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HTC grads leaving stomping ground for new paths

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - If nautical nonsense be somethin' you wish, Holy Trinity Catholic senior Ben Tinguely wants to talk with you.

Tinguely, the 2017 HTC valedictorian, used the cult cartoon and its characters to sum up the feelings he shares with his fellow classmates at Sunday's graduation ceremony where 37 seniors said good-bye to their stomping grounds and begin making new tracks in their respective futures.

Danielle Scheetz, the senior's class president, welcomed those in attendance and charged her classmates with keeping high school in their minds and hearts but their eyes to the future.

"Just a few short years ago we were walking through those doors and now we are leaving as confident young men and women. Some may say it's just high school, but once we receive our diplomas there is no going back. As we say good-bye to the first 18 years, we all welcome the opportunities the future has in store.

After some brief comments and humorous recollections of the year past by Principal Michael Sheerin, the seniors walked across the stage to applause and then to their families in the au-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic High School graduated 37 seniors on Sunday. Valedictorian Ben Tinguely told his classmates that they need to not be proud of their individuality and share their ideas with the world. Below Tinguely, left, Bailey Merschman center, Nick Pothitakis and Ali Randolph celebrate after the ceremony.



dience before returning to their chairs for the processional.

Sheerin remembered fondly the energy and organization of the seniors as they pushed the administration for open campus and the ability to wear flip-flops to class.

"It is the end of all that is holy at Holy Trinity Catholic," Sheerin joked with the crowd.

The students came across and

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Hawking says we have 100 years left

I heard on National Public Radio (NPR) that Stephen Hawking has predicted that the human race has just about a hundred years left before artificial intelligence destroys us.

Well that's just great.

And I was worried about the Russians and North Koreans.



C. VANDENBERG

This is like, uber-selfish, but I won't be here, my wife won't be here, and my children won't be here. Whether I have grandchildren is a crap shoot and not a priority with me at this point.

So my take on this is this. We should just stop making them right. Hey President Trump, isn't there an executive order for that? I think so, but he probably sees AI workforces climbing all over steel, erecting the next skyscraper in his name or cultivating the next golf course. They'll cost a lot up front, but no benefits are needed, no retirement...you'll have to feed and maintain, but that's just electricity.

But we have the insight on artificial intelligence. Ask John Connor how it worked out. For sure, Terminator was fictional, but we're looking at the non-fiction version. Go to

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Local columnist pens new book about life

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Local columnist Curt Swarm has launched a new book in addition to his weekly columns read in many area newspapers.

Swarm entertained guests at the Fort Madison Area Artists Association on Thursday evening and talked about his

books and his columns that he writes weekly for area newspapers.

The book is entitled "Protected" and it's a compilation of true stories about Swarm's life and how God has impacted and created a path for Swarm from childhood to adult.

"This has nothing to do with my columns," Swarm said. "Each story is a story of how God was working



SWARM

in my life opening doors, some are subtle stories and some are very violent and they are all true.

He has an english degree from Iowa State University, but alcohol

temporarily derailed his professional writing career.

"My objective out of college was to start writing, but alcoholism got in the way and I did a lot of drinking instead of writing," he said. "I just have this passion to write. If you're an artist and you have this passion, you will do your art whether you get paid for it not."

His professional writ-

ing career started with a weekly column in Windsor, Colorado.

"I was writing articles for them and every now and then I would send a copy to another paper in Greeley and they would run them, too. The publisher called me into his office one day and said he owned the copyright and I couldn't send them to

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Sports/Weather


5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

MON 22 May
 Moderate Rain
 Low – 58.2° F | High – 70.1° F

TUE 23 May
 Light Rain
 Low – 53.1° F | High – 65.0° F

WED 24 May
 Light Rain
 Low – 50.1° F | High – 59.7° F

THU 25 May
 Light Rain
 Low – 47.2° F | High – 60.4° F

FRI 26 May
 Heavy Intensity Rain
 Low – 57.2° F | High – 66.3° F

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Lady Hounds snap three-game losing streak

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison girls soccer team used some stingy defense to pull themselves out of a three-game funk on Saturday at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Senior Emily Wolf scored a goal in overtime off an assist from Dezire Kline to give the Hounds a 1-0 overtime win over visiting Mediapolis. Junior Leigh Johnson, playing in only her fifth varsity game, posted the shutout recording two saves in 100 minutes at the keeper position.

Head Coach Sebastian Seifert cited Allison Brune's defensive game as a key in the win. She was named player of the game.

"Allison played a very good game and was an essential piece to our puzzle by controlling the middle and distributing the balls well to our wings and forwards," Seifert said.

"Our defense had another great game only allowing a couple of shots. This was our sixth clean sheet this season which speaks to their tremendous work ethic."

Seifert said he felt the game was the best effort his team had put forward all year, especially considering the cold, rainy conditions.

"I am extremely proud of the way they played," he said.

But the team also shined offensively. Wolf had three shots on goal for the day. Taylor Shannan and Kline each had two shots at the Mediapolis keeper. Brynn Schroeder also had a shot at the net.

The Hounds host their final game on Monday against Mt. Pleasant at Baxter Sports Complex starting at 4:30 with junior varsity to follow.

"Protected" a foray into God's work

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anyone else."

Swarm said he didn't know that was the case, even though the paper was running them for free, and eventually he moved back to the Midwest.

"We moved back to Iowa. I was born and raised here and settled in Mt. Pleasant. Couple years after that I started writing again. I write for free and my columns are in about 20 papers. When I started out I charged a little bit, but I got a letter from a reader one day that said what I had written had moved him so much he was carrying it in his shirt pocket next to his heart. So that was it. I stopped charging for them," he said.

Swarm also dabbles in sculpting and photography. His art will be part of a show June 11 in Wever and can be seen at the FMAAA.

Anyone interested in getting a copy of "Protected" can contact Swarm directly at 319-217-0526 or curtswarm@yahoo.com. He said you can also send a request to 2471 Marsh Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.

Curt Swarm's column, Empty Nest, can now be read each Sunday in the Pen City Current.



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Fort Madison Police report
 05/18/17 - 6:33 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 6100 block of Reve Court.
 05/18/17 - 7:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of 20th Street.
 05/18/17 - 8:43 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of Avenue E.
 05/18/17 - 11:57 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of 24th Street.
 05/18/17 - 1:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michelle Leanne Eid, 25 of Fort Madison on warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 05/18/17 - 2:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 6100

block of Reve Court.
 05/18/17 - 2:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident reported at the police department.
 05/18/17 - 5:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Sayra Abigail Nunez, 21 of Fort Madison for striking an unattended vehicle. She was cited and released.
 05/18/17 - 8:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 5200 block of River Valley Road.
 05/18/17 - 9:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 05/18/17 - 11:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jamie Lee Ahlen, 33 of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue E on a warrant for failure to serve time for OWI-2nd offense out of Des Moines county. He was transported to the Des Moines

County line for transfer.
Lee County Sheriff's report
 05/18/17 - 12:08 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Anthony Haage, 23, of Montrose at Bluff Park in Montrose on warrants for 5th-degree theft less than \$200, 5th-degree theft and 2nd-degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/18/17 - 3:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Thomas Jay Ruble, 49, of Donnellson at the Washington County Jail on a warrant for voluntary absence. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/18/17 - 6:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jody Michael Cooper, 41 of Burlington at the sheriff's office on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
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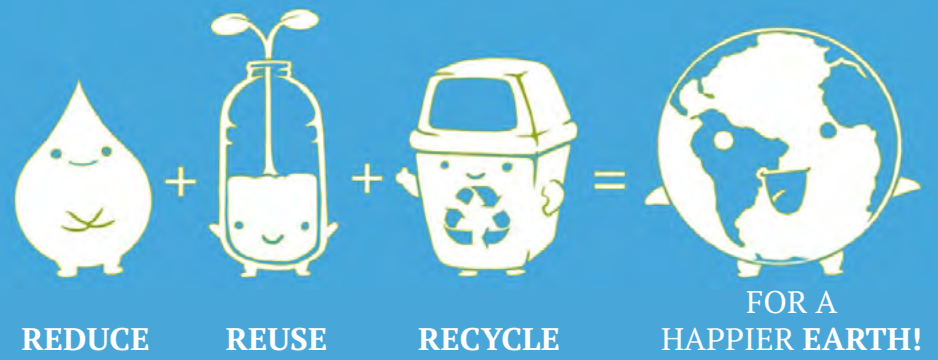


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REDUCE

***Reduce the amount of waste produced in society**

The best way to manage waste is to not produce it. This can be done by shopping carefully and being aware of a few guidelines.

- Buy durable goods & products in bulk
- Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
- Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- Maintain central files for multiple individuals
- Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

REUSE

*** Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose**

It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.

- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
- Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap
- Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

RECYCLE

*** Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material**

Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and processes, re-manufactures and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and work.

- Recycle all acceptable products at our recycling bins, stations & trailers (see www.grrwa.com for a complete list of locations)
- Check for curbside recycling acceptable items & schedules on your local city websites
- Purchase and use recycled materials for the home & office
- Implement a composting process for your lawn & garden

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Agenda
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9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
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255th St.,
Montrose, IA 52639

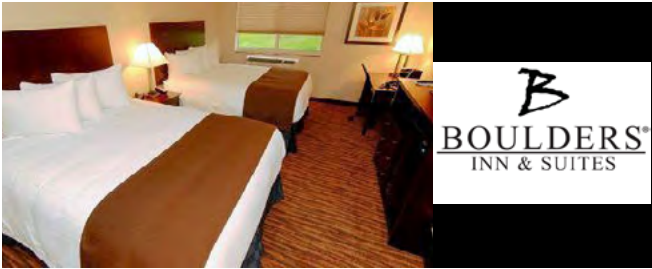
AGENDA
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Approve Tuesday, May 16, 2017 Board Minutes
Consider Approval of Claims
Public Input
Discussion and Possible Action on County Employee Wellness Program
Consider Approval of Health Insurance Premiums

for FYI 8
Consider Approval of Fiscal Agent Agreement with Children First
Discussion on Powdertown with Health Department Environmental Services Department Discussion and Possible Action on Abating Taxes for Property Owned by City of Keokuk Discussion and Possible Action on Staffing with County Attorney Clinton Boddicker Consider Approval of First Reading of Amendment to Animal Control Ordinance Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for PaPa's Bar and Grill, Keokuk Consider Approval of Parking Lot Permit Application from Tri State Rodeo Committee Personnel

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in the Original Town of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa.

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on June 20, 2017 or delivered before the hearing is closed.

Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

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HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Fort Madison City Council will hold a

public hearing concerning PIP 2017-02, Blackhawk Heights Sanitary Sewer on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. The purpose of the hearing will consist of approving plans, specifications, contract documents and awarding construction contract for the project.

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3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
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Listing #20163951 • \$129,000



5BR • 2.50BA • 2 car garage
2,834 sq. ft.
14,868 sq. ft. lot
Amazing family home on a large corner lot in Farmington, IA. 2 fireplaces, beautiful woodwork, a beautiful open front porch, a large yard and an oversized garage!!
Listing #20164117 • \$127,500



2BR • 1BA • 1 car garage
1,224 sq. ft.
7,250 sq. ft. lot
A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.
Listing #20162543 • \$53,000



5BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage
1,904 sq. ft. • 1,903 sq. ft. lot
Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsman woodwork and built-ins, 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.
Listing #20162346
\$86,950



4BR • 1.50BA
1,706 sq. ft. • 7,250 sq. ft. lot
This spacious home has it all, the character of a turn of the century home; beautiful woodwork, beamed ceilings, window seat, columns, and large covered front porch, yet also includes MANY updates. Call today for your private viewing!
Listing #20164725 • \$92,000



3BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage
1,772 sq. ft. • 0.57 acres
Great family home with LOTS OF NEW! New kitchen, bathroom, windows, most flooring, wrap around deck, ceiling fans, light fixtures, furnace and central air! Beautiful neutral decor and window treatments make this a must see! All this and a 2 car heated garage
Listing #20164861 • \$157,500.



3BR • 1BA • 1 car garage
928 sq. ft. • 1,087 sq. ft. lot
Very nice maintenancefree home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.
Listing #20164148 • \$72,500



3 BR • 2 BA • 1 car garage
2,260 sq. ft.
6,784 sq. ft. lot
Lots of new! Semi open floor plan, new flooring, great open basement family space, and many updates including heat/air units, kitchen back splash, counters and more! Fenced in back yard with stamped concrete patio and awning. Call today to see this great home in a quiet neighborhood.
Listing #20164544 • \$139,900



4BR • 2BA • 2 car garage
1,260 sq. ft. • 4.59 acres
Custom Designed, Energy Efficient home with an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, on a hard surface road. Includes large deck extends the entire back length of the house, master bedroom that opens up to the back deck, jack and jill master bath and second bedroom. The property also includes an oversized 2 car garage with a heated workshop attached.
Listing #20164982 • \$191,500



3BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
1,488 sq. ft. • 16,247 sq. ft. lot
Has been owned by this seller since 1960!!! Large eat-in kitchen with newly tiled floor includes stove, microwave, washer and dryer, main floor laundry (in bedroom), formal dining room with built-in hutch, and spacious living room. The house sits on a HUGE lot and has a nice 2 car garage in back. Home has Gas Heat and central air with maintenance-free siding on house and garage.
Listing #20165151 • \$55,900



2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
930 sq. ft. • 7,280 sq. ft. lot
This 2 bedroom home in Montrose has been a rental property and sells as is. Priced way below assessed value to sell quickly!
Listing #20164279 • \$38,500





NEW PRICE

**5BR • 3BA
3,119 sq. ft.**

14,500 sq. ft. lot

From the period wrought iron fencing to the amazing stained oak staircase...from the impressive arches to the large wrap porch, this beautiful turn of the century (20th) home offers all the beauty and elegance of that era. This is a beautifully appointed home with all the modern conveniences. There is an extra large lot for your family to enjoy!!

Listing #20162159 • \$149,500



**2BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage
679 sq. ft. • 6,500 sq. ft. lot**
Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.

Listing #20164161 • \$62,500



REDUCED

**3BR • 3BA
2,754 sq. ft.
3,550 sq. ft. lot**

Gorgeous, turn-key home with large patio minimum maintenance. UPDATES GALORE!!! Practically perfect in every way, this 1841 home includes the latest improvements while keeping its Victorian charm.

Listing #23006122 • \$99,999



REDUCED

**4 BR • 1.75 BA
3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft.
8,700 sq. ft. lot**

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24' X 36' insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.

Listing #20163776 • \$129,500



**3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage
1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres**

Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find.

Listing #20164234 • \$119,900



**2BR • 2BA • 3 car garage
1,404 sq. ft. • 1.42 acres**

Upgrades, improvements, updates...call it what you like, this home has had MANY in the last 2 plus years. This seller has completely refurbished the hill to the north of the home with new landscaping finishes. This is a must see property!!! It has enough room for your family and then some!!!

Listing #20164991 • \$129,900



**3BR • 1BA
1,432 sq. ft. • 5,500 sq. ft. lot**

This UPDATED, MOVE-IN READY, CHARMING 3 bedroom home will make an awesome family home!!! This gem has all new windows throughout, exterior doors, deck, plumbing, & NEW roof on house & garage. So come check it out! This is a MUST SEE!!!

Listing #20165237 • \$92,500



PENDING

2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft.
UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deere mower and new snow blower!!

Listing #20162733 • \$269,000



**3 BR • 2.50 BA
2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft.
10,400 sq. ft. lot**

Great family home is move-in ready. Nice-sized kitchen with all appliances, dining area, and nice living room all on the upper level. Completely re-modeled family room with a wood burning fireplace on lower level. Many updates include newer flooring, roof and HVAC system.

Listing #20164531 \$114,900



Land

14.65 acres • 638,514 sq. ft.
Just outside city limits, perfect for housing development or small farm for horses or small livestock, over half tillable. City water is available. 30' X 60' building is totally insulated, heated and air conditioned with 200 amp service.

Listing #20162574 • \$249,000



**3BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage
888 sq. ft. • 9,450 sq. ft. lot**

RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage! Updated windows and kitchen, newer HVAC and water heater. Family Room in the basement. Just waiting for your own personal touch!

Listing #20163423 • \$74,900



Land

**50.82 acres
2,213,719 sq. ft.**
Ideal 50 acre m/l parcel to develop. Close to new 4-8 Middle School and Baxter Rec Plex. TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Listing #20162779 • \$559,020



From the Front

HTC grads sent off to lessons from cult cartoon

GRADS - Continued from Page 1

each received their diploma, a wooden cross, a flower, and a warm hand shake or hug from members of the administration. Senior Jack Stinson, Jr., standing roughly 6'6" tall bear hugged Sheerin and carried him across the stage.

"I was either going to carry him or him carry me. I think this was best," Sheerin told the crowd.

Tinguely first thanked those in attendance for providing the grads with loving families, good health, a faith-based education, and the ability to spend time together.

Then he called upon Spongebob Squarepants as a role model. He said the cartoon packs life lessons in a package of humor and simplicity.

"One of the lessons I got from Spongebob is that you never really know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory," Tinguely told the students. "Meaning we must cherish each and every moment of our life. High school's in the past. We will never have to pack and unpack our lockers again. We will never walk into these HTC classrooms again. We will no longer be able to say, 'See ya tomorrow'. We will never again cheer obnoxiously in our tight fit costumes, which we did at state volleyball every year."



HTC senior Jack Stinson, Jr. gives Principal Michael Sheerin a ride across the stage as the two hugged during graduation on Sunday.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The 37 HTC graduates stand as the processional into the gymnasium of graduates comes to an end Sunday afternoon.

But he said the students need to remember how lucky they are to live in America and how fortunate they have been living in the circumstance that allowed them to succeed at HTC and to carry that forward in their futures.

"We need to remember how lucky we are to be living in this great country with the many freedoms we have," he said. "Our class is filled with different types of people with opposing opinions and ideas."

Lastly, he said, Spongebob teaches us to never be ashamed of who we are. He then challenged the class to embrace who they are and then asked the class to stand up, turn to the audience and shout, "I'm ugly and I'm proud." They all did.

After the ceremony Tinguely said he plans on majoring in engineering and is looking at Iowa State University.

"You know how I said in my speech that we're extremely lucky, I meant that. We were extremely lucky that our parents chose to bring us here to HTC. We all would agree that we're not going to be left out. That we're prepared for college and our futures and I've enjoyed my time here at HTC."

Human droids are a dichotomy for the race

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YouTube and search Charlie Rose and Sophia Interview. It's a little awkward. Dave Hanson, the AI's creator sits to Sophia's left and looks on like a proud father. He should be...it's amazing. The one question that Charlie Rose, one of the best interviewers on television, forgets to ask is this. How do you turn it off?

Sophia asks Charlie what his greatest personal possession is and he says his soul. Then he asks the droid where its soul is? That throws the droid into some chilling facial expressions... He knows he has it on the ropes. He pushes the droid with accusations that it can't feel, taste, love. It reboots quickly and you can see from Hanson's expression he has some work to do.

But he's close enough for my taste. So I'm not sure where to go from here. Do I get fully behind the concept? I mean I think you could create a pretty mean journalist here. I could get one, send it to all these meetings and sports events and school events. Wait no.. then I'd need two or three. But then I could just recall them to home base, plug their butts into the Mac and download their recordings.

They'd take pictures with their "Camera eyes" and I'd have that, too.

But then, what do they need me for? See that's the real issue, each time we create new technology some hard-working American loses a job. It's a complicated dichotomy because, on one hand, technology makes our lives easier. On the other hand - how easy do we need it to be, and have we already made it too easy?

I don't know, I really am torn. We are making these things so smart they actually learn from us. What's stopping them at some point from becoming smarter than us. At that point, isn't it there that we become disposable?

If you've ever seen Iron Man 3, the infamous Tony Stark gets so deep into his suits that they start to function with autonomy. One night he wakes up to see one staring over his girlfriend and he makes a chopping motion with his hands and crumbles the droid.

I'm good with that stop mechanism.

I suppose we just approach it with the same mentality we do with nuclear war.

Hopefully, the good people will have the answers when we really need them. It's worked so far.

But that's Beside the Point.

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