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America is falling apart right before our very eyes strictly because of this divisive PARTISANSHIP created by our elected representatives.

Sunday morning Chris Wallace interviewed Hawk Newsome, the head of BLM from New York state; he and his sister founded BLM in New York. Both are Marxist who I have little in common with; however he was articulate, intelligent, and forthright in this interview. He made several points that I fully agree with having to do with Congress and their lack of accomplishments on racial matters. He referred to Congressional Black leadership as being especially inept on the issue of Black on Black crime.

That interview was followed by 30-year Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes from Washington, DC, who answered to some of Hawk Newsome’s complaints. She of course blamed the other side for not supporting her side and justifying her 30 years of at least trying, again all at our expense. She believes Andrew Jackson’s — as well as multiple other statues — should come down, but legally, not by violent protesters.

You may call this petty politics but it is everything but petty; this division is now a trillion-dollar business created by our rather naive forefathers and their inability to preemptively control the power they gave to Congress. If we as in “We the people” of all colors continue to follow our chosen party line like blind sheep we will be party to the demise of this country. If we continue in this direction one side will achieve 100 percent, and I already don’t like that side.

Terry Coultas

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To the Editor:

The right to protest is a basic tenant of our American culture but the mob-driven destruction of public/private property to somehow erase our history is nothing more than vandalism and criminal behavior. What happened to the education system that taught “if we don’t learn from our past mistakes how can we prevent repeating them in the future?”

Who would benefit from erasing the truth about what and who was the reason behind the Civil War? Shouldn’t we at least continue to honor and celebrate the thousands who gave their lives to end slavery? Do we want to forget the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II? What about the civil rights marches, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and who gave birth to the KKK? Should we erase all of that history and tear down more monuments and also rewrite all textbooks? Who would benefit from hiding the truth?

As we look across America’s major cities where are the majority of issues with police brutality claims? Where are poverty,

homelessness, and crime highest? Who has been in charge of those cities for 50-plus years; and what have they done with the billions of tax dollars received for implementing solutions?

Along with the mainstream press, who seems to twist every issue into being about race; especially during an election cycle? What if learning about positive race relations once again focused on our children?

“Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red, brown, yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children
Of the world”

Also, is our nation better off since kicking God totally out of school classrooms? Ronald Reagan profoundly declared, “If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

Jeff Mackey

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To the Editor:

Some suggest that this is a time for whites like me to actively listen to people who have multi-generational experience as the victims of racism. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is one author whose writing I’ve been reading — specifically, his 1963 Letter From Birmingham Jail. The text of the letter is available at https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html.

Dr. King addressed his letter to eight white religious leaders who had objected to his unsettling presence and work in Birmingham, Alabama, yet claimed to be friends of justice. Volcanic fury bubbles just below the carefully reasoned surface of his letter. He rebutted their objections, in part, by explaining that he intended to create “constructive tension.” He asserted that such tension is foundational to progress toward a more just society.

Reading the letter created “constructive tension” in me. Among other effects, it has caused me to consider how I can improve my ability to recognize and seize opportunities to be a more active accomplice of justice.

You may react differently to Dr. King’s letter to his white correspondents. I imagine there may be nearly as many different reactions as there are readers. Listening to others’ responses may help us clarify our own thinking about race and justice.

I’ve scheduled a 45-minute “Zoom” conference for Thursday, July 2, , at 7:15 p.m. The only prerequisites are that you live within the Sisters School District boundaries and that you read Dr. King’s letter before the Zoom session begins.

White or otherwise, please send me an email at peteshepherd5@gmail.com if you want to participate. I’ll send you an invitation and further details.

Pete Shepherd

RALLY: Residents honored fire, police personnel

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Sisters resident Jennifer Smith, another supporter, said, “I have a lot of friends in the Sisters Country community that are first responders. I think it’s really important to acknowledge them not only for the time we are in right now, but in all other times as well.”

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District fire truck and an ambulance drove by the rally, turning on their lights and waving. Cars honked showing support. And throughout the peaceful gathering until 1 p.m. many first responders drove by to say thank you — Black Butte Ranch Fire Department, the Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District and Deschutes County Sheriff and many more.

Amanda Moore was there showing support along with her dog, Gracie Lou.

“The first responders are absolutely important and vital to the Sisters community and we need to support

them in every way,” said Moore.

Seher took a moment’s break and stepped out of Sno-Cap to talk to *The Nugget*.

“I am a retired nurse and if we didn’t have the first responders, especially in our community, we wouldn’t have the life we do,” she said. “ They keep us safe. They keep us healthy. I have been on the receiving end of the EMS multiple times personally and I can’t thank them enough for what they do. You don’t do it for the money, you do it because you have a love for people, a caregiver’s mentality. That’s what this is; caring for the caregivers because they need to know how much we appreciate them.”

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— Jennifer Seher

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