE Thank you to United Way CCMT



The Bison Student Film Festival

June 4th, 6:30 p.m.



Great Falls High School
Davidson Family Auditorium

Featuring a dozen short films from this year's student filmmakers!

Free Admission

Everyone's invited! Open to the public, friends, & family!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Week of 05/24-05/30/26

No School/Memorial Day	05/25/26	Monday		All Day
Choir Concert	05/26/26	Tuesday	AUD	7:00-9:00pm
Seniors Last Day	05/27/26	Wednesday		All Day
Senior Assembly Bell Schedule	05/27/26	Wednesday		All Day
Pre College Advisory	05/27/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
MT Air National Guard	05/27/26	Wednesday	HUB	11:36-12:06pm
Baccalaureate	05/27/26	Wednesday	AUD	7:00-8:30pm
Senior Sunset	05/27/26	Wednesday	Memorial Stadium	8:00-9:30pm
MTARNG Recruiting Table	05/28/26	Thursday	Learning Stairs	11:45-12:30pm
Night School/Academic Assistance	05/28/26	Thursday	SC 108, 211, & 304	3:30-4:30pm
Eagle Feather Ceremony	05/28/26	Thursday	HUB & FH	6:00-8:00pm
Senior Luncheon	05/29/26	Friday	Alumni way (OG if weather is bad)	12:45-2:45pm



ParentSquare



PARENTSQUARE INFORMATION:

ParentSquare is the new district communication tool.

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connected with GFH.

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- Facebook: @GFHBISON

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Great Falls High School Historical Article Of The Week

Tribune articles from 2007, 2010, 2012, & 2015

Articles courtesy of:

The GF Tribune, Pat Douglas, and Newspapers.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007

Reggie Watts merges comedy and soul singing in his return to Great Falls this week

Whether you're talking about music or comedy or any form of entertainment, it is those who are willing to think outside of the box who make the biggest impact.

One of the most talented and groundbreaking soul singers to come out of the Pacific Northwest in the past decade, Great Falls High School graduate Reggie Watts has turned his attention to comedy, which won't surprise those who knew him in high school.

"I was in the competitive dramatic program which was amazing. I did one year, I believe as a sopho-



To check out other Culture Shock interviews visit www.greatfallstribune.com and click on the Lifestyle link.

more, in the category of humor solo," Watts said in a phone interview with the Tribune from Seattle.

"That's when I started just doing stuff by myself, just improvising a piece so that at the end of the year, I kind of had more of a piece."

Watts returns to Great Falls this Thursday at 9 p.m. for an evening of stand-up comedy and music at Machinery Row, 220 2nd Ave. S. Cover charge is \$5.

It will be the 1990 GFHS graduate's first professional performance in the Electric City, either as a musician or comedian.

The performer's stand-up routine includes the use of a resampler, a machine that

allows him to record beats with his voice and play back a loop on the spot. Using the machine allows Watts to incorporate

music, beatboxing and singing into his bit. It's an unorthodox approach to the craft and one that has the comedy

world buzzing.

"I guess I've always had it. I basically just thought to myself that I could get on stage and do loops and stuff and build songs and do weird stuff and talk in between," Watts said of the use of the resampler. "It was just mainly a way to be able to create something larger than just being on

the microphone."

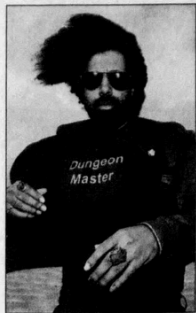
Watts was recently the recipient of the third annual Andy Kaufman Award after competing in a series of stand-up gigs in his new hometown of New York City last fall. Hundreds of comedians from all over the country applied for the chance to compete, and from that, the field was narrowed down to 20 entertainers.

As Watts worked his way through the process, performing at various clubs around NYC, he found himself in the finals. Watts and two other finalists were

called onstage by Andy Kaufman's father Stanley, who was one of the judges. At that point Watts thought he'd been picked as a runner-up.

"I thought they were announcing the three runners up. I didn't think they were announcing the winner, so when I got up on stage, I was like 'oh, I didn't win, but oh well,'" Watts said. "Basically (Stanley Kaufman) went on this rigmarole about how these people up on stage were all amazing people and then he

See WATTS, 2L



COURTESY PHOTO

Great Falls High graduate Reggie Watts is on Rolling Stone's hot list.

GFH grad on Rolling Stone's 2010 hot list

By Tribune Staff

The latest issue of Rolling Stone highlights Great Falls High School graduate Reggie Watts as this year's pick for Hot Comedy in the magazine's issue of "Hot List 2010: what's new, what's next and what's nuts."

Reporter Josh Eells wrote of Watt's unusual performances: "Reggie Watts is a comedian-like playpuses are mammals: weirdly and awesomely."

Watts, 38, a "biracial Montanan with bright-pink fingernails and a giant afro," who opened Conan O'Brien's national tour, is shooting a pilot of a Comedy Central variety show and has played in rock and jazz bands, Eells noted.

In addition to his vocal and comedic talents, Watts is known for sporting a large head of hair. His penchant for unique hairstyles can be traced all the way back to his days at GFH.

REGGIE WATTS GFHS CLASS OF 1990

To purchase Reggie Watts' new CD/DVD set, "Reggie Watts: A Live at Central Park," visit reggiewatts.com.

Oddities take center stage on Reggie Watts' live CD/DVD

By JAKE SORICH
Tribune Staff Writer

Nationally heralded comedian and Great Falls native Reggie Watts is no stranger to the absurd, and his newest CD/DVD release is a perfect example.

"Half what I do is all about confusing people so the more people who are confused, I'm certain about what I'm doing and the better it is for me," Watts said.

"Reggie Watts: A Live at Central Park" was recorded at Summerstage in Manhattan's Central Park in 2011 and contains his best new songs and comedic stories. Using nothing but his voice, a keyboard and a looping machine, Watts creates impromptu songs on topics ranging from reggae to sex.

The CD features 13 tracks and the DVD includes many of those same tracks with a skit interwoven between stage sets. During that skit, Watts tries to determine if his performance in the park was real or just a dream.

This release features many of the oddities Watts' fans have come to expect — vocal gyrations, looping, dancing and beatboxing.

The Great Falls High grad recently finished up a solo spring tour through 13 U.S. cities. Watts said he was pleased with the turnout and is looking forward to performing at several larger festivals this summer.

"(The tour) was about 94 percent sold out so it felt really good to do it," he said. "I'm very happy to be a part of something that was an idea that actually turned out all right. That's not always the case."

He has worked with a wide variety of comedians, musicians and actors such as Jon Stewart, Ben Stiller, Conan O'Brien, Coldplay and Regina Spektor.

In his "Reggie Makes Music" online video series, he's appeared with Jon Hamm, Michael Cera, Zach Galifianakis and Will Forte.

Watts said he enjoys working with other creative people because it allows them to learn from one another while sharing their talents.

"It's amazing because you get to learn new things, and you have to be open to new ideas and communicate ideas you have," he said. "That's always a great feeling — to build something with a team of people."

One of Watts' calling cards is his large afro, featured in graphic styling on the cover of his new album. Wearing his hair in unique ways has long been a part of his personality, going all the way back to his days at Great Falls High.

Also the former front man for Seattle rock outfit Maktub, Watts and his band have released five albums.

Watts said he will come back to Great Falls for some family time this winter. He said he's proud to call Great Falls home and tries to get back as much as he can.

"It's the perfect city to be from," he said.

Watts: Coming home

FROM 1L

was like, 'the 2006 Andy Kaufman Award winner is ...' and then he says my name and it was really surreal. They gave me one of those oversized checks, which was really weird. It was an amazing feeling."

Having nearly 20 years of stage experience, Watts isn't stricken with butterflies very often before walking on stage.

"I still get nervous before going up ... especially if I'm in a place that people have seen me do stuff before 'cause I don't like to do the same exact stuff that I've done," he said. "I get butterflies trying to figure out how I can approach this in a unique way."

In the musical community, Watts is best known as the front man of the Seattle soul-rock band Maktub, having shared the stage with groups like the Dave Matthews Band, Ben Harper, Coldplay, Jack Johnson and Earth, Wind & Fire.

In a 2005 interview with the Tribune, former Soundgarden bassist Ben Shepherd recalled a jam session with Watts and former Soundgarden and current Pearl Jam drummer Matt Cameron.

"One of the most fun jams I've ever had with anybody was with Reggie and Matt Cameron," Shepherd said at the time. "It was so fun. He's one of the best singers around. I love that guy."

Maktub is scheduled to hit the studio in early May to record their follow-up to the 2005 "Say What You Mean."

"It's kind of abstract at this

point, but I am excited," Watts said of regrouping with Maktub. "I know it's gonna be fun and I know it's gonna be great."

Some songs have already been worked on by members of Maktub, but Watts has avoided listening to them to keep his creative attention bottled up.

"They have tracks posted just for us to listen to and access, but I haven't really listened to them on purpose because I wanna be surprised by the songs in the studio," he said. "Then come up with melodies on first hearing, because those melodies generally are the best melodies."

The return to the studio for the band will mark the first time Maktub has recorded since guitarist Thaddeus Turner was involved in a car accident in which his girlfriend was killed in September.

"I saw him awhile back ... and he had a pretty sane outlook on the whole thing," Watts said of Turner. "I understood that he didn't want to talk about it a lot or dwell on it."

In addition to his vocal and comedic talents, Watts is known for sporting a large head of hair. His penchant for unique hairstyles can be traced all the way back to his days at GFHS.

"I always had weird hair. I kind of had normal hair until my sophomore year in high school. I shaved the sides of my head and had this weird mohawk type thing," Watts said. "Then I just let it grow and let whatever happens, happen and I'd comb it out once a week. I don't do anything to it."

Reach Pat Douglas by e-mail at

Great Falls High School Historical Article Of The Week

Reggie Watts is
show bandleaderREGGIE WATTS
GFHS CLASS OF 1990

Great Falls comedian Reggie Watts joins TV's 'Late, Late Show with James Corden'



Reggie Watts, who grew up in Great Falls, is the bandleader on the CBS-TV program, "The Late Late Show with James Corden."

Reggie Watts, Great Falls' most famous comedian, started his new network TV gig on a special day.

"March 23, on my birthday," the 43-year-old Watts said in a telephone interview.

Now you can see Watts, a 1990 Great Falls High School graduate, on network television Mondays through Thursdays. He is the new bandleader on "The Late Late Show with James Corden," who took over the CBS program this spring from Craig Ferguson.



SPRAY OF THE FALLS
Rich Ecke

Watts plays a large role on the show, similar to the way Paul Shaffer has served as the sidekick to talk-show host David Letterman, also on CBS one hour earlier.

One YouTube video captured Watts turning invisible knobs on the program.

He snorts at the notion the program can't begin without Watts turning those knobs.

"They're always catching me doing random (stuff)," Watts said with a laugh. "It's good to create things."

That's just another crazy aspect of a comedian whose career is on the upswing.

As Corden prepared to take over from Ferguson, he needed a bandleader.

"I think he got shown a video of mine," Watts said.

"They were looking for a musician type of cat."

As luck would have it, Watts is a comedian who also is a talented musician. He was offered the job, and just "went for it," Watts recalled.

It helped that Corden wanted the show to be fun to make.

"He's a really sweet guy," Watts said of Corden, the British actor, comedian and now television host.

Watts had the job, but then he needed to form a band. He already had two band members in mind; the other two auditioned and clearly stood out.

He has a place in New York and also rents an apartment in

See WATTS, 3A

"I am very proud of my nephew. He is an excellent humorist, singer, musician and a good comedian.

... He's a man with a big heart who shows great kindness."

MANEUL TRUJILLO, uncle of Reggie Watts

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and Newspapers.com

Watts

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Los Angeles. "The Late Late Show" is shot four afternoons a week at CBS Television City in Hollywood.

Watts had to give up his regular spot on the television comedy program, "Comedy Bang Bang" on the IFC channel. He took part in the show's first four seasons.

"I think it would have been impossible" to do both shows, considering the schedule, Watts said.

Meanwhile, Watts' mother, Christiane Watts of Great Falls, is very happy about her son's new gig and excited about the show, which can be seen on any Montana CBS affiliate starting at 11:37 p.m. most weeknights.

There's a slight problem with timing — Christiane doesn't always see the program because it begins so late, shortly before midnight. But when she sees it, "I like it," she said.

Christiane noted her son is a busy man. In addition to "The Late Late Show" work, Reggie has been working on several films.

"It helps keep him out of trouble," his mother said with a laugh.

Watts said will appear in "Pitch Perfect 2," about to be released. He makes a cameo appearance in "Fort

Tilden," set to be released this summer, according to the IMDb website. He's also in a film set for release in 2016 called "Creative Control."

Earlier this year, Reggie received a splash of publicity as he took the helm of the talk show's band. Great Falls artist Joyce Thomas, who winters in Green Valley, Ariz., told the Tribune she just "about fell out of my hammock" while reading the March 16 issue of The New Yorker magazine. A story about Reggie was featured in a piece written by Emma Allen.

"Reggie Watts is weird, but weird works for Reggie Watts," Allen's New Yorker article began. In the story, Great Falls High School is mentioned as the place where Watts tried drama, where he said "you find the weirdest, smartest kids and the smartest, cutest girls." For more on that feature story, visit newyorker.com.

As one YouTube headline said, "Reggie Watts disorients you in the most entertaining way."

On "The Late Late Show with James Corden," Reggie's band carries the unofficial name of Karen, "just 'cause it's stupid," Reggie explained.

There's also a spot on the show called "Reggie's question" in which he asks a question of one of the guests, showing off his co-

medic skills and, at times, just how smart Watts actually is, for all his antics.

As for "Reggie's question," "I love it," Reggie reports. "It's cool."

Reggie's new job comes at a time of great upheaval for network talk shows. Letterman, who signs off this spring from CBS' "The Late Show with David Letterman," has a ranch house near Choteau. Comedian Stephen Colbert replaces Letterman in September. During the last two years, Jay Leno left NBC's "The Tonight Show" in favor of Jimmy Fallon; Ferguson left the late CBS talk show and was replaced by Corden. Letterman's last show is scheduled to be broadcast May 20.

Reggie in recent months also attracted attention from the Wall Street Journal, with a graphic illustration in which Watts shared his most essential gear, including keyboards.

Reggie has an uncle in France, Manuel Trujillo of the city of Nice, who visited Great Falls last year.

"I am very proud of my nephew," Trujillo told me in French via Facebook. "He is an excellent humorist, singer, musician and a good comedian. ... He's a man with a big heart who shows great kindness."

I interviewed Watts for Spray of the Falls in August 2011, after he was named a

2010 breakout comedian by Comedy Central. Reggie's late father, Charles, served in the U.S. Air Force and his mother is a native of France. The comedian was born in Germany, where his father was stationed for a time at a military base there. Reggie was born Reginald Lucien Frank Roger Watts.

Four years ago, Reggie told me, "I like coming back to Great Falls." He put on a special comedy performance in his hometown in 2013.

"It was awesome," Reggie said in the interview in late April. Reggie hopes to do another show in Great Falls, when it can be arranged.

A CBS news release described Reggie this way: "Reggie Watts is an internationally renowned vocalist, beatboxer, musician, comedian and improviser known for his musical sets that are created on the spot, using only his voice and looping peddles. He stars as the house bandleader on the IFC

television series 'Comedy Bang! Bang!' and has appeared on 'Late Night with Jimmy Fallon,' 'Conan' and 'Funny or Die.' In 2010, he was featured as a 'Hot Comedian' in Rolling Stone's Hot issue, as 'Best New Comedian' in SPIN Magazine, and featured in GQ's Man of the Year issue, also in 2010."

Now Reggie is bandleader on the high-profile "Late Late Show with James Corden." Sure, Reggie's schtick is to be odd, but that makes him unpredictable, absurd and funny.

"The ratings, I think, have been good," Reggie says of the new show.

Comedy came naturally to Reggie.

"I guess it was just growing up and seeing a lot of silly humor," Reggie said. That included slapstick programs, zany humor from shows such as "The Muppets," and over-the-top goofiness such as "Monty Python's Flying Circus" from Britain.

"I definitely was sort of a class clown," Reggie said. And then, if someone in high school seemed inclined to want to punch his lights out, Reggie quickly "would figure out a way to make 'em laugh."

He's philosophical about his recent success, including how his musical and comedic skills helped him land the new job.

"Everything works out the way it does," Reggie said smoothly.

Reggie is now in a larger spotlight on a network program. He plans to continue to do videos, comedy shows and films in addition to "The Late Late Show."

"I'll still have time to do other things," he said.

Good luck to a talented guy with one of the greatest masses of hair in the business.

Richard Ecke writes a weekly column on city life. Reach him at 406-791-1465, or follow him @GFTrib_REcke on Twitter.