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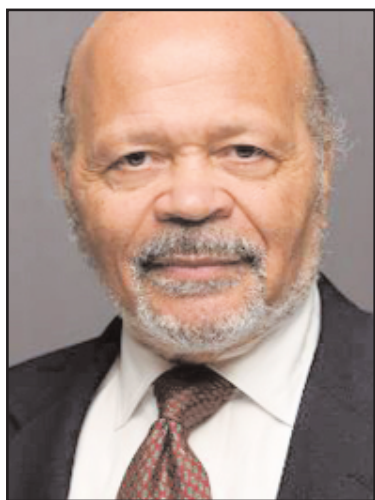
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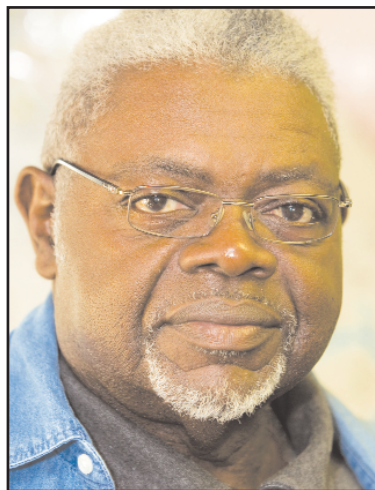
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THERE MUST BE CHANGES

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There has been a recent shooting at New Hanover High School in Wilmington and another at Mt. Tabor High School in Winston Salem! School boards and county commissioners are calling meetings. They say it's time we do something about such actions on school property. "It can't be allowed at any time," they say. We have a no tolerance policy in place and it is not working!" Nobody seems to know what the problem is

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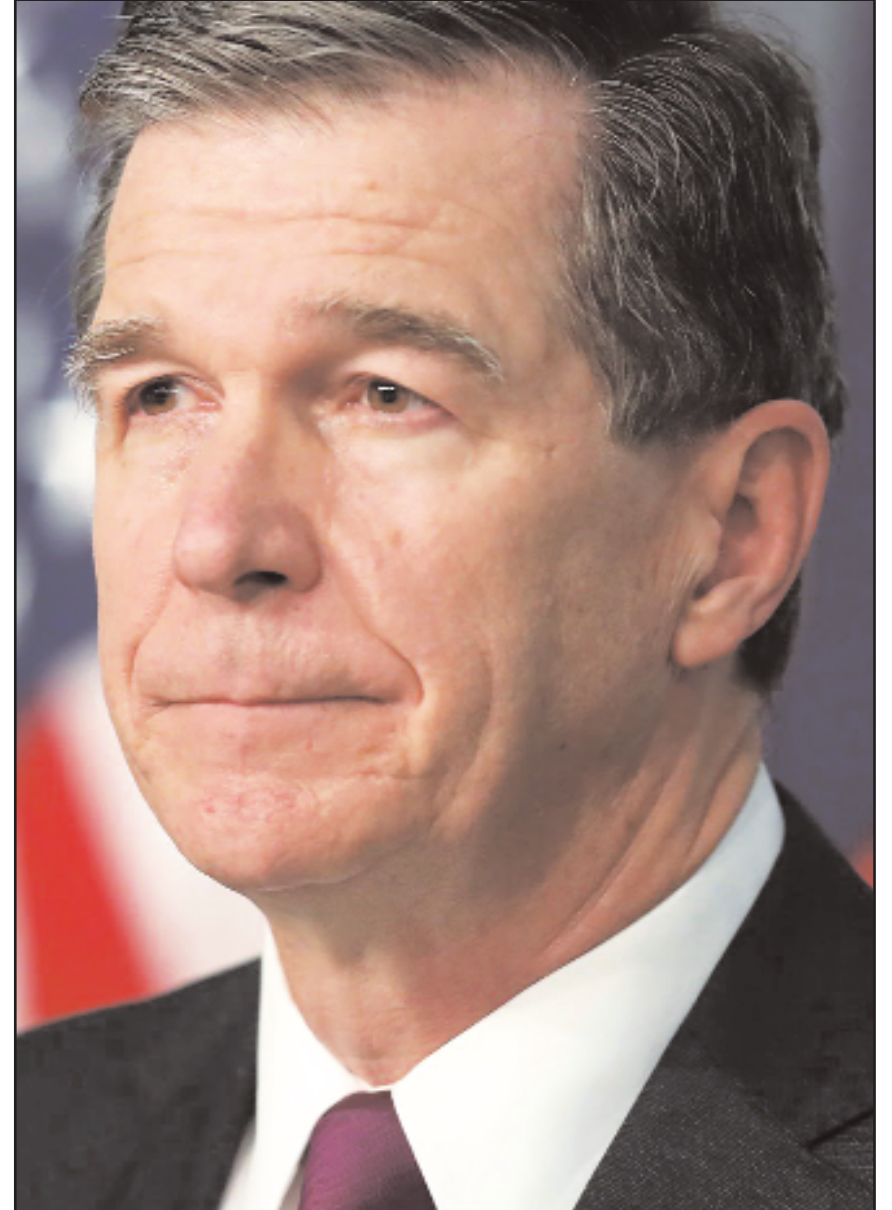
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GOP lawmakers pass anti-rioting bill

Gov. Roy Cooper is expected to veto the measure

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The North Carolina Republican legislative agenda is quickly mirroring the national Republican Party legislative agenda. Last week, North Carolina joined at least 19 other states that either have passed anti-Critical Race Theory laws or are debating them. North Carolina has also joined a plethora of states that have ratified restrictive "election integrity" laws, in reaction to false accusations about the November 2020 elections.

Now North Carolina General Assembly has adopted House Bill 805 - the Anti-Rioting Act, a measure that at least one African-American Democratic lawmaker alleged had strong racial overtones, while other Democratic legislators

maintain it limits freedom of speech. At press time Monday, Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, is expected to veto the measure. The progressive/nonprofit N. C. Justice Center asked its supporters to contact Gov. Cooper and tell him to veto the "anti-protest, anti-Black Lives Matter" legislation.

"While HB805 was originally purported to be a bill combating "riots," lawmakers have become increasingly explicit in saying it is a direct response to last summer's protests and calls for racial justice and police accountability. The bill is a clear attempt to suppress free speech and the right to assemble," the Justice Center said. "It also leaves the definition of a "riot" intentionally vague, thus granting police and prosecutors immense power to target Black, brown, and indigenous communities. By standing up for racial justice, those communi-

ties will be most hurt by the subjective legislation." The Justice Center continued, "This legislation is exactly what it appears to be, part of a divisive and transparent attempt to divide communities and criminalize standing up for racial justice."

However, during the debate last week, House Republicans disagreed. Republican House Speaker Tim Moore (Cleveland County) argued, "We saw firsthand what happens when folks join in what was otherwise a lawful protest and engage in destruction of property, assaults, and injury to people. That's not protesting at that point. That's rioting. That's looting."

The measure passed 63-41 on Tuesday, August 31. Gov. Cooper is given up to ten days to decide whether he will sign or veto the bill. If he does nothing, it becomes law.



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There must be changes in the system! Bullying and harassing is getting more constant and high tech. We must be prepared to grow with the system!

Bernest Hewett is
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the NAACP.

New Smithsonian exhibit shows racism against Emmett Till continues

BY HAMIL R. HARRIS
FOR
TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In the middle of the night, 14-year old Emmett Till was snatched from his great uncle's home in Drew, Mississippi. Then an angry White mob beat, tortured and then shot Till before they used wire to connect a fan blade to his head to sink his young body to the bottom of the Tallahatchie River.

The brutal lynching of Emmett Till on August 28, 1955 was on the mind of 13-year-old Yolanda Rene King at the March On Washington for Voting Rights rally Saturday, Aug. 28. During her speech, Martin Luther King's only grandchild asked for a moment of silence in honor of Till, who she said, "was about my age."

Only blocks away from where she stood, a brand new exhibit was about to pay homage to that same memory. Although thousands have filed past the casket of Emmett Till displayed at the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture, on September 3, a new exhibit was set to open in "Flag Hall" of the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History that shows the recently bullet-riddled road markers where Till's body was found. This is desecration that starkly indicates the level of racism and White supremacy still infesting America.

"These signs were part of a long-standing history that has intentionally been suppressed and in some ways attacked," said Tsione Wolde-Michael, 34, the Smithsonian's curator for African American Social Justice. She added, "The community has shown its resilience in erecting a new sign every time it is shot up."

Wolde-Michael continues, "Till's murder and open-casket funeral became a catalyst for the civil rights movement...And now in what would have been Emmett Till's 80th year, this vandalized sign demonstrates the ways histories of racism and violence continue into the present. Our Mississippi community partners have continuously risked their lives to commemorate and interpret this history, and we are honored with the trust they have placed in the Smithsonian to steward the sign and bring its story along with Emmett's to the public."

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History will open "Reckoning with Remembrance: History, Injustice and the Murder of Emmett Till" as a month-long display of the bullet-riddled sign that was placed by the Tallahatchie River in Mississippi in remembrance of Emmett Till beginning Sept. 3.



Desecrated sign reveals level of racial hatred that still prevails

Smithsonian Curator Nancy Bercaw said Jerome G. Little, who died in 2011, pioneered the effort to preserve the Till story and the signs. He was the first African-American to serve as the president of the Tallahatchie County Board of Supervisors.

"The signs were shot up, people defaced them with acid. But every time the Emmett Till Memorial Commission pulled themselves together and raised the funds and put up another sign," Bercaw said. After Little died, his friend, Jesse Jaynes-Dimming has been working with the Emmett Till Memorial Commission to keep Till's legacy alive.

Anthea M. Hartig, Ph.D., Elizabeth MacMillan director of the National Museum of American History, said the museum will present a program on Sept. 2 entitled, "The Long Battle: The Work of Preserving Emmett Till's Memory," a Conversation with Community Leaders from Tallahatchie County, Mississippi.

Reverend Wheeler Parker, a civil rights activist and Till family member and Patrick Weems, executive director of the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Money, Mississippi, teamed up with curators and officials from the Smithsonian to hold the conversation and present the exhibit which will go on public display Sept. 3. The Museum is located on D.C.'s Constitution Avenue N.W. between 12th and 14th streets. Access information can be found at Americanhistory.si.edu or by calling 202-633-1000.

Wolde-Michael said that in 2019 she and a group of historians traveled across Mississippi looking to learn more about the Emmett Till sign story. The reception was positive toward having the national exhibit. "This is about establishing long-term relationships in the community. This is just the beginning."

The sentiment is mutual. "We are thrilled to partner with the Smithsonian National Museum of

American History," said Weems. "The citizens of Tallahatchie County have struggled to keep Till's memory on the physical and cultural landscape. We are honored that the Smithsonian has taken an interest in this important American story."

The exhibit is deliberately placed in the museum's most prominent location, across from the Star-Spangled Banner exhibition at the building's center. The Till sign works to preserve the memory of an African American boy's murder while demonstrating the ongoing nature of anti-Black violence in America. A companion webpage will also become available Sept. 3.

In 2008, the Emmett Till Memorial Commission



EMMETT TILL

erected nine historical markers to commemorate Till, but the signs have been stolen, riddled with bullets or thrown in the river. The 317 bullet punctures on the sign collected by the museum, the second of four

placed at the river site, serve as a reminder that the racism that caused Till's death still exists today. The commission erected a new bullet-proof marker in 2019 and donated this historical marker to the museum.

"The National Museum of American History is deeply honored to collaborate with the Tallahatchie community to preserve and present the legacy of Emmett Till," said Hartig. "The history of racial violence is often erased and highly contested in the battle to define American memory, and this vandalized sign demonstrates the ramifications of ongoing efforts of remembrance and social justice. Racism does not only reside in the past. It inhabits our lived reality."

The installation of the Till Historical Marker is part of the museum's new vision outlined in its strategic plan, which is centered in outreach and commitment to communities and provides a place for people to explore the complexity of the country's shared history.

"The Emmett Till Memorial Commission has been working for 15 years to change the physical and cultural landscape of Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, and the road to remember has not been easy," said Weems. "So it is with great appreciation that we are partnering with the Smithsonian to honor and remember Emmett Till and the struggle that our community has faced to commemorate his life and legacy and to create the conditions for racial healing."

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can find out more at <https://filterbuy.com/resources/cities-with-the-most-residents-that-smoke/>

NO END IN SIGHT FOR THIS NC LEGISLATIVE SESSION

[RALEIGH] So when will state lawmakers be going home? Apparently, no time soon. This session of the NC General Assembly is

slated to produce new two-year budget, but thus far neither the state House or Senate are reportedly anywhere near agreeing on one. It would be easy to forget that the first day of this session was January 13th. Normally this session would end by the end of summer, beginning of fall in September. But not this year.

COVID-19 CASES UP ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

[RALEIGH] There were over 25,000 new cases of the coronavirus and 123 deaths over the Labor Day weekend, according to the NC Department of Health and Human Services. That means that as of last weekend, the state was very

close overall to 15,000 dead. Reportedly, there were approximately 3,800 COVID-19 patients across the state, with one-fourth of those in intensive care. The surge is because of the new Delta variant, officials say.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

N. C. Appellate Court blocks lower court ruling on former felons voting

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

North Carolina Republican legislative leaders wasted no time last week moving to have the N. C. Appeals Court reverse a three-judge Superior Court panel's injunctive order Sept. 3 to restore the voting rights of approximately 56,000 former felons on parole. It will be the seven-member N. C. Supreme Court that will hear the plaintiff's appeal of that decision.

Democrats retain a one-vote majority on North Carolina's High Court - 4 to 3.

Plaintiffs maintain that the historic denial of voting rights to ex-felons is rooted in racial discrimination. The Superior Court panel agreed.

When State Attorney Gen. Josh Stein refused to appeal the appellate order (he said because no written order from the Superior

Court had been issued), outraged Republican legislative leaders, House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate President Pro tem Phil Berger hired outside counsel to challenge the Superior Court's injunctive order.

It was a legal move that plaintiffs had expected from the moment they were informed that they had won the original injunctive order.

"This case is a matter of statewide and national significance, requiring immediate action from the State's highest court," plaintiffs' attorneys said in a written statement. "Hundreds of North Carolinians are exercising a new right to vote in this State, encouraged and inspired by the three-judge panel decision. We will not rest until their rights are fully vindicated." The statement continued, "We have full faith that justice delayed today will not be justice denied for the plaintiffs, the North Carolina

Second Chance Alliance, and the entire State of North Carolina," plaintiffs continued. "The collective will of the State is stifled when so many of our citizens are unjustifiably not able to participate in our democracy. That exclusion of our neighbors' voices is morally and constitutional-

ly wrong."

NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee Chair, Attorney Irving Joyner added, "North Carolina ought to be a state where we can have pride in the fact that all of our citizens can vote and fully participate in the political franchise."

Republicans, on the other

hand, maintain that it was a Democrat controlled N. C. General Assembly 48 years ago that took voting rights away from former felons in 1973 and outline how they can retain them. That was the law, and judges should not be able to arbitrarily throw out laws they don't like. Sen. Warren Daniel (R-

Burke) said, "The decision to block the lower court's ruling affirms that judges can't just replace laws they don't like with new ones. It also shows how false Attorney General Josh Stein's purported reason was for refusing to defend the legislature in this case."



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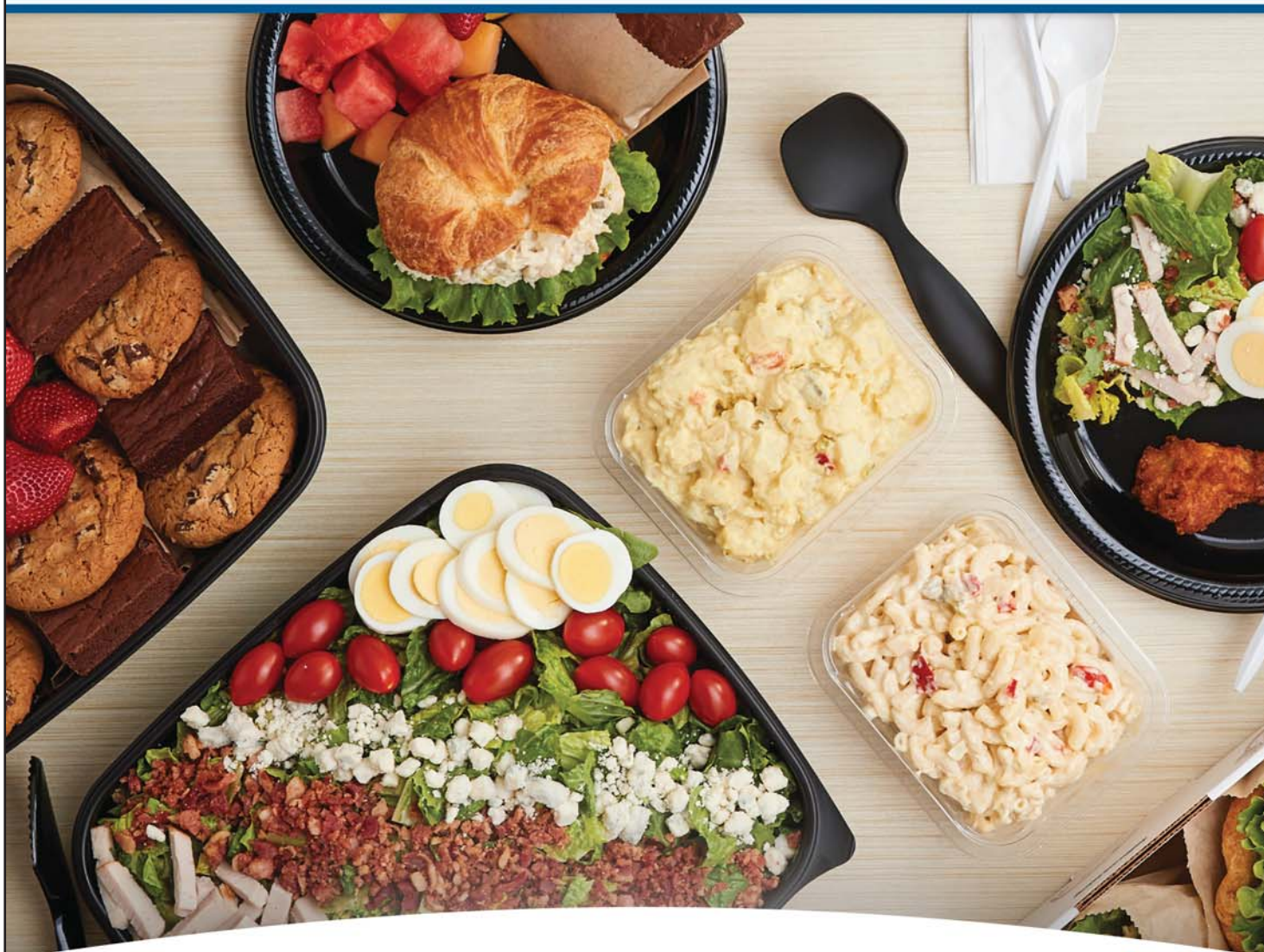


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GUEST EDITORIAL

White supremacy's culture war

For more than 1,500 years, Europeans and their cultural descendants have been defining reality for the people they have subjugated around the world.

We tend to think that global domination by that small percentage of the world's population living in the northwest corner of the Eurasian land mass began in the late 15th century when Christopher Columbus sailed to the Western Hemisphere and Vasco da Gama sailed to India. But the seeds of white supremacy were planted long before that.

Ancient Europeans were aware of the existence of India. Most serious students of history learn of Alexander the Great's invasion of India. From the time of Augustus Caesar, the Roman Empire routinely traded with India. But when many modern writers reference the "Ancient World," Greece and Rome come to mind, but not India. Neither are references made to Native American cultures that were in existence thousands of years before Columbus set sail.

After the fall of the Western Roman Empire in the 5th century, European religious and cultural leaders began to develop narratives that centered themselves and people like them in the history of humankind. This centering had a profound impact upon the development of Western civilization.

In the absence of the Roman Empire, Europe fractured into much smaller independent states with little knowledge of what existed beyond their borders. These states warred with each other and promoted their own characteristics as superior to all others. It was during this time that the national identities of the French, the Germans and the Spanish began to solidify, and for almost 1,000 years, there was constant violence and conflict as each culture tried to gain dominance over the others and secure for themselves the limited resources that were available.

After this 1,000-year period of ignorance, violence and conflict in Europe, which is often referred to as the "Dark Ages," state-sponsored European explorers began to venture out beyond their small corner of the world in search of resources. Spain sponsored Christopher Columbus' voyage westward to find a new route to India. And soon after Columbus stumbled upon the Americas, Vasco da Gama sailed south from Portugal along the West African coast, rounded the Cape of Good Hope at the southern tip of the African continent and eventually crossed what became known as the Indian Ocean to India itself. Armed with cannon and cruel greed, the Spanish and Portuguese fleets began to plunder these foreign lands.

To justify the horrific atrocities committed against the people found in these new lands, the Spanish and Portuguese professed to be the messengers of Christian love and charity. So noble was their cause deemed to be, that in 1494, Pope Alexander VI divided the world in two, giving one half to Spain and the other to Portugal. But soon, the English, French and Dutch challenged the Spanish and Portuguese for these "new lands" filled with riches. Then Europeans began to slaughter each other as well as the unlucky indigenous inhabitants.

Armed with religiosity as well as cannon, European imperialists began to differentiate between Christians and "heathens," bringing the latter to heel in the name of God's mandate and the progress of civilization.

As they had done to each other in Europe for centuries before, the imperialists then began to do to the rest of the world. They created "others" and declared them to be undeserving of the bounty of their own lands. In support of this world view, the Eurasian land mass was divided into two parts, distinguishing Asia, with its non-white population, from Europe and its mostly white population.

This notion of Europe and Asia as separate continents has existed for centuries, with geographers declaring that there were seven major land masses called continents, and that each continent was divided from the others by a body of water. But the briefest examination of a world map reveals that there is no water separating Europe from Asia. The socio-political construction of Europe and Asia as separate land masses was created merely to "other" the non-white Asians.

Europeans and Asians, Christians and heathens, white people and Black people are all social constructs built to support a social order of global inequality that advantages white people to the detriment of people of color.

If we are ever to bring an end to white supremacy, we must diagnose the socio-economic and political condition of the world today and determine the causes of racism and the "othering" of the world's various populations.

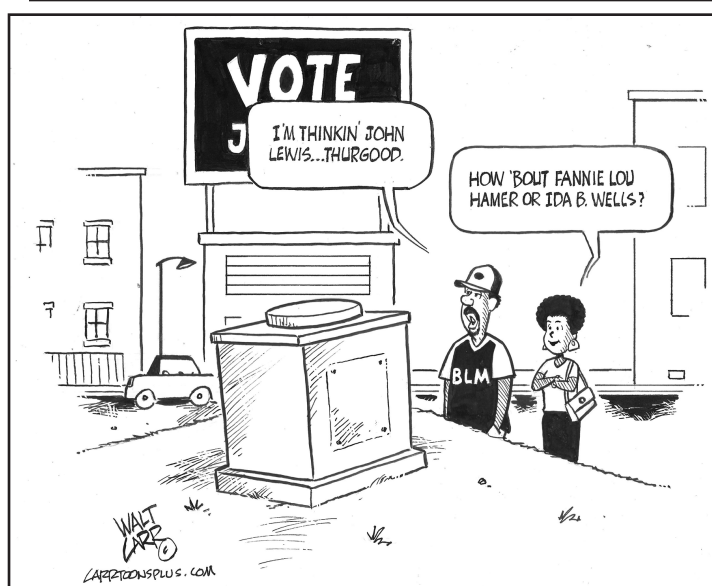
Critical Race Theory is one way to perform this diagnosis. It can demonstrate that there is a cultural thread that runs from the medieval superstitions of Europe to the 1836 Constitution of the Republic of Texas, which not only protected the right of its white citizens to own slaves, but also prohibited people deemed to be Indians and Africans from living freely within its borders.

Critical Race Theory also can demonstrate the cultural thread running from the slaughter of Africans and other people of color during the "age of exploration" to the present-day efforts of white supremacists to disenfranchise people of color in America and block their path to the voting booth.

We are now at the dawning of a new phase of a centuries old culture war, and we must arm ourselves with the knowledge of how we arrived at this point, because if we do not, the war will be lost.

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VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

A red flag on the West Coast

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

In just a few days, California will wrap up its recall election targeting Governor Gavin Newsom, a scheme orchestrated by a Far Right still seething over the Big Lie. At first glance that may seem like a problem that only affects California. But it's not, and the red flag being raised in the West deserves attention from all of us.

Thanks to an oddity of California law, voters could end up replacing Newsom with a candidate who wins only a fraction of the total vote. That's because there are more than 40 people on a list of folks vying to be that replacement, a list that by law does not include Newsom.

Whoever gets the most votes in the overcrowded field, wins, and for weeks now the leader has been Larry Elder, an ultraconservative talk show host whose extreme positions embrace racist, sexist, anti-immigrant, COVID-denying, and anti-environment stances - among others.

Elder's ascendance is very troubling on a whole host of levels. That it was engineered at all in a progressive state

like California shows the stop-at-nothing determination of a Far Right enraged and emboldened by the Big Lie.

And Elder himself is a marquee example of the type of candidate that could soon be foisted on voters everywhere. He is more than just one person running for one office; he is the product of an unsavory stew of extremist factions liberated by Trump to do their worst.

One of Elder's biggest promoters is a radio host named Eric Metaxas, the host of a "Stop the Steal" rally where the Oath Keepers threatened civil war if Trump didn't stay in power after losing to Joe Biden. Another is a megachurch pastor named Jack Hibbs, who says Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Kamala Harris have "antichrist views."

Elder is a Black man who allies himself with white supremacists. He denies that systemic racism exists. He

argued forcefully to the Los Angeles Times that he wants to "change the rhetoric about how bad the cops are."

According to the same Times article, he "shared a graphic with so-called facts depicting Black people as murderous," cherry-picking and skewing data to suggest Black people are disproportionately criminal. This is tragic.

From a national standpoint, Elder's election would certainly send a very dangerous message and encourage extremists. But it would also have the potential for more concrete effects. If California's 88-year-old senior U.S. senator, Dianne Feinstein, had to step down during an Elder term, he could appoint someone to her seat and flip the Senate. That would spell doom for the agenda we elected the Biden-Harris administration to advance.

As someone who grew up in California, and whose parents still live there, I find all of this incredibly disturbing. I worry that progressive Californians, thinking "it can't happen here," will dismiss the chance of an ultra-conservative coup in their

state and skip voting against the recall. I'm aware that conservatives in the state, by contrast, are incredibly energized to get their voters to the polls. This is a train wreck that could really happen and could have ripple effects nationwide - but it's not too late to stop it.

I'm talking to everyone I know in California about the urgency of voting no on the recall. All of us need to do the same. This is a critically important moment in the battle against the far-right extremism that threatens to overtake us as a country. We can't miss the chance to nip this dangerous trend in the bud, wherever it threatens to bloom.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

Elijah McClain's death shows us that public pressure can never end

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

On the day that Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser (D) announced a 32-count indictment in the death of Elijah McClain, a 23-year Black man from Aurora, it was a day that almost didn't happen. In Aurora, Colorado, two police officers, one former police officer and two paramedics will face charges in the death of McClain. The police officers and paramedics are charged with manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide. Manslaughter is a Class 4 felony in Colorado punishable by up to six years in prison, while criminally negligent homicide is a Class 5 felony punishable by up to three years in prison.

On August 24, 2019, nine months before George Floyd's death in Minneapolis, Elijah McClain was walking home from a convenience store listening to music on his headset when he was approached by an officer. From that moment, every part of the system to serve and protect failed. Though McClain committed no crime, he was immediately restrained. The officers eventually brought him to the ground, claiming he had reached for one of their guns while they were pinning him against a wall to handcuff him. The encounter escalated with McClain eventually los-

ing consciousness as an officer applied a carotid control hold which restricts blood to the brain. And like George Floyd, he told police, "I can't breathe" as three officer held him while handcuffed on the ground.

The law enforcement system failed. An independent panel obtained by the City Council determined that police officers who stopped McClain had no apparent reason to suspect a crime had been committed. It also determined that a subsequent internal police investigation was flawed.

The emergency medical care system failed. When medical paramedics arrived, they injected McClain with ketamine, a powerful sedative. The amount of ketamine given was inappropriate and was for someone 77 pounds heavier than the 143-pound McClain. The indictment stated that the paramedics failed to follow medical protocols before and after they injected McClain. McClain was already handcuffed when medics arrived at the scene. The paramedics did not talk to McClain, check his vital signs or properly monitor him after giving him the powerful drug. McClain went

into cardiac arrest and died a few days later.

The judicial system failed. The Adams County district attorney announced that criminal charges would not be filed, saying there was not enough evidence that the officers had broken the law when they used force on McClain.

The subsequent George Floyd arrested on May 25, 2020 changed the social climate both nationally and internationally. It brought about a heightened level of attention, scrutiny and protest in regards to all unjust deaths of Black citizens at the hands of law enforcement. Attention, scrutiny and protest prompted Gov. Jared Polis (D) to have Attorney General Weiser open a criminal investigation in the McClain case. For without those protests, it is unlikely the three officers and two paramedics would have been indicted. Indictments are not enough in wrongful deaths, we need convictions. Convictions are not enough, we need sentencing with teeth. The murder conviction of Derek Chauvin resulting in a 22 ½ year sentence in the George Floyd death case should be a statement to those in law enforcement concerning the changing social climate of accountability. We need a strong conviction and sentencing in the Elijah McClain case to reinforce that statement. This case shows that paramedics should also take note.

Now, we see that the former Georgia District Attorney in the Ahmaud Arbery case has been indicted. Jackie Johnson was just indicted for wrongfully showing favor to the men who have since been charged with the murder of Arbery. District Attorneys everywhere should take note concerning the violation of oath while serving the public.

When police officers, paramedics and district attorneys start to consistently go to jail for any wrong doing in the line of duty, it should make all of those holding positions of public trust consider their own individual actions and choices when faced with life and death situations. Unfortunately, we know the reality of our society. Personal and professional accountability are not characteristics willingly embraced by every man and woman throughout the law enforcement and the judicial ranks. Accountability has to be forced. The indictment in the Elijah McClain case almost didn't happen. For that reason, it shows that concerned citizens have to always pay attention, show scrutiny and peacefully protest if necessary.

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THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!

Believe it!

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Unquestionably, Maya Angelou's most famous quote is: "If someone tells you who they are, believe them the first time." Current events lead one to seriously question whether people are hearing the radical right and listening to where they are intent on taking the country. If we questioned the true meaning of the phrase, "Make America Great Again," it should be clear to us now. For practical purposes, legal abortion is dead in the United States.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

I've discussed ad nauseum the torrent of lies that issue from their mouths in the style of their orange leader, but among those lies rests the truth of their viciousness and evil. I have suggested before, and am now even more convinced, that the intent of Republican acolytes and the conservative base is to return the country to that point in time where women were subjugated to men and people of color knew their "place," whether force needs to be used for that purpose or not. The most recent travesty

is the adoption of Texas' new anti-abortion law and the Supreme Court turning a blind eye to its unconstitutionality. This law outlaws legal abortions after six weeks or when viability can be established with a fetal heartbeat. Few women even know they have become pregnant within a six-week window. Adding insult to injury, SCOTUS has refused injunctive relief for appeals and challenges.

This law has been labeled by progressive broadcasters as the most egregious anti-abortion law in history. I agree! Not only does it outlaw legal abortions after six weeks, but it also makes no exceptions for rape or incest. One can only imagine the distress of having to carry your rapist's child full term. Contrary to what most perceive, this would be a child conceived in violence and given birth with a measure

of hate. "Legal standing" is a way of indicating that a person has an interest in the outcome of a situation or circumstance, or that a person can be injured - physically or emotionally - by the outcome of an action. This dystopian law gives legal standing to any citizen of the United States and allows her/him to bring a lawsuit against anyone who participated or assisted in an abortion process. Beyond any moral outrage, the person bringing the lawsuit also has a monetary incentive. If the complaint is upheld, the complainant must pay the plaintiff the sum of \$10,000 and any legal fees. If the complaint is defeated, there is no penalty for bringing a false claim. This law is genuinely draconian.

Fewer and fewer people still live who remember the time before Roe v. Wade was decided on January 22, 1973. Generations of women now live without the memories of back-alley abortions. There are fewer memories of bent wire coat hangers used as surgical tools to perform the illegal abortion. There are gravestones which mark the

final resting places of young women who died from infection, perforated uteruses, or a myriad of complications associated with the desperation of an unsanctioned medical procedure. Unfortunately, we can anticipate a recurrence of these events, impacting primarily, as they did before, on the poor and young women of color.

If past is prologue, we can also anticipate the wealthy unencumbered by any anti-abortion law. Just as they did before Roe, they will send their daughters out of the country where a safe procedure can be performed. They might even find a local physician who will take an under-the-table payment to perform an abortion - just as was done before Roe.

To where they are taking women back is now clear. The only questions left are where they will attempt to take others who they deem as "second class" or "less than."

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

When people show you who they are ...

Maya Angelou, the beloved actor, poet, and civil rights activist, gave one of the most important life lessons that any of us might get in a lifetime: When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.

I keep thinking about that as I hear pundits and news anchors and politicians say, in response to the most recent eruption of racial violence in this country that "this is not who we are."

This is exactly "who we are." America has been racist since its inception as a country, and even before it formally became a country.

Isabel Wilkerson, author of *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, says that the dehumanization of Black people began before slavery, but that with slavery, the categorization was cemented.



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People of African descent were used to build this country's economy. Early on, white employers separated white and Black workers, subliminally teaching each group that there was one group that was greater, superior to, the other. America's caste system required that each group stay "in its place." Black people, relegated to the lowest rung of this country's society, would forever remain there. While white people from other nations might enter this country and be in servitude for some time, they could hide their ethnicity (some ethnicities were more likely to become indentured servants than others) but Black people could not hide. The color of their skin set us apart, making it easy for "the mark" of inferiority an indelible imprint.

So much of what this country did was based on the belief of those who constructed the new nation was based on the widespread belief that Black people were inferior; we were dehumanized and criminalized, and nobody thought much about it. I was recently reminded about how Black people were treated at the Chattahoochee Brick Company in Atlanta. (<https://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta-news/remembering-toll-galaxy-of-chattahoochee-brick-co/YF7TWKPE55E7F17BFUGTBPACQ/>)

Black people were basically re-enslaved after the slavery was ended, but because they were needed to continue to build the American economy, whites devised Convict Leasing, where Black people could be and were arrested for the most minor offenses and assigned to labor in various companies. At the Chattahoochee Brick Company, young Black men (and some women) were assigned the task of making literally hundreds of thousands of bricks every day. Douglas Blackmon, author of *Slavery by Another Name* said that the company worked Black people to death and buried them in unmarked graves.

That treatment of Black people as expendable, inhuman, and criminal has only gotten worse through the years. The paranoia we see these days, coupled with white anger, is not new, and with the reality of the "browning" of America, the virulent pus that has been a part of America since her birth is pushing to the surface.

Some white people who were part of the work to demonize and dehumanize Black people in the past are now repentant and want to stop what they see happening right before their eyes. They know what it is; they helped create it, but never thought it would get this bad. I have actually heard some former Conservative hardliners break down and cry as they have admitted they have helped create this monster.

Others have said that what is unrolling before us will result in violence - or should we say, more violence. A reporter friend of mine said, "I hate to say it, but this is going to end up in a civil war."

America has never dealt with its bigotry. While spouting its pride in its "exceptionalism" what has actually been exceptional is that this country has gotten away with claiming to be "the land of the free and the home of the brave" while actually being such a toxic country when it comes to race that in history, other countries, including Nazi Germany, studied America's race laws as they constructed their own societies exclusion, making "white" people the "chosen" race.

It is troubling that so many people who have the power to teach the truth about this country and thus perhaps offer real ways to combat it, seem ignorant of the history. The media feeds right into the narratives that the dominant culture has been spoon feeding everyone again - since this country became a country.

I shudder to think about where we are headed. Too many American think that what happened in German can never happen here. That denial will accelerate and clear the path for America to be...what she has always been.

America has shown us and the world what she is. We should believe her.

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Lessons from the March on Washington: The value of allyship

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The last weekend in August was the 58th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. As many Americans reflected on the significance of the day, particularly as voting rights across the country are under attack, they likely thought about the legacy and image of the mighty Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., standing at a lectern in front of the Lincoln Memorial, the huge crowd stretched before him captivated by his vision of a society without racism. If required to list the other leaders of this historic protest, Americans might be able to name one, maybe more, of the other Black men who, along with King, made up the "Big Six" -- James Farmer, John Lewis, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, and Whitney Young -- all of whom are now rightly honored as heroes of the Civil Rights movement.

However, we often forget that the "Big Six" were in fact "Top Ten," for the group had expanded in the weeks

before the march to include four White men. Three of them -- Mathew H. Ahmann, Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, and Rabbi Joachim Prinz -- were prominent religious leaders. The fourth, Walter



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R e u t h e r, was a labor leader.

Although, regrettably, no women were included in the "Top Ten" or given the opportunity to address the crowd

through long speeches as the men did, Daisy Bates, president of the Arkansas NAACP, talked briefly and several other women made notable musical contributions. Joan Baez led demonstrators in a rousing rendition of "We Shall Overcome." The gospel singer Mahalia Jackson not only sang but also played a pivotal role in the proceedings by calling out to a hesitant King, "Tell them about the dream, Martin," emboldening him to abandon his prepared speech and launch into a rousing improvisation.

It was not only those who were on the stage that day who understood the impact of allyship. The crowds also reflected the coming together of people of different races, genders, faiths and backgrounds to support the cause of justice, freedom, and jobs for all. It is estimated that around 20-25% of the 250,000 marchers were White. In a nation in which Whites still constituted more than 88% of the population, this was a small start, but the fact that the crowd was, undeniably, visibly diverse sent a powerful message: the dream that King described was for everyone.

Civil rights allyship was largely based on faith. In local churches, synagogues and mosques people came to a shared understanding of suffering and salvation and heard the call of some religious leaders to join the fight for justice.

Faith, in its broadest sense, is still a common denominator among those who respond to that call; even Americans who do not identify with any particular creed are often moved to action by a deep-rooted

belief that we are all bound together by our common humanity.

Today, as we continue the long struggle for racial equality in an increasingly polarized society, we must not forget that we have a proud tradition of allyship on which to draw. By openly celebrating the allies of the past, we inspire young people to follow their lead, we recognize the value of collaboration and we remind ourselves to cherish the allies of the present.

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Power Thoughts For Your Success

Levels of consciousness

On the most fundamental level, success is a matter of consciousness. There are three levels of mind or consciousness. They are the conscious mind, subconscious mind, and superconscious mind.

Each level of mind has its own characteristics.

The Conscious Mind

Your conscious mind is what you think. This is your rational, logical mind. It is masculine in nature and operates personally, selectively, and judgmentally.

Your conscious mind creates and develops your thoughts. Your thoughts have two aspects: the idea-the statement of the thought-and the feelings associated with the thought.

Your conscious mind transmits your thoughts to your subconscious mind through the feeling aspect of the thought.

The conscious mind reasons inductively. It proceeds to conclusions based on observation, experience, and education.

The conscious mind represents the world of effect.

The Subconscious Mind

Your subconscious mind represents what you are. It is your emotional, feeling mind.

This subconscious mind is feminine in nature and



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o p e r a t e s impersonally, non-selectively, and non-judgmentally.

It is non-selective in that it receives all ideas and gives them form and expression through feeling. It is non-judgmental in that it is not influenced by the truth or falsity of the ideas it receives.

Your subconscious mind accepts every idea as true and gives it form and expression through feeling.

It responds to persuasion, suggestion, and auto-suggestion. The subconscious mind reasons deductively.

It proceeds on the assumption of truth of

every idea and develops a system of logic that will objectify (manifest) that truth in accord with the feelings associated with it.

The subconscious mind represents the world of cause.

The Superconscious Mind

The superconscious mind is the source of all creativity and faith.

It is your spiritual mind, which is neither masculine nor feminine.

Your superconscious mind always operates on a subconscious level.

It has complete and total access to all ideas, feelings, and information stored in your subconscious mind.

It also has unlimited access to all knowledge and information in existence.

Your superconscious mind is the source of all intuition, inspiration, and internal motivation. It is capable of goal-oriented motivation and is stimulated by clarity of thought and decisiveness of actions.

The superconscious mind responds to clear authoritative commands by

releasing ideas and energy.

Your superconscious mind is independent of time. The past, present, and future are one and the same. It is identified with the God Mind.

Procedurally, you have a thought in your conscious mind. The feeling aspect of this thought stimulates the subconscious mind, which communicates and interacts with the superconscious mind to objectify or manifest the thought in your life experience.

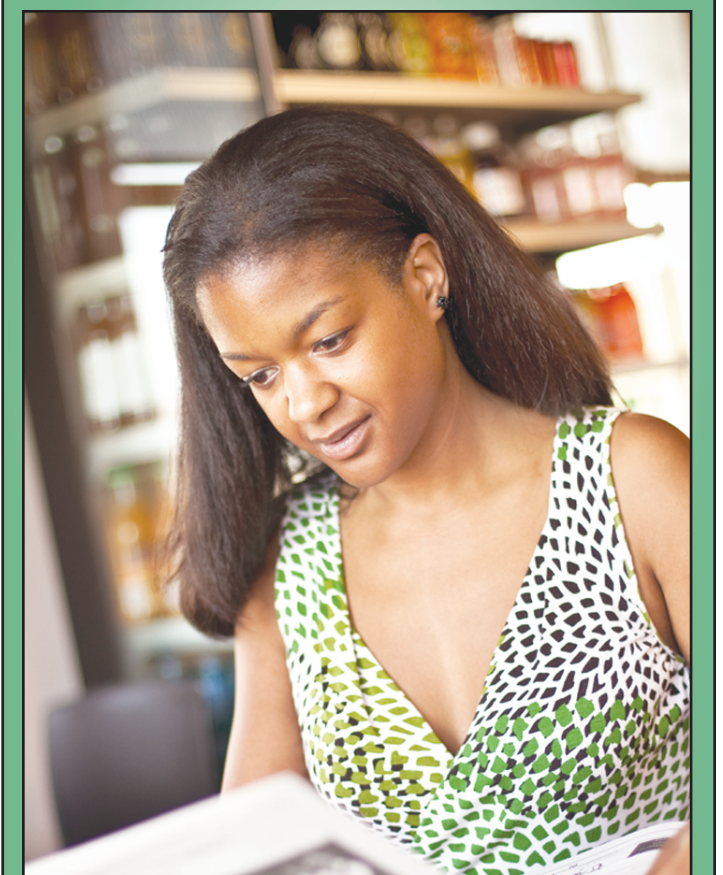
When the conscious, subconscious, and super-conscious minds are in harmony, nothing is impossible.

Next week - "Harmonic Relationships."

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Terrence Hamby

Terrence Hamby died August 27, 2021. Graveside service was held on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Terrence Leon Hamby, Sr., aka Mann" or "Jervay", son of Easter Bell Hamby and Emory "Blood" Williams, made his earthly presence in this world on March 15, 1974. He answered His heavenly Father's call home on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 9:55 A.M. at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Mann was preceded in death by his loving maternal grandmother, Mrs. Susie Mae Sykes; his maternal grandfather, James Hamby and three loving aunts, Mrs. Eathel Mae Ryan, Corrine H. Hamby and Florine M. Hamby. Mann was educated in the New Hanover County School System until grade 10. After the birth of his first son, he made the decision to complete his education, receiving his G.E.D. from Cape Fear Community College. Mann was employed with the New Hanover County Schools as a grounds landscape worker. After receiving his G.E.D., he later continued his love for landscaping with other privately owned landscaping companies. Mann was a one of a kind all around guy that met no strangers. To have known Mann and be blessed with his presence you best believe you were in good company of laughter, jokes, pranks and a lot of "big junk talk". Mann loved his children, family, people and his women. There was never a dull moment or day. He was the day of light you loved to see but hated to see coming for that was "Jervay", Oh Lord!!

While Man is in heaven watching and smiling down, he leaves his most cherished memories to : his three sons, Terrence Leon Hamby, Jr. "Big Redd", Demarius Simpson and Malique Hamby; a very special granddaughter; Jordan Simpson; his mother, Easter Bell Hamby; his father, Emory "Blood" Williams; stepfather, Jessie Hines, Jr. "Bozo"; four sisters, Regina Williams (Rod), Regina Hamby "Redd", Denise Hamby Mack (Abdul) and Tamico Stubblefield (Cedric); one brother, Terry Bellamy; four step-sisters, Tawanda Williams, Gwendolyn Hines, Teresa Baldwin and Jessica Hines; two step-brothers, Gary Hines and Herbert Hines; eleven nephews; four nieces; six great-nieces; three great-nephews three very special cousins whom he had a very deep sister and brother relationship, Danyell Hamby, LaMont Hamby and Rodriguez Hamby "Tolu"; a host of other cousins other relatives and friends, including four very special and loyal friends who were by his side no matter what, Donald and Ronald Bryant, Larry Wright and Jermaine Thompson and four very special close and loving

friends, DeeDee, Jazmaine, Leigha and Hope. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Shirley Loran Baldwin Lewis

Shirley Loran Baldwin Lewis died August 28, 2021. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Shirley was born on March 4, 1941 in Hallsboro, NC to the late Willie Damon Baldwin and Violet Rhodes Point. Shirley was educated in Columbus County Schools, later attending and graduating rom Williston Senior High School Class of 1959. Shirley accepted Christ at a tender age and was a member of Mt. Zion AME Church. Throughout Shirley's adult years she was employed as a Nurse's Aide and Caregiver. She was employed by Aramark until her demise. She had a true passion of caring for the elderly. Shirley made sure everybody ate and always had somewhere to stay. Many have had a seat at her table. She just loved to entertain family and friends, singing her favorite song on continuously repeat. She also loved collecting dolphins. Shirley was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Lewis; her son, Waverly Baldwin and brother, Willie Baldwin.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: sons, Dwayne Baldwin (Candice), Jimmy Baldwin (Brenda), Corey Baldwin (Quana) and Stefan Baldwin; daughters, Veronica Mitchell and Mashanna Alderman; daughter-in-law, Pamela Baldwin; 23 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; brother, Joseph Point (Tina); sisters-in-law, Teena Richardson (Tony), DeFrancia Lewis and Diannah Lewis; niece, Harriet Howard; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends, including forever friends, Angela Harrison, Margie Williamson, Carolyn Yates and Pamela Wilson. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lucious Carter Dickey

Lucious Carter Dickey died August 28, 2021. Funeral services were held on Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at the Wilmington National Cemetery.

Lucious, a Retired Air Force Master Sergeant, and Evangelical Minister was born June 16, 1950 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Lucious Preacher Dickey and Marjorie Plum. He served in the United States Air Force for 24 years as a Social Actions Technician earning various awards including a Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He graduated from the

Community College of the Air Force with an Associate in Applied Science. "Junior", as he was affectionately called, was a loving husband, father, brother, and spiritual man. He was actively involved in various community outreach programs including Prison Ministry, Tutoring, and Hospice Fellowship. Lucious will be remembered as a master chess player and avid karaoke singer. Lucious will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son, Christopher and his brother, Alphonso.

Lucious is survived by: his wife of 38 years, Adelaida; his six children, Lisa, Leonard, Maria, Yolanda, John, and Christina; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his siblings, Rosalia, Lucille, Marjorie, and Glen; other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Walter "Gus" Davis

Walter "Gus" Davis died September 1, 2021. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Oleander Memorial Gardens.

Walter J. Davis, lovingly known as "Gus", son of Ernest B. Davis and Susan Cooper Davis was born on September 5, 1943, in Wilson County, North Carolina. On September 1, 2021, he answered the call from his Father. "You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Come on in, sit down and rest a while." Walter was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He graduated from the "Greatest School Under the Sun", Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1962. At Williston he was a member of the Band as a drummer; on the football team and the baseball team. After high school Walter enlisted in the US Army with the 101st Airborne Company and served his country in the Vietnam War. Walter had a strong faith to belief in God. The entrepreneur spirit in Walter was developed at a young age from his father and the love of cooking from his mother. With those talents instilled in him he went on to start many businesses during his lifetime. "Don't Fuss Call Gus Catering Service" catered to many local companies and the community. He was known for his Ribs and Mongoo Sauce. In 1985 on the Azalea Festival weekend, D&D Skycap Service started at the old Wilmington (ILM) Airport with a grant given by New Hanover County to help Black owned businesses. During that time, he also started D&D Limousine Service. Gus had a way with people and met them where they were in their life. He loved children. If he could help a child or an adult in need, he did. Often times, knowing he was being taken advantage of. But that did not

stop his giving heart. His love, understanding and giving heart will forever be remembered by his family, friends and community. In addition to his parents, Walter was also preceded in death by his former spouse, Rosa Davis; one son, Walter Antonio Davis; three brothers, James B. Davis, Billie Davis and Robert Lee Cooper and two sisters, Susan B. Davis and Lillie Bell Myers.

Walter is survived by: one daughter, Elychia D. Redmond of Wilmington, NC; three grandchildren, William (Samantha) Davis of Leland, NC, Logan Davis of Atlanta, GA and Demetria Redmond of Pembroke, NC; one great-grandson, Blaize Davis of Boca Roca, FL; one brother, Lynnwood (Marjorie) Davis of Wilmington, NC; a special friend to the end, Linda F. Anderson; a host of nieces, nephews, his Sampit, SC Family, other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Julia Brock

Julia Brock died Monday, August 30, 2021. Funeral service was held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Julia Faye, daughter of the late Joseph and Patsy Pemberton Gore was born October 20, 1941 in Southport, North Carolina. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Brock, Sr.; son Lonnie Brock, Jr.; daughters, Virginia Pompey and Letha Brock; grandsons, Michael

Gore and Frederick Brock; three sisters and four brothers. Julia Faye was raised in Brunswick County where she attended school before moving to Wilmington. In Wilmington she attended Cape Fear Community College and Troutman's Cosmetology School. She was a hard-working mother of seven.

Her fond memories will always be cherished by: her loving children, Julia Gore Austin (Alonzo), Alexander Brock (Doris), Charlie Brock, Jr. (Helen), and Pearlie Mae Brock-Nelson, all of Wilmington, NC; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Rebecca Teachey of Raeford, NC and Rosetta Gore of Wilmington, NC; a special grandson, Alexander Brock, Jr.; two special nephews, Mark Gore and Tony Gore; two special daughters-in-law, Doris Brock and Brenda Bradford; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Noah Formey, Jr.

Noah Formey, Jr. died August 29, 2021. Graveside service will be 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Northwest Cemetery. Visitation is on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, prior to the service. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Brenda Waddell

Brenda Waddell died September 3, 2021. Graveside

service was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jimmie Small

Jimmie Small died September 6, 2021. Graveside service will be 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the St. Thomas Cemetery. Visitation is from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Wallace Randolph

Wallace Randolph died September 7, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3
Peace - Absence of war
Freedom from quarrels and disagreements
Inner Contentment

Peace is a promise to believers in Christ who keep their minds stayed on the Lord. We can achieve a reasonable level of peace in the mind if we focus on the Word of God, the Goodness of God, the Grace and Mercy of God, and the Love of God. There is so much tribulation in the world right now, that living in a state of peace is almost impossible. Yes, it is the will of God that there be peace on earth. But, it starts in the mind.

When we keep the thoughts

in our mind focused on the Word of God, then we have hope. That hope is more assuring when we know God's Word concerning our future. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Thoughts of peace from the mind of God, found in the Word of God, often bring comfort to our troubled minds. This calm assurance gives us peace in the midst of a storm, and shelter in the time of trouble. Remember, that It starts in the mind. There is a lot going on in the world right now that could cause many to live in fear and trepidation. Thank God, we are in the world, and not of the world. Therefore, In spite of what is going on in the world, we can be thankful for

"Peace starts in the mind"



Sylvia Hooper

forget that ... It starts in the mind.

There will be peace on earth, when there is peace in the minds of men. Jesus said in Matthew 24:6a, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of

wars." You may wonder, Lord when will there be peace on earth? Before we can completely end one war, another war has started. It seems that there is war going on somewhere in the earth at all times! Nations are rising against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms, parents against children, etc. but when the Lord says "peace," there shall be peace! Men say they are for peace, and all the while preparing for war, so how can we have peace on earth? There will come a day, according to the word of the Lord, when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fating together." And neither shall they learn war anymore. (Micah 4:3) Thank God for his Grace and Mercy!

Peace is a legacy of Jesus

Christ. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

St. John 14:27, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 Inner peace comes from trusting in the Lord and abiding in his word. It starts in the mind.

Peace is a promise to the Believers in Christ who keep their minds stayed on him and who love him and his law. Psalm 29:11, "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace." Psalm 119:165, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." The Love of God gives

us great peace. Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Prayer: Lord, let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. I realize now, that it starts in the mind!

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"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Who are we in Christ Jesus and what belongs to us in Him

We have received through the new birth or being born again Eternal Life, the very nature of God Almighty. We are now members of His family and partakers of His divine Nature. We are as near to God the Father in our relationship as Jesus was in His earth walk.

When we become a partaker of God's nature, we instantly become a sharer in His ability. We can stand in God's presence, we can fellowship with Him. We are now the righteousness of God in Christ.

We can stand in the presence of God without the sense of guilt or condemnation. We can stand in the presence of Satan and all of his cohorts without any sense of inferiority. Through Christ Jesus we become an absolute master of the Satanic forces.

Remember what Jesus said in Mark's gospel 16:17, "In my name ye shall cast out

demons." This is for us today. That is right now!

Jesus has offers us the opportunity and privilege to take His place while He returns to heaven. He has given us the authority of His Name, we have become heaven's representative in the earth.

We not only have God's nature, but Jesus says that He will give us another Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who will make His home in us. What does this really mean to you and I as believer? It means that the same Spirit that quicken and raise Jesus from the dead now lives in us and He will quicken our mortal body. We Got To Get This! This means no sickness or disease can live in our bodies unless we allow it through unbelief because He is the Spirit of Truth and sickness and diseases is not of the truth.

Because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, if we allow

Him to guide us into all the truth He will glorify Jesus in us and through us. He will take the things of the Father and show, reveal and manifest them unto us.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

We will have the mind of Christ and the Holy Spirit will produce in us those spiritual traits call the fruit of the spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will begin to be manifested through us to the glory of God.

We cannot fail when we are being lead by the Holy Spirit because again He is the Spirit of Truth and He leads us into all the Truth. Failure is not of the Truth its of the devil, it is manifested in us through a

decision of the flesh. We cannot be defeated by the devil if we give the Holy Spirit His rightful place in our lives.

Romans 8:32, He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also (in the same like manner) with Him freely give us all things. I am taking this verse personally, its mine, I own it, its my heritage, its mine now, right now it's my possession.

Ephesians 1:3, Blessed be the God and Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly place in Christ. You Got To Get This! He does not say, can bless me (if I have faith) Not, will bless me, but has blessed me. When? When I was born again into His family. I am blessed! Our every need is met. We Got To Get This! The riches of Christ are mine/yours according to the Word of God. Eph. 1:7b, according to the riches of his grace;

v.18, and what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints (me). This is who we are in Christ Jesus, you must see yourself through mirror of the word of God Ephes.2:6-8, 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. I am whom God's says that I am. I will make His words my word, in other word I will take ownerships or possession of His word. How will I take possession or ownership of the Word of God. First, I will apply Psalms 119:11, Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. Secondly, I would practice Psalms19:14, Let the words of

my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. Thirdly, I would follow the instructions of Proverbs 4:20-23, 20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. This is the end result: In Gal.5:22-23, KJV 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Amen.

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

One religion say its bridging the racial divide by overcoming the challenges of an interracial marriage

SPECIAL TO NNPA NEWSWIRE — When Greg Watson began dating the woman of his dreams 30 years ago, he barely noticed the contrast in their skin colors.

"It wasn't an issue," he recalls after three decades with his wife, Jody. "We weren't brought up to see people that way."

Not everyone in his rural community agreed, however.

Greg remembers the first times he noticed heads shaking in disapproval as a Black man with a White woman. Suddenly, he couldn't get the issue off his mind.

"When we would go out, Jody would caution me, 'Why do you keep looking over your shoulder?'" said Greg.

"I would say, 'You just never know.'"

According to the Pew Research Center, one in six new marriages is now interracial. However, while statistics suggest that interracial marriages in America have gained greater acceptance, not all couples have that experience.

Still, they have found ways to cope. Shared religious faith, along with a community of fellow believers, has been invaluable in navigating the

cultural complexities.

Greg and Jody grew up worshipping and associating with a diverse group of people in their congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

So, neither their families nor their fellow congregants were surprised when they began to date and later married.

The experience was similar for Monifa and Isaac Homza's multiracial, multi-generational clan.

Monifa's Nigerian-Caribbean father and Korean mother were often a curiosity in their New York City neighborhood. But at home, the children could see their peaceful and loving relationship, Monifa said.

"They took care of each other despite what was happening around them."

Meanwhile, Isaac grew up in rural Virginia, where he observed the racial divide daily on his bus ride to school.

As he passed two churches that shared a parking lot, he noticed that the lot divided attendees by race.

"It seemed strange to me because, at our congregation, we all met together," Isaac said.

The couple eventually met through a mutual friend

when Isaac moved to New York to work at the headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses with volunteers worldwide.

Monifa was immediately drawn to Isaac's piercing blue eyes. As for Isaac, there was no question: "I thought she was beautiful."

A similar sense of humor and willingness to expand their cultural horizons helped too.

The couple might never have come to be if the prior generation hadn't overcome their own cultural biases.

Monifa's father made significant changes once he started studying the Bible and saw that all races are equal in God's sight.

He widened his circle of friends, met Monifa's mother, and later welcomed his White son-in-law into the family.

"It was heartwarming to me because I knew the background my dad had and the prejudices he held," said Monifa.

"It's not the way you look. It's what you are on the inside."

Now living in Maui, the Homzas are working to impart the same qualities to their three children as part of a Hawaiian-language congregation.

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ples we try to teach them is a love of neighbor," Monifa added. "We don't categorize people. We love people of all races."

According to a study conducted by the University of Utah, married couples who had shared values reported higher levels of marital happiness and individual well-being than those who did not.

The Watsons agree that love, loyalty, and faith are among the shared values on which they base their marriage and family life.

They credit daily Bible reading and prayer with helping them to communicate on a deeper level with one another, especially when differences of opinion come into play.

"When you have differences," said Jody.

"You have a base to go back to—God's standards."

Greg agreed:

"Our cohesiveness has been our faith and applying principles. In the Bible, it said that God made the two one, and we take that very

seriously."

Now retired and with no children at home, the Watsons hike, bike, and spend time in a volunteer ministry with each other.

"We spend all of our time together," Greg said.

"Things just seem to be getting better and better."

More information on the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses, including resources for happy family life, can be found on their official website, <http://www.jw.org>.

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Dennis Michael Rasmussen
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alice E. Kennedy**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of November, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of August, 2021

William A. Kennedy, Executor
1227 Kennington St.
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August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2021

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 21 JA 95

IN THE MATTER OF: T.S.

TO: JOHN CHARLES SANDERS, RESPONDENT-PARENT OF T.S. born on October 08, 2003 in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on June 02, 2021 alleging that T.S. is a Dependent Juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, August 26, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

John Charles Sanders has been assigned Attorney Brandon Pettijohn. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 409-6231, 205 North 5th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, or may occur via Webex at a time to be determined.

This the 26TH day of August, 2021.

Regina Floyd-Davis, Senior Attorney
New Hanover County Department of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 Phone
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August 26, September 2, 9, 2021

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The City of Wilmington and the United Way of the Cape Fear Area are issuing a Request for Proposals through the following link:

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