

The next pig BIG thing

"We're not trying to make a chimera just because we want to see some kind of monstrous creature; we're doing this for a biomedical purpose."

**— Dr. Pablo Ross,
Reproductive Biologist
at U.C. Davis**

I'm sure that anyone reading this is aware of the current issues with laws regarding transgenderism. If anyone would have told you only a few short years ago that we would be at odds over whether or not we should allow men, who feel like they are women, to enter women's restrooms in public places, you would have considered that person nuts. But - here we are - all in-a-huff over little Johnnetta (formerly little Johnny) attempting to enter the girl's high school gym. My reason for writing to you today is to tell you: You ain't seen nothin' yet!

This is not an anti-transanny rant. On the contrary, a transgender is not our enemy. Most transgenders simply want to be "normal" - they wish to feel "normal." And yet they go through life feeling as though they were born in a wrong body and although the very idea may sound laughable to some of you, I can imagine a lot of personal, intense pain over the strange inklings a transgender feels. There is a theory on why this is happening to people - that basically

postulates that the genetically modified food, water treated with chemicals and other pollutants in our air (I am not talking about SUV exhausts) is causing people to be born



**Jesus Freak |
Computer Geek**

David Beverley

with an issue with identity. I really don't know, but it is an interesting take. There is a terrific piece on these things that was published by a friend of mine on YouTube. His name is Paul Marco and he has a channel called "Pine Cone Utopia." Check out his piece on the "Great American Bathroom Debate": <https://youtu.be/cW1EO970scQ>.

Transgenderism and the social issues associated with its ideals are only a small step in the remake of mankind into a new image. And yes, I am alluding to what you are thinking that I am alluding to.

Still, I haven't yet explained the reason for my writing. Pigs. Yes, that's right, pigs. But not just any ol' group of swine. These are special. "How are they special?" you might ask.

Because these pigs, when impregnated, will be carrying extra-special piglets. Human chimeras. Actually, I am a bit off to say "will be carrying", as if this is in some distant, odd, future set for mankind. No

- this is happening now, in the name of medical science and health. It is possible that the story about these human-pig chimeras isn't true. It was, after-all, reported by those crazy conspiracy kooks at U.S. News and World Report and folks at NPR. Google "Is Creating a Human-Animal Embryo Playing God?" and here's an interesting take on the story by Gonzo Shamira: <https://youtu.be/DbFLe8ZvMjM>.

Here's a short take on the how's and why's of this fabulous, scientific breakthrough:

Imagine you have a failing heart, but you are only in your 30s with your entire life ahead of you. Through the miracle of modern medical science, we can create a half-human, half-pig animal that will grow you a new heart to be harvested from the animal when it is fully gestated. Your body won't reject the newly grown heart because your DNA sequence will generate the components for the human half of the chimera. The human half will basically be you and it doesn't have to stop there. We will be able to grow any type of needed replacement part: heart, lungs, kidneys, eyes, arteries, even blood. No need for people to lineup to give blood any longer.

I can imagine people lining up for this procedure. Seriously, because we as humans are falling apart. Just watch a few hours of prime-time television. You will be bombarded with an alphabet soup of maladies that all have

flashy named pills to help with what ails you. That is if you are willing to chance the much longer list of drug side-effects that, in the unlikely event, may occur while taking the drug. Yes sir, people will line up to get their new body parts grown in their own personal chimera body part plant. But here is where the real social troubles will begin.

After a few years of people getting new kidneys and hearts and such, PETA or its newly created PETAC (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animal Chimeras) will start a movement demanding right to life for these poor mistreated "race" of beings. Never mind that we are taught to scoff at

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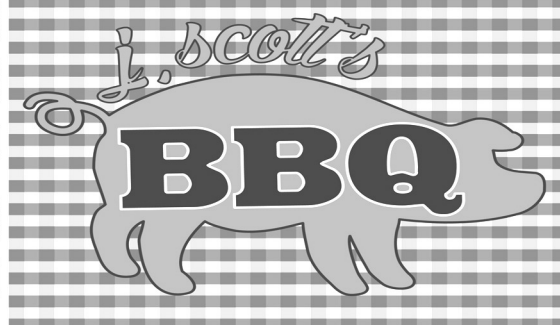
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- Toni Lynn Spiotta, 42, was charged with exploitation of a vulnerable adult on June 1.
- Kendrick Maurice Strong, 18, was charged with trespassing/entering premises after warning or refusing to leave on request on June 1.
- Reba Louise Bell, 26, was charged with assault and battery third degree on June 2.
- Thomas Adrian Davis, 31, was charged with domestic violence second degree on June 2.
- Lisa Natrell Holly, 46, was charged with disorderly conduct on June 2.
- Karen Evell Jones, 58, was charged with disorderly conduct on June 2.
- Derek Bret McCollum, 60, was charged with disorderly conduct and burglary first degree on June 2.
- Ashley Sad'e Pollock, 28, was charged with use of a vehicle without permission for temporary purpose only, unconnected to other crime on June 2.
- Jennifer Elaine Reid, 34, was charged with manufacture, distribution, etc. of cocaine base first offense on June 2.
- Jason Michael Shaffer, 34, was charged with driving under suspension first offense and open container on June 2.
- Ralph Lee Williams Sr., 78, was charged with disorderly conduct on June 2.
- Bria Patrice Hagins, 23, was charged with domestic violence high and aggravated nature on June 3.
- Ruben Wayne Melton, 44, was charged with burglary first degree on June 3.
- Roberto R. Rovira, 68, was charged with driving under suspension first offense and open container on June 3.
- Stacy Denjavis Simpson, 24, was charged with driving without a license first offense and domestic violence second degree on June 3.
- Randy Alan Springs, 64, was charged with shoplifting valued at \$2,000 or

less on June 3.

- Michael Craig Varnadore, 44, was charged with possession of less than one gram of meth or cocaine base first offense on June 3.

- Barbara Michelle Davis, 55, was charged with breach of peace, non-aggravated in nature on June 4.

- Etta Jane Davis, 47, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery second degree on June 4.

- Lee Edward Dooley, 49, was charged with breach of peace, non-aggravated in nature on June 4.

- Marquita Sharall Jordan, 32, was charged with malicious injury to animals or personal property, injury valued at \$2,000 or less on June 4.

- Michael Alan Stevenson, 26, was charged with breach of peace, non-aggravated in nature on June 4.

- Lisa Ann Roberts, 36, was charged with breach of peace, non-aggravated in nature on June 4.

- Sammy Young Stevenson, 53, was charged with breach of peace, non-aggravated in nature on June 4.

- Kevin Charles Wingate, 35, was charged with breach of peace, non-aggravated in nature on June 4.

- Antonio Montrell Culp, 34, was charged with trespassing/entering premises after warning or refusing to leave on request on June 5.

- Darron Pereze Dye, 18, was charged with assault and battery third degree on June 5.

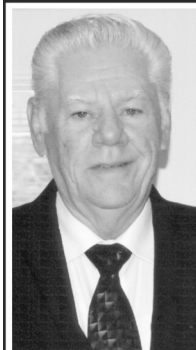
- Stephen Wayne Moore II, 25, was charged with illegal graffiti vandalism and assault and battery third degree on June 5.

- Stephen Wayne Moore, 45, was charged with illegal graffiti vandalism and assault and battery third degree on June 5.

- Tina Evans Roberts, 49, was charged with driving under the influence first offense and driving under suspension first offense on June 5.

- Christopher Eugene Squirewell, 32, was charged with driving under the influence first offense on June 5.

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Viewpoint

OUR VIEW

Bring Mexican political ethics to South Carolina

By Phil Noble

Now the most reasonable response to this headline is “Are you nuts? Isn’t Mexican politics riddled with corruption? What could we possibly learn from them?”

The answers to these three questions are – ‘no,’ ‘yes’ and ‘a lot.’

I suppose that there are some who would argue that the answer to the first question is ‘yes,’ but I haven’t been locked up yet so give me the benefit of the doubt on this one and let’s skip to the more important questions.

Yes, Mexican politics is shot through with corruption at most every level. The ethical history of politics in this country is not something that the League of Women Voters would want us to emulate but it has only been with the recent flood of drug money that politics has gone from shady to utterly corrupt.

How bad is it? Really bad.

There is a popular saying that most folks take as an article of faith that says: “He who doesn’t cheat does not get ahead.” (I’ve heard the same sentiment expressed around the Statehouse in Columbia.)

What has happened in Mexico is that the corruption in government has now spilled over into violence and dirty tricks that would make even George Wallace and Richard Nixon recoil. The whole political system is in the process of breaking down.

So, you might ask, what does this have to do with South Carolina and why would we possibly want to import any of this to our state?

Well, the answer is that we would certainly not want to import any of this political disease, but we might want to consider importing some of the political cure that is starting to bubble up from the grass roots.

Let me explain. In the midst of all this corruption, something happened – the people began to take matters into their own hands. Mexican law requires that if enough citizens sign on to a legislative petition, the National Congress has to take up the measure. The law requires 120,000 signatures and to date over 630,000 citizens have signed on to a measure that would make lawmakers report their personal finances.

The initiative is called ‘3 out of 3’ and it requires government officials to 1) reveal all of their financial assets, 2) report any conflicts of interest and 3) prove they are paying their taxes.

As would be expected in a system as adverse to ethics reform as is Mexico the legislation is stalled and going no place. (Sound familiar?)

But, as a result of this citizens’ initiative something has happened in Mexico that would go a long way toward providing ethics reform in South Carolina – some Mexican politicians have begun to voluntarily divulge their financial information even before any legislation is passed requiring them to do so.

Thus far, 560 public servants have disclosed this information including 13% of the national Senate and 21% of the Chamber of Deputies (like our House of Representatives), 12 state governors and one member of the President’s cabinet.

So now let’s get back to ethics reform in South Carolina. For the third year in a row, the legislature has refused to pass any meaningful ethics reform. (And even the measures they are considering are really ‘Swiss cheese reform’ – more holes than cheese.)

We have seen lots of self-righteous posturing and speeches by Governor Haley and some statehouse politicians about the need for ethics reform – they always blame someone else for the failure of reform efforts to pass.

So, I’d say to these S.C. politicians, follow the Mexican example and voluntarily disclose – 1) your income and assets – how much and from whom, 2) conflicts of interest – what deals are you and your family in, and 3) release your state and federal income taxes – for all the years you are in office.

By percentage, if our Legislature were as ethical as Mexico’s, then six S.C. Senators, 25 members of the House and one member of Gov. Haley’s cabinet would have disclosed this information.

The people of South Carolina should say to the Statehouse politicians: don’t talk about ethics reform –

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Come, Sail Away

I thought that they were angels, but to my surprise, They climbed aboard their starship and headed for the skies, Singing come sail away, come sail away....
– Styx, “Come Sail Away”

I never dreamed that I would climb Over the moon in ecstasy But nevertheless, it's there that I'm Shortly about to be 'Cause I've got a golden ticket
– “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”

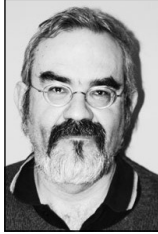
The above are the lyrics to two of those great 70’s and 80s songs, “Come Sail Away” by Styx and “I’ve Got a Golden Ticket” from the movie Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. I wonder if Tito and Amanda Watts were inspired by these songs to try their Golden Ticket to Heaven scam.

It was reported by several news outlets, including the Jacksonville, Fla. Sun Times, that Tito and Amanda were arrested for selling Golden Tickets to Heaven on the street for \$99.99 (I guess so they could say they cost less than \$100?). The tickets were pieces of wood spray painted gold with the words “Ticket to Heaven – Admit One” written on them in marker ink.

The couple apparently told their hundreds, yes I said hundreds, of buyers that purchasing the ticket reserved them a place in heaven and all they had to do to be admitted was

present the ticket when they came to the Pearly Gates.

The Watts’ were arrested not for selling Golden Tickets, because a police spokesman said that wasn’t illegal, but because they “misrepresented their product” and told everyone they were made of gold. If they had said “These are Golden Tickets to Heaven, but they’re made of spray-painted wood” the cops would not have been able to get



Mountains and Molehills

Brian Garner

Leaving aside that someone can’t buy their way into heaven (though it has been tried in the past, just ask medieval theologist Martin Luther about the Catholic Church’s equally medieval practice of selling indulgences) how did the Golden Ticket purchasers figure they were going to bring the tickets with them when they arrived at the Pearly Gates? I don’t think there has ever been anything said about the departed souls who go to Heaven being able to bring possessions with them, so how they figured they were going to show St. Peter the ticket was beyond me.

Secondly, really, did hundreds of people actually buy these tickets, paying \$100 (or actually a penny less, depending on if the Watts charged any sales tax)?

After the Wattses were

eventually arrested is where the story gets more bizarre (if that’s possible) and also where the Styx lyrics come in.

In his statement, Tito Watts said the tickets were too, solid gold, and furthermore he got them from Jesus, when he met him behind the local KFC. Tito said the Savior told him to sell the tickets so he and his wife could get the money to go to outer space.

Seems Tito and Amanda met an alien named Stevie (which I suppose is a better name than Zapoid from the planet Graxx) who promised if they got the cash together, would take them on his flying saucer to his planet, which is made up not of green cheese, but of crack cocaine.

In her statement, Tito’s wife gave him up to the cops, saying she just watched him sell the tickets but did not do the actual selling herself, she just wanted to go to the planet made of drugs.

In an effort to placate the police, Tito told the police they should arrest Jesus, because He was the one who suggested Tito sell the Golden Tickets, and he said he would be glad to meet with Jesus again while wearing a wire, but I don’t think law enforcement took him up on this offer.

I was all set to make great fun of this story in the vein of You Can’t Make This Stuff Up, when I found out that someone had done exactly that.

This story is unreal, and not for the reasons you think; apparently it

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Maximum Overdrive

Did you ever watch science fiction movies when you were a kid? I did, and at the time, a world where robots interacted seamlessly with humans seemed kind of exciting. In the mind of a child, a funny-talking metallic thing seemed like an ideal playmate. They pretty much do what you program them to do and if you get tired of them, you can just turn them off for a while and cut them back on when you’re ready for more human/robot buddy time.

When I got a little older, I remember seeing a piece on TV about how robots were starting to do certain jobs. Again, to the mind of a not-terribly-bright youngster, that sounded AWESOME! At some point, I reasoned, I wouldn’t have to mow my yard, or trim hedges, or rake or do any manual labor because that sweaty grunt work would fall onto some robot. The robot wouldn’t complain or gripe about it either, because the things don’t really think or have the intelligence to realize that raking is a crappy way to spend a fall Saturday. I pictured myself never even having to leave the couch. I’d sit there and watch football while my robot did my yard work...I could even call him in occasionally to bring me a sandwich and a drink. Bring on the robots, I thought.



Editor

Travis Jenkins

I’m a little older now and certain things have dawned on me that didn’t when I was a dumb kid who badly wanted that lawn-mowing, sandwich-making robot. I still think robots are neat and if anyone has a prototype for one that makes sandwiches, I’m willing to take part in that experiment. What didn’t dawn on me until I was an adult is that people have to have jobs so they can eat and whatnot...well, I did know that, but it never occurred to me that for every task a robot does, there are suddenly people whose jobs are gone. It would be one thing if they only did jobs that were really dangerous or that nobody wanted to do, but I just read a story which asserts that half the world’s jobs will be taken by robots by 2045. The writer of that story sort of put a positive spin on that development, noting that when the workforce belongs to machines, people will have lots of leisure time. They didn’t mention that said leisure time would be filled living in a cardboard box and eating sticks, but that’s pretty much how it will go when people don’t have jobs and, ergo, don’t have any money. You may have noticed that computers and robots have also come a long way in terms of developing the ability to reason and develop independent thought. What if THEY have the realization I did when I was young that having someone do all life’s heavy-lifting for you is pretty sweet. Maybe the pendulum will swing in the other direction and the robots will get lazy...they’ll make us mow the grass and fix them, well not a sandwich, but whatever it

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Sen. Coleman’s Legislative Update

As of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2nd, the current two-year Session of the General Assembly has been finalized. The General Assembly will return over a two-day period, June 15th and 16th, to consider any veto messages and any bill still in a Conference Committee. It has been a productive Session, with almost 300 individual pieces of legislation ratified over the two years.

The highlights of this Session must start with the infrastructure, or roads, bill, providing \$4 billion over 10 years for DOT to begin their work, which includes replacing 400 bridges across the state. Also of great importance was the Farm Aid Fund Act, which approved \$40 million to aid our farmers who were so adversely affected by last year’s flood. As you know, this bill was vetoed by the Governor but overwhelmingly overridden by both

the House and Senate.

The State Budget provides \$72 million to help



Guest Column

Sen. Creighton Coleman

state and local governments match federal flood recovery funds. State employees will receive a long awaited raise and we increased our spending per school pupil by \$130 up to \$2350 per year.

We passed restructuring of the Department of Transportation, as well as Ethics reform, with one last ethics bill in a conference committee. This conference committee is still working to iron out differences on the independent body to investigate complaints and the disclosure of dark money, one of the

things I have pressed for all Session. There was a moped bill passed, as well as the ‘Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act.’

Please exercise your right to vote on June 14th in the Primary. If you are unable to go to the polls on election day, are disabled or age 65 or older, you may vote early by absentee ballot. Vote absentee in person at your county elections office. Don’t forget your photo ID when you go to vote. To learn more about forms of ID that are accepted, locate your polling place or any other election information, visit www.scvotes.org.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address P.O. Box 1006, Winnsboro, SC 29180 (803-635-6884); at my legislative office in Columbia, P.O. Box 142, Columbia, SC 29202 (803-212-6032); or through my email address: CreightonColeman@scsenate.gov.

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is a hungry robot craves. We'll be subservient to creations of our own making and dangit, why didn't we just rake our own leaves to start with? Am I getting too deep here? It feels like I'm getting too deep.

Anyway, the future might get weird and jobs may become harder to find, since we'll be competing not only with other people, but robots. I figured I was relatively safe and immune from having R2D2 steal my gig, because it's not like computers and robots can write by themselves. Everything has to be fed into them and they can't gather their own info then construct it into easily readable but simultaneously compelling stories. They don't know what to go digging for and they lack humor and the interesting turn of phrase... they'd never be able to craft a masterpiece like this column (hahaha). Yeah, then I read this headline "computer-generated copy is already used in sports and business reporting-will machines soon master storytelling?" Uh oh.

I read a couple of stories written by computers, which have apparently already replaced some wire copy writers. One was a report on a college baseball game.

"Tuesday was a great day for W Roberts, as the junior threw a perfect game to carry Virginia to a 2-0 victory over George Washington at Davenport Field. Twenty-seven batters came to the plate and the Virginia pitcher vanquished them all, pitching a perfect game. He struck out 10 batters while recording his momentous feat."

Seriously, that computer can't write FOR CRAP! The lede was plain Jane, the kid's mama is gonna be mad because the computer used his first initial and not his name and the computer apparently resides in the department of redundancy department. It tells you he pitched a perfect game, then notes that old W retired all 27 batters he faced (which is what a perfect game is) then mentions he pitched a perfect game. Would've been nice

to have a quote too, lazy computer. I'd like to hear him thank his shortstop for saving his perfect game with that diving stop in the sixth inning, or thank his pitching coach or catcher or just say "I mowed those losers down!" The robot obviously wasn't sitting behind the backstop taking notes, so it probably just took a box score provided by the winning coach and parsed the information out into a short story. If you aren't there to verify it, you don't know that it's true. Maybe the pitcher's dad is the coach and he lied about the perfect game. I totally know dads who would say their kid threw a perfect game, hit 115 on the radar gun, hit five homers and saved an old lady choking in the the stands on a piece of popcorn by delivering the Heimlich maneuver during the seventh-inning stretch. So you can't trust what you're reading. Really, that's not even a story...and saying he vanquished 27 batters makes it sound like he sent them to jail or Siberia or something. People are not going to accept that on their sports pages, I thought, then I read further. Some media professor did a blind study and found that while readers found human-written stories "slightly more accessible and enjoyable" the computer-written ones seemed "a little more informative and trustworthy." His test audience must've been a bunch of dummies. If there's not details, how is it more informative...and the stupid computer wasn't even at the game. You can't trust it. The worst part is, the people crafting the software that allows computers to write news say they are "humanizing" the computers more and more and that they "are learning" to write longer, more detailed stories. So, I'll be out of work soon, basically.

We're paving our own road to unemployment and probably destruction with innovation. Now that they are on the brink of dominating the job market and rendering their creators obsolete, robots and computers don't seem so neat anymore. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go make myself a sandwich while I can still afford the bread and meat.

Cotton Hills Farms visits Chester Rotary Club



BY BILL MARION/SPECIAL TO THE N&R

At the Chester Rotary Club meeting held Tuesday, May 31, J.E.B. and Peter Wilson of Cotton Hills Farm of Lowrys informed the club of farming practices. Established in 1880, Cotton Hills Farm is a family enterprise growing cotton, peaches, strawberries, tomatoes, pumpkins and other vegetables. The tomatoes and peaches are doing well, with their own expected to be at the markets in Lowrys, Chester and Winnsboro and the new roadside stand in Richburg in abundant supply by June 15. Check with the markets sooner as they are beginning to come in now. In the photo, J.E.B. and Peter discuss the peach baskets which are made at Cotton Hill Farms during the off season.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'I Voted' party set for June 14

Anyone who votes in the election on June 14 is invited to attend the "I Voted" party at Carolina Hall, 119 College St., from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. This is a non-partisan event presented by 2nd Thursday Blues, Revitalizing Chester One Song at a Time." Admission is free with your "I Voted" sticker. The event will feature free break-

fast, lunch and dinner with live music. Candidates are invited to participate. Hear election speeches and updates as results come in. Enjoy the Al Jasper Soul Band from 6 to 9 p.m. Visit facebook.com/secondthursdayblues or call 379-1683.

Wright family reunion

The Wright family reunion will be

held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 6 at Ebenezer Park, 4490 Boatshore Road, Rock Hill. Money is due July 2 and can be sent to Tonette Thompson at 1050 Clarkson Ave., Rock Hill, SC 29730 or Willie Caldwell Jr., 906 Oak St., Greensboro, NC 27403. Fees are \$20 for 16 and older and free for children. Visit the Wright family reunion page on Facebook.

EDITORIAL

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just do it.

The politicians talk the talk, but won't walk

the walk. There is a one word description for this – hypocrite.

A growing number of Mexican politicians have passed the test. To date,

best I know, the current number of S.C. politicians who have voluntarily disclosed such complete information is zero.

Yes indeed, let's bring Mexican political ethics to South Carolina.

Phil Noble is a businessman in Charleston.

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was an April Fool's joke perpetrated by an "entertainment site" that makes up stuff that looks like news stories. The couple pictured in the article

isn't even married to each other and their pictures come from separate sources. The supposed picture of "Tito Watts" was taken from a collection of bizarre mug shots. Well, that part was certainly true: his mugshot was

bizarre.

This story hit several news outlets around the globe and it just goes to show that a lie will travel faster than the truth and you can't believe everything you read. Some of the statements

in this column might also not be true, but I'm not telling.

Golden Tickets to Heaven? Be serious. Everyone knows Golden Tickets only get you into Wonka's Chocolate Factory.



My sincere thanks to the citizens of Chester County who voted in the May 24th school board election. I will do my best to justify your trust. I also pledge to do my best for the students, faculty, and staff of our schools.

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School district announces some new appointments

From staff reports

The Chester County School District has announced some personnel changes. In a release Thursday afternoon, the school district made the following announcements:

Dena Dunlap has been named the Chief Instructional Officer. She has served as a Principal and Director of Academics. Dunlap is entering her 31st year in education.

Wanda Frederick has been named

Executive Director of Early Childhood/Elementary Education. Frederick has served as an Assistant Principal and Principal at Lewisville Elementary School. She is in her 27th year of education.

Dr. Lee Green has been named the Executive Director of Secondary Education. Dr. Green has been serving as the Director of the Chester County Career Center. He has been in education for over 17 years.

Anne Stone has been named the

Principal at Lewisville Elementary School. Stone has been serving as Principal of Chester Park School of the Arts. She is in her 21st year of education.

Ruth Anne Pitt has been named the Principal of Chester Park School of the Arts. Pitt has been serving as the Assistant Principal of Chester Park School of the Arts. She is in her 27th year of education.

All of these administrators will start their new positions July 1st.

REEVES

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development from Michigan State and a Ph.D in Theology from the Institute of Christian Works. He previously ran for governor on two occasions as a third-party candidate and attempted to run for the District 17 seat in 2012. He said the state of things in the district (which includes all of Chester and Fairfield Counties and part of York County), including a shrinking population and a lack of economic development, convinced him to run. On top of that, though, he said there is a need for greater equality and he said he has seen that first-hand. Reeves was arrested in January after an altercation in Winnsboro. A woman said her dog had gotten loose and got in the road. She said Reeves happened by at that time and began cursing at her over the dog, then followed her out of the subdivision and waved a gun at her. Reeves told a different version of the story, saying the woman sicced her pit bull on him. The case against Reeves was dismissed, which Reeves said proved he was telling the truth. He says SLED

returned his concealed carry permit to him and that police were forced to give him his gun back, but he said he should not have been put in that position to begin with.

“Legislators should stop these types of offenses toward minorities. We need someone in office who will take a bold stand on those types of issues. I will be a bold, courageous leader,” Reeves said.



Reeves

Reeves said he has long argued that poorer, rural areas like Chester are not getting a fair shake in terms of education. He said if there isn't an educated and trained workforce, there won't be jobs either. He said new schools are needed, but he said the manner in which students learn has to change as well.

“We have to be competitive in schools, we need our students to train like elite athletes. I would vote to go to year-round schools...then we can take a whole month where we take students to college campuses. They can see what they can be and

visualize where they can get through education,” Reeves said.

Reeves' plans also call for building more libraries, eliminating real estate taxes and improving infrastructure. He said libraries are another piece in the education improvement puzzle, doing away with real estate taxes would remove a burden from taxpayers and improve the economy and that building up infrastructure will make the district more attractive to businesses. He said areas like the City of Chester and Great Falls have been left behind and ignored for too long, but won't be when he's representing the area. Even though South Carolina has a part-time legislature, he will be a full-time senator, traveling the district when not in session in Columbia to hear concerns and offer solutions. He said Great Falls needed a hospital and he would work to bring one to the area.

“I built roads with my business, I can build Chester County back up too,” Reeves said.

Reeves said he isn't running for office for personal gain or power, but to offer himself as a servant to all people. He said he has always been that, hav-

ing donated scholarships for children and opening up community centers in areas that needed them. He has saved letters from Former Governor David Beasley and other elected officials commending his works. He said his opponents had not given to their communities in the way he had. Reeves, according to state ethics commission filings, has not raised any money in his senate bid. He said he hasn't tried to raise any because “what can a beggar do for you” but he said he is reaching out to everyone for support.

“I'm asking whites at all the churches to lead by example and vote for me. Not because I'm African-American, but because I'm the most talented person running and I'm the most qualified,” he said.

Reeves said African-Americans should not have “chains on their minds” and should see who has their best interests at heart. He said if that happens, he expects to win in a runaway.

The primary is next Tuesday. The Chester County Elections Office, located on Ella Street, will be open on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. for absentee voting ahead of the primary.

SKYDIVER

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Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker.

Springer, who was described as an experienced skydiver, was jumping in a wingsuit about 7 p.m. Saturday with another man when they collided in midair about 20 seconds into the jump, according to Tinker and an incident report from the Chester County Sheriff's Office.

The two were jumping at Skydive Carolina in Lowrys as part of the annual CarolinaFest skydiving festival. Following the collision, the second

skydiver deployed his main parachute and landed safely, despite minor injuries, according to a statement from Skydive Carolina. He was transported to the hospital with a broken leg.

Springer's chute did not open and he was reported missing. Search parties formed to locate him, but the search had to be called off when storms rolled through the area. The search resumed Sunday morning and Springer was located, deceased about 8:52 a.m. in a wooded area near Skydive Carolina. The cause of death was blunt force trauma, Tinker said. It is

estimated that Springer fell about 14,000 feet.

According to the Skydive Carolina release, ‘both skydivers in the incident were experienced and were executing advanced wingsuit maneuvers. No malfunction is believed to have occurred with any equipment and all was normal leading up to the collision.’

On Tuesday, Tinker said he had officially ruled the incident was an accident. He said that when Springer exited the airplane, he was traveling about 140 mph, and when he collided with the other skydiver, he died on contact of blunt force trauma

and was not alive when he hit the ground. Tinker said both of Springer's parachutes had not been deployed.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Sara M. Ferrell, 88

CHESTER – Mrs. Sara Jane McAbee Ferrell, 88, died Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at Pruitt Health in Rock Hill.

The funeral service will be 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at Barron Funeral Home. The interment will be in Chester Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Barron Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 25, 1927, in Chester County, Mrs. Ferrell was the daughter of the late Absalom D. McAbee and Armenta Griffin McAbee. She attended the schools of West Chester and was retired from Springs Industries. Mrs. Ferrell was the widow of Dewey Lee Ferrell Sr.

She is survived by six children, Dewey Lee Ferrell Jr. of Campobello, S.C., Helen Langley, Larry Ferrell, Danny Russell and David Ferrell, all of Chester, and Melanie Wilson of Huntersville, N.C.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Chester Fire Department Station One, 156 Columbia St., Chester, SC 29706.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.barronfuneralhome.com.

Mr. James Elvis Cousar, 59

CATAWBA – The funeral for Mr. James Elvis Cousar of 5466 Howze Road was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, at Mt. Zion AME Zion Church #1 in Catawba. Pastor Mic-hael Mackins officiated and burial fol-

lowed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Cousar, 59, passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

King's Funeral Home, 135 Cemetery St., Chester was in charge of arrangements.

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The Chester Sewer District will hold a public hearing in the Chester County Library's Jean M. White Room, located at 100 Center Street at 4:00 P.M. on June 21, 2016 for the purpose of public input concerning the proposed Budget and the User Rate & Fee Increase for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

	<u>FY 2015-2016</u>	<u>FY 2016-2017</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Revenue	\$3,829,000	\$4,080,963	+ 6.6%
Expenditures	\$3,829,000	\$4,080,963	+ 6.6%

The Chester Sewer District does not receive revenue through taxation. Visit our Website: www.CmdCsd.com

Ballroom Dance Club

The Ballroom Dance Club meets from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. Friday, June 17, in the Oak Room, Fort Mill Golf Course, 101 Country Club Drive. Guests are \$15 per couple or \$7.50 for singles. Dances include swing and shag. No alcohol but light refreshments will be provided. Attire is dressy casual. All skill levels are welcome. For information, call Bob at 803-329-5764 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

AA Hard Core Group

The Alcoholics Anonymous Hard Core Group meets at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays at Wesley Memorial Church, 1217 J.A. Cochran Bypass. Call 581-2509.

City Pool Grand Opening

The City of Chester Parks and Rec Department will hold a Grand Opening for the city pool at Wylie Park on June 18th from noon to 6 p.m. Entry fee that day will be \$1 per person. Hot dogs will be on sale for \$3 and a live DJ will play music. The public is invited.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christian-based program which helps people overcome hurts, hang-ups and addictions. The meetings take place every Friday at Ember Church, 1841 J.A. Cochran Bypass, Chester (beside the old Food Lion). A light dinner

is served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Call Kevin Taylor at 581-2070.

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Hill recalls meeting ‘The Greatest’

BY TRAVIS JENKINS
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Muhammad Ali once famously remarked that he would send Sonny Liston to heaven. Less famously, he told Larry Hill he would send him into outer space.

Ali, the three-time heavyweight boxing champion of the world, a political activist and one of the most famous men on Earth died Friday after a lengthy battle with Parkinson’s disease. Hill, an author who now calls Chester home but is originally from New York, had a brief but memorable encounter with the champ shortly after he won his first title in 1964.

Hill grew up in Harlem and says it actually wasn’t totally uncommon to meet professional athletes at that time, many of whom worked odd jobs in the off-season to make ends meet in an era before million-dollar salaries were the norm. He saw a lot of legends play in person at Yankees Stadium, but he also remembers his father Johnny taking him to a local bar once where the two saw Mickey Mantle.

“Back then, athletes lived in the communities where they played,” Hill said.

On the day he would meet a man who pronounced himself “The Greatest,” Hill and his father were playing a game of tag in the street. Hill says he was darting down 125th Street right in front of the famous Apollo Theater, when he literally ran into someone. Hill, then only a small child of 11 looked up and saw the face of the recently-crowned heavyweight boxing champion of the world peering back at him. The man then known as Cassius Marcellus Clay (Hill said his name change occurred a very short time after his meeting with him) was only four days removed from beating Liston for the title. Hill said he was too awed to say anything.

“I couldn’t say anything. I was looking at this guy like he wasn’t even

real,” Hill said.

Hill was already a fan as was most every sports-loving kid in his neighborhood. He said it was not at all uncommon for his friends to play-box and pretend to be Cassius Clay. Hill said kids liked Ali not only because of his speed, power and success in the ring, but because of his swagger and his ability to deliver memorable quotes. Now, the man himself was standing in front of Hill. It went further than that, though, Clay, who had a crowd of more than 50 people following him, reached down and picked Hill up.

“Ali picked me up, playfully bit his lower lip and told me that he was going to knock me into outer space,” Hill said.

Ali then inquired as to why Hill wasn’t in school. Too stunned to speak up until that point he blurted out a two-word answer.

“It’s Saturday,” Hill said.

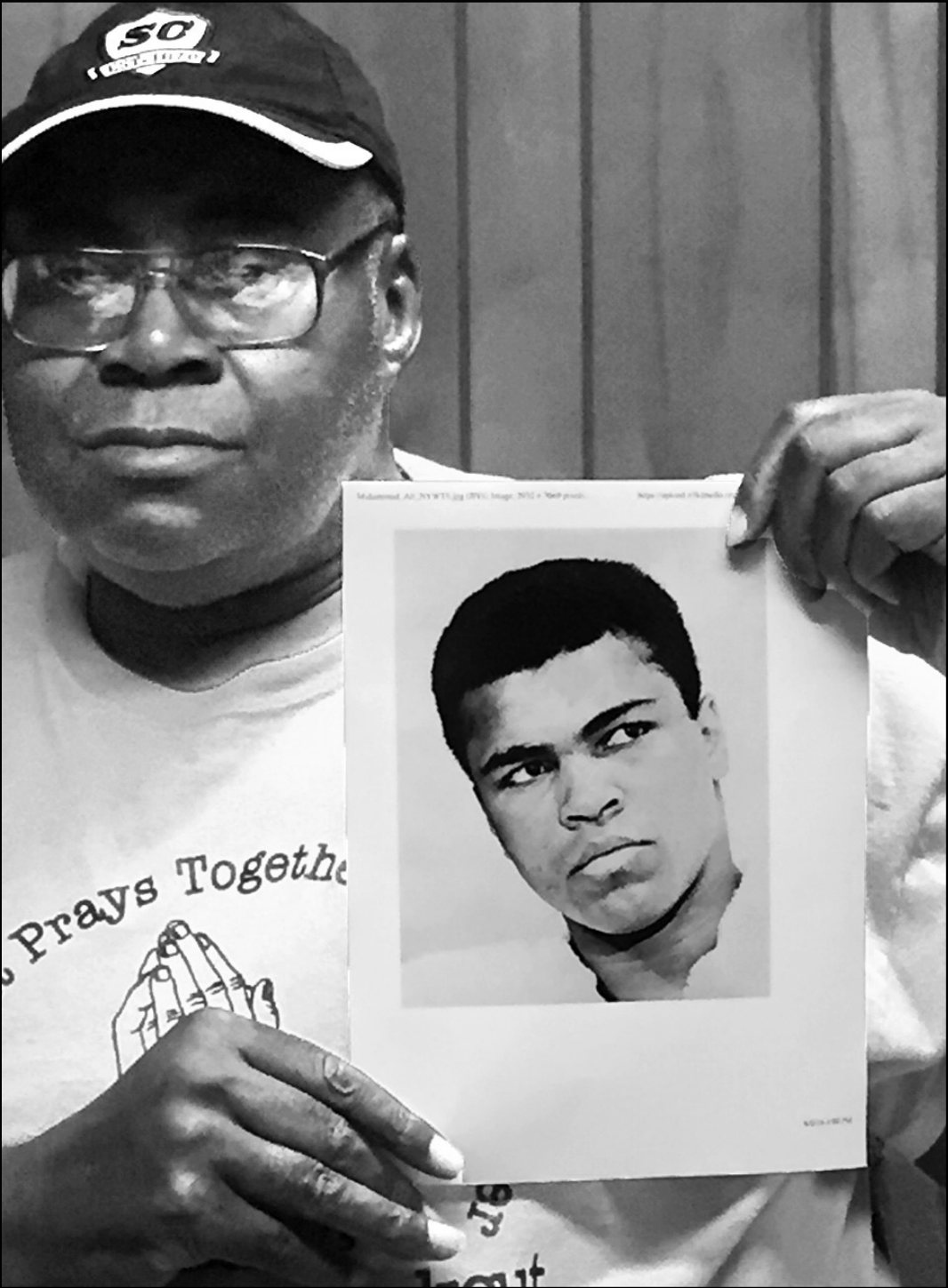
Ali, obviously tickled by the answer of the precocious youngster, jokingly asked Hill if he talked back to his teachers like that.

“I replied ‘no sir, I am a good student. I go to P.S. 157. You can come and ask my teachers,’” Hill said.

Ali sat Hill down and started to walk off, but had one last thing to say.

“Don’t be surprised if you see me at your school on Monday.”

As far as Hill knows, Ali didn’t make it to his school. He didn’t see him if he did, but his level of Ali fandom was only heightened by meeting him. He watched Ali’s rematch with Liston on TV and said he was “almost hypnotized” watching the champ move around the ring. Several years later, Hill had joined the military and was expecting to be sent to Vietnam. He was trained at Camp Lejeune and said at that time, there weren’t many limits on what soldiers could be subjected to. Scratching at a sand flea bite could mean starting your training all over and it took Hill 16 weeks to complete what was to be an eight-week camp. He



Larry Hill holds up a picture of one of his heroes, Muhammad Ali, who he met as an 11-year-old in Harlem, N.Y.

BY TRAVIS JENKINS/
THE N&R

was never actually sent to Vietnam as his orders were changed at the last minute, which he said actually disappointed him since that’s what he was training for.

“I just relate that to God,” Hill said.

Many of his friends were sent there and he never saw them again. There wasn’t a lot to look forward to at that point, but that changed as Hill and his fellow soldiers were allowed to listen to Ali’s big match against Joe Frazier, dubbed “The Fight of the Century.” Ali lost that night by decision...Hill wept.

“I cried like a baby listening to Ali get beaten up by Frazier. I was in a state

of shock,” Hill said.

It actually got tougher to take as time went by and Ali, losing the battle against Father Time, was beaten badly in his last few fights. By that time, though, his affinity for Ali went well beyond his theatrics or his in-the-ring excellence. Hill said Ali’s stances on racial injustice struck a chord with him. Though he was an enlisted soldier, he said he held no ill will at all after Ali refused to enter the military when drafted and gave voice to other causes that weren’t really palatable to many people. Ali’s stance led to him being found guilty of draft evasion (later overturned) and having his boxing license

repealed in every state. He lost more than three years of what would have been the prime of his career as a result of his stance but Hill admired the courage it took to stand on his convictions.

“He refused to go kill people (in Vietnam) who’d never done anything to him, never called him ‘The N Word.’ He said if he thought going to Vietnam would have helped all black Americans, he’d have gone tomorrow. His speeches really resonated with me. It showed courage,” Hill said.

Hill believes Ali showed courage in another way later in life. By 1996, Ali was no longer seen as a scourge, he was almost

universally beloved. He was given the honor of lighting the ceremonial torch for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

“I was proud of him. He was suffering from Parkinson’s and most people in that condition would have run, run and hid, but not him. It was an act of courage to me,” Hill said.

Hill said Friday was a sad day as the legend passed away at the age of 74. Ali left his lasting mark not just on sports, but also on society and the world, which Hill said is a great legacy. And thanks to his willingness to give a minute of his time to a kid in Harlem in 1964, he made lasting mark on Hill as well.

Craig, Saints win NBL title

BY TRAVIS JENKINS
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As a senior at Great Falls High School, a title narrowly escaped the grasp of Torrey Craig in 2010 when the Red Devils lost a tight game to Hemingway in the state finals. It didn’t escape him Saturday.

Craig now plays professionally for the Wellington Saints of the New Zealand NBL. The Saints claimed the NBL championship this past weekend with a 94-82 victory over the Super City Rangers. It was the ninth title all-time for the Saints. Craig scored 15 points in the win for the Saints and was named to the league’s “All-Star Five.” Craig earned that same distinction last year, when he also picked up the league’s MVP award. The Saints advanced to the finals last year, but with Craig shelved because of an injury, lost to the Southland Sharks.

Prior to the New Zealand NBL season, Craig played for the Cairns Taipans in the Australian NBL (as he did in 2015 as well). As a collegiate player at USC-Upstate, he was the first player in Atlantic Sun history to lead the league in scoring for three straight years and the Spartans made their first two Division I era post-season appearances during Craig’s time at the school. At Great Falls, he played for two state crowns and won Class A Player of the Year honors as a senior.



Craig

The four ‘Cs’ of NASCAR

BY CATHY ELLIOTT
Special to The N&R

For the past couple of NASCAR seasons, my friend Tammy has said to me, “Every time I draw Tony Stewart in the race pool, my heart just drops.” That’s laugh-out-loud funny, but Tammy means it. She isn’t confident Stewart can bring home the win for her.

No one has ever said anything like that to me about Martin Truex, Jr., but no one has ever jumped up and started doing the happy dance after drawing his name, either.

(Note to local law enforcement officials: There are no illegal gambling operations in Darlington that I know of. Just a little competitive fun among friends.)

People aren’t shy about giving me their opinions, but no one has ever told me they think Truex is a bad driver, or rude, or obnoxious, or a jerk. I cannot say the same holds true for their comments about Kevin Harvick, the aforementioned Mr. Stewart, Denny Hamlin, Brad Keselowski, anyone with the last name Busch ... you get the picture. And when they start talking about Chad Knaus, I run for my life.

Folks do like to tell me how they feel, but there just doesn’t seem to be a lot of strong sentiment out there about Truex.

Until now.

Let’s be honest. We all like to watch a close, exciting contest (as long as our team wins), but the things sports fans really care about are the three Cs – comebacks,

chaos and the Cinderella story. None of the three really apply to Martin Truex, Jr.

Think about it for a second. How much do you really know about Truex? He’s one of those drivers who, until very recently, has been stuck in that area of racing purgatory where you’re very good, but not quite great enough to move on through NASCAR’s pearly gates.

He won two NASCAR Xfinity Series championships back to back, driving for Chance 2 Motorsports in 2004 and 2005, and earned his first NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) victory in 2007.

He won again in 2013 with Michael Waltrip Racing, and earned a spot in the Chase, then lost it after being penalized when NASCAR determined that the team had attempted to manipulate the results of the race via some sketchy pit stop shenanigans.

Then, in one of the most egregious miscarriages of racing justice I have ever seen, Truex also lost his job.

That’s what I call chaos.

He ended up driving the No. 78 for Furniture Row Racing, and won a race last year – his third career victory – landing him a spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup field. Considered by pretty much no one to be a real title contender, he quietly racked up solid finishes, and when the green flag waved to signal the start of the 2015 season’s final race, there he was, one of only four drivers still eligible to win the championship. Jeff Gordon, Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch were the other three. You have to admit that’s pretty impressive company.

Cinderella got a lot of attention at that

dance, but at NASCAR’s longest and most physically grueling event of the year, the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 29, she got all of it. In a record-breaking, history-making performance. Truex obliterated the competition, leading 392 of 400 laps – 98 percent, a total beatdown, the most dominating performance in NASCAR in the last 714 races.

As races go, it was somewhat of a snoozefest, but as stories go, it was one for the record books.

Truex won the pole, the race, the trophy and a whole lot of money. But the real victory of the night belonged to his long-time partner Sherry Pollex, who recently completed 17 months of grueling chemotherapy treatment for ovarian cancer. A smiling Sherry was at the track that night, and said, “With all those disappointments we’ve had, God was setting us up for a night like this.”

What an attitude. What a comeback. We saw a thrilling and deeply satisfying Victory Lane in Charlotte on May 29, with two big winners rather than one.

Perhaps it’s time to expand our trinity of Cs into a quartet: Comebacks, chaos, Cinderella stories ... and champions. Let the happy dance begin.

The Martin Truex Jr. Foundation was formed to raise awareness, boost advocacy and generate financial support for underfunded research initiatives for ovarian and childhood cancers, and for children suffering from poverty, abuse, and serious illness. For more information, visit MartinTruexJrFoundation.org.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Williams graduates New and Beginning Farmers program
Innovative ideas on how to succeed in their different farming and enterprises are what graduates of Clemson's New and Beginning Farmers Program Class of 2016 bring to the table following completion of the program. Among the graduates is LeTanya Williams of Chester. Forty-five farmers from across South Carolina were recognized May 19 for completing the program, which just ended its fourth year. The program is a seven-month course directed by Dave Lamie, associate professor and Extension specialist. The South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer Program begins its fifth year in October 2016. New, beginning and emerging farmers age 18 or older residing in South Carolina with less than 10 consecutive years of farming experience are welcome to apply. The application period opens as early as mid-June. Interested parties may get additional information and apply

online by visiting www.clemson.edu/public/new-farmer/.
Benefit for Fred Wall
A benefit for heart patient Fred Wall will be held Saturday, June 25, at Crossroads Restaurant, 2271 J.A. Cochran Bypass, Chester. A yard sale, bake sale and raffle will begin at 8 a.m. A hot dog sale featuring two hot dogs, chips, dessert and drink will begin at noon. An auction will be held at 2 p.m. followed by Christian karaoke from 3 to 7 p.m. T-shirts will be \$12 for sizes youth through extra large and \$14 for sizes double extra large and up. Anyone with any yard sale or auction items (no clothing items) call call 803-246-1963. Wall was recently diagnosed with restrictive cardiomyopathy and will soon undergo testing to see if he is a candidate for a heart transplant.
Arts Council June events
The Arts Council of Chester County has the following upcoming classes

planned for June:
• Thursday, June 16: Youth art class and adult art class on painting roosters.
• Tuesday, June 21: Adult art class on painting magnolias.
• Wednesday, June 22: Art class for the elderly and disabled at Chester Active Day Center.
• Saturday, June 25: Ag and Art Tour (bracelet bar drop-in).
• Thursday, June 30: Adult art class on painting windows.
Banks/Weir family reunion
The Banks/Weir family reunion will be held Sunday, June 12, at Rick Weir's place off of Ashford Road in Chester. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. followed by lunch. Bring a well-filled lunch basket with drink. Paper products will be provided. For more information, call Sue Branham at 209-2497.
CHS youth cheer camp
Chester High School cheer coaches and cheerleaders will sponsor a

youth cheer camp for children ages three to 13 from 9 a.m. to noon June 13-16 in the CHS gymnasium. The cost of the camp is \$45 per child, which includes s camp t-shirt, lunch each day, certificates and camp showcase. Participants will have the opportunity to learn cheers, chants, dances, jumps, stunts and team building activities. Registration will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the CHS gymnasium. For more information, call Brittnay Johnson at 581-7275 or Larissa Thompson at 377-3161.

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unborn actual human being life, but I digress. There will be social uprisings. There will be a newlywedwholehuman+chimera couple on Dr. Phil. At this point it won't just be half-human-pig chimeras. Science would have developed ways to improve a person's eyesight by inserting the genome of hawks into people. There will be enhanced athletes with the ability to run as fast as a jaguar (not the car) by inserting specific genetic traits into the populace. After a short while, the majority of the earth's people will be enhanced/tainted/corrupt-

ed by at least one other species. Some of which will include multiple species. Oh! What a brave new world. There may be a catch or two, though. The majority of mankind will no longer be purely human. New diseases will arise from within the animal tainted population. We'll probably be pining for the simpler days of when the big social issues were only transgender related. It's okay though because this has happened before. In the Bible it is written: "And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth." (Gen 6:12 – but

lookup and read the entire Genesis 6 chapter) and in Matthew 24 we are told by Jesus Himself that He would return when things would be "as in the days of Noah." So don't worry, but there are some big things heading our way. Before you just shrug this off and think "He's crazy," do your own research. I will post links to more information on my YouTube site. Visit www.youtube.com/user/jesusfreakcg and find the "Next Pig – BIG Thing" playlist to view many of the videos and other information. Email all comments and questions to: jesusfreakcomputergeek@gmail.com.

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Mike and his wife, Stephanie, live in Mitford – just outside Great Falls. Their son, Markell is a product of Chester County Public Schools – a 2013 Great Falls HS graduate, now a junior at Coastal.

Mike and Stephanie are active in Chester County. A former Sunday School teacher, Mike serves as an active member of the Chester Chamber of Commerce and Chester Middle School Improvement Council. Stephanie is the former Band Booster Club President at Great Falls HS. Mike drives from Great Falls-to-Chester everyday – to his job at the Olde English Consortium, OEC (housed next to the Chester District Office). The OEC is a non-profit which helps smaller, rural school districts efficiently provide the same quality education as larger, wealthier districts.

Mike and Stephanie are invested in Chester County. Like you, they've watched our communities becoming ghost towns right before our eyes. Mike is running because he believes that it is time to come together and rebuild our communities... so that our children, like their son, Markell, will have the choice to one day move back home to Chester and raise their families here!

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