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JOHN LEWIS, LION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONGRESS, DIES AT 80

























By Calvin Woodward American history." and Desiree Seals

ATLANTA (AP) — John Lewis, a lion of the civil rights movement whose bloody beating by Alabama state troopers in 1965 helped galvanize opposition to racial segregation, and who went on to a long and celebrated career in Congress, has died. He was 80.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi confirmed Lewis' passing late Friday night, calling him "one of the greatest heroes

"All of us were humbled to call Congressman Lewis a colleague, and are heartbroken by his passing," Pelosi said. "May his in late December 2019 memory be an inspiration that moves us all to, in the face of injustice, make 'good trouble, necessary trouble."

Lewis were bipartisan. from both sides of the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Lewis was "a pioneering ing of this Atlanta civil rights leader who put Democrat would represent his life on the line to fight racism, promote equal

rights, and bring our nation into greater alignment with its founding principles."

Lewis's announcement that he had been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer — "I have never faced a fight quite like the one I have now," The condolences for he said — inspired tributes aisle, and an unstated accord that the likely passthe end of an era.

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"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America."

- U.S. Rep. John Lewis speaking atop the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, on March 1, 2020





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John Lewis: Civil Rights Pioneer (1940-2020)

My Day by Dr. J. Ester Davis

We knew it was coming. We wanted to delay every moment, but we knew what the legendary congressman had made us aware of several months

John Lewis died this week. The 5'6" tall giant of warrior status succumbed to that place we all have a date with.

Two (2) years ago in July, 2018, Congressman John Lewis was in Dallas at the African American Museum campaigning for Colin Allred.

Congressman Eddie Bernice Johnson asked him to come by on his way back to Washington. remember that day well because I read the email late and had to adjust to be there. Nobody wants to miss an opportunity to be in the same room with Congressman John Lewis. And this would be in

fourth time in his pres-

While his visit to Dallas this time was brief, it was filled with meaning, personal sincerity and purpose. He circled the room with intimacy familiar and comfortable with the people. He had a quiet mild down home style manner. With the young people later, he was a master-atwork.

In Dallas, John Lewis mentioned his arrest record of some 40 times. In his death, the media is amplifying that he was 'arrested more than 40 times'. And as a former legal assistant in a black

owned hospital, staffed law firm in the late 60's, I still doubt that many do with offices, doctors, surnot digest the full measgical room, pharmacies ure of that testimony. It is and nurses. Two (2) taxi always so casually mencabs companies with full tioned, but my full memoliability insurance transry throttle is of a commuporting our people around. nity coming together, rais-Our economy was cening the money to post bail, tered around the hospital, get 'those boys out of jail' a cache of 3,000 businessas I heard so many times, es south and north and an intentional middle class. and back to the designated mission. The legal genius

We had powerbrokers in this region like Attorney W. J. Durham, I. H. Clayborn, the Prince Hall Mason Commander & Attorney D. B. Mason, a fessionals came together dapper gentle man that wore bowties, all well Thurgood connected. Marshall, the former Chief Justice, was an attorney anchored in Washington, Marshall DC. Durham were former college classmates. Marshall called often late in the evening, for Brice Cunningham and/or Attorney Louis Bedford to handle cases elsewhere. Fortunately in Dallas in Clayborn and Sam Pierce, former Secretary of HUD,

ranking Masons. Attorneys Durham and Mason was connected to the out-ofstate legal world across the heavily populated black south. Add to this equation a group I called the "Conductors", which was the family owned funeral homes connecting the south along with their "Tonto", the Sleeping Car Porters, the first predominantly African American Labor Union and the network is completely crystal

So, when we say that John Lewis was a Civil Rights Pioneer, he was that finale part of an exemplary gridiron that operated with precision intelligence across state and county lines in these United States to propel this part of history to the finish line. Thank you Congressman John Lewis for all your endurances for a better America.

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The number of people testing positive for Covid-19 in this country has now exceeded 3 million, and is increasing. Unlike the rest of the world, we have not been able to get control of this virus and not because we don't have the ability. The real reason is that we have placed money over the loss of human life. There is a rush to reopen businesses, like the return to bars and dine-in restaurants; the relaxation of freezes on rents and evic-

although people

can't work; and the forcing of people in some industries, like meat processing plants where, in spite of the high number of worksite infections, people are forced to put their lives at risk, work to save their jobs and their company's lost profits.

in our community, their

assistants, educators, bar-

tenders, barbers, maids,

media, magicians and a whole hosted army of pro-

to take care of whatever.

We all worked endless

hours and our monthly

long distance telephone

bills were several thou-

sand at times. A vital part

of the entire civil rights

movement is the absence

of the street life communi-

ty and their benevolence.

That's another subject.

the early days we had a

operated

Profits, Pandemics, People and Racist

Another time.

The whole idea of "reopening" the economy dominates the White House and many of the states with the highest number of infections. This conversation has become, for some, more important than the lives being lost

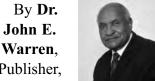
The 130,000 plus lives lost in this country, with a daily infection rate that has exceeded 50,000 people, still does not seem as important to many as the idea of "reopening" businow a known risk. The emphasis on money appears to have become more important than the pandemic itself.

The people dying each day are being reduced to statistics outside of their personal families loved ones. When one also looks at the elderly and people of color as the ones disproportionately dying, and the failure of the federal government and some of the states to make provisions for the needed additional supplies to help our healthcare workers on the frontline, it becomes clear that some have decided that those dying are "expendable" and, therefore, not a loss.

Now racism has entered the picture. Racism makes

nesses in spite of what is it easy to place profits ahead of people. Racism makes it easy to blame the pandemic for the loss of life and not our own prejudices. Racism makes it easy to be more concerned about ourselves than those we put at risk by not wearing a mask when asked to do so.

The inscription on our currency should changed from "In God We Trust" to "In Money and Profit, no matter what the cost." Perhaps when death hits those who think their businesses and personal rights are more important than the lives of those around them, might once again become more important than profits, the pandemic and



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A Journey Through the Gospel of St. John

"What A Well Of A Meeting" (Part III) St. John 4:11-19

As we continue our series with regard to Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman, one is immediately impressed with the poise and patience of Jesus as He deals with her ignorance and blindness of spiritual matters. In verses 11 and 12 alone, she exhibits her ignorance of spiritual matters, for her mind is still obsessed with a physical matter, whereas, Jesus wanted her to understand that the "water" in which He offers will thoroughly quench her spiritual thirst (St. John 4:13-14). Jesus Christ, "the water of life," is the only One who can adequately and suf-

ficiently satisfy the spiritual thirst of any unsaved person. And like this Samaritan outcast, we were all born into this world with a spiritual thirst. And being thirsty ones, we needed Jesus to pass through our Samaria experience, and save us from the deep well of dying and perishing in our sins. I thank God that someone shared the gospel with me because I was sinking – and really, I was on my way to the depths of hell! But, somebody told me about Christ's amazing work on the cross! This woman of Samaria had a well of a meeting with Jesus Christ and her life was changed – she overcame her prejudice attitude, and now we find her making a request – "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw" (St. John 4:15). Jesus' patient conversation with this Samaritan outcast was not altogether in vain, for now we can discern that her darkened understanding was about to be illuminated. Again, her understand-

ing of Christ as the "Water of Life" and the "Source of Eternal Life" had not yet dawned upon her; she was still so preoccupied with physical water, not knowing that she was in the presence of One who can satisfy her spiritual thirst. Having gotten her attention, and aroused her curiosity, Jesus brings to light her guilt by making a strange request - "Go call thy husband and come hither" (v.16). This Samaritan outcast must come to the realization that she has a desperate need that only Jesus Christ can meet and satisfy. This poor, wretched Samaritan outcast, who is an illustration of any unsaved person, is now under deep conviction and her immoral condition is candidly exposed, for she replied to Jesus in verse 17, by saying – "I have no husband." In verses 17-19, Jesus Christ went on to tell this woman about her immoral lifestyle, which disclosed the fact that our Lord is omniscient, for even He knows about our sin-sick condition.

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And remember, before you can get help at the well, you must see yourself as guilty, undone, lost and a hell-deserving unsaved one. But, Oh! There is help available at every depot of life – remember, Jesus will stop through your Samaria and save you! This Samaritan outcast came to the recognition that Jesus was a prophet (v.19) and as a prophet, He is God's spokesman to man. And as God's spokesman, He is the only means of sinful man getting to the Father, for St. John 14:6 says – "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

May God truly bless!

by Rev. Johnny C. Smith Editorial Columnist



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The number of confirmed cases at the Federal Medical Center-Carswell in Fort Worth jumped to 510 on Tuesday, just two days after the Bureau of Prisons reported that 200 women there had tested positive for COVID-19, the illness caused by the

coronavirus. Only the federal prison in Seagoville, also located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, had more infected inmates, with 1,156 cases as of Tuesday.



Investigators: Texas couple defrauded Army out of millions

By JAKE BLEIBERG
DALLAS (AP) —
Federal agents have seized
more than 20 vehicles and
the money from 10 bank
accounts belonging to
married U.S. Army veterans in Texas, saying the
pair used personal information stolen from soldiers to defraud the military out of as much as \$11

million.

Army investigators obtained warrants last month to confiscate the funds and property and to collect evidence of the alleged fraud during their search of the home of the retired sergeants, according to recently unsealed federal court records.

In an affidavit seeking to search Kevin Pelayo and Cristine Fredericks' home in Killeen, a city near Fort Hood about 150 miles (240 kilometres) southwest of Dallas, investigators described how the couple allegedly used a transportation reimbursement program for federal employees to swindle the Army out of \$2.3 million to \$11.3 million.



Texas town removes fence between white, Black cemeteries

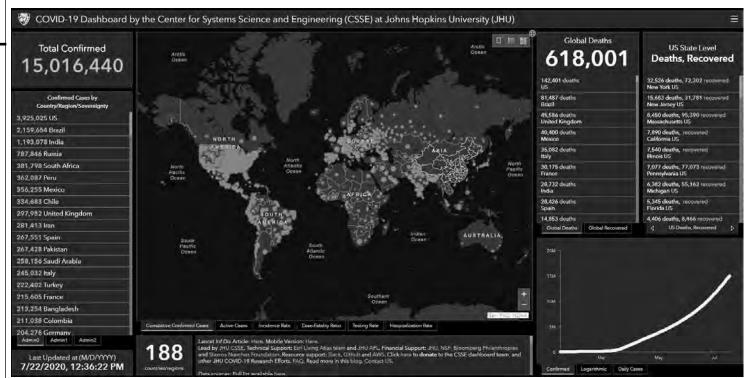
MINEOLA, Texas (AP)
— Another lingering relic
of the Jim Crow era was
being ripped from the
ground this week in a
small East Texas town.

Municipal crews were digging up a fence between two adjacent but separate historically Black and historically white cemeteries in Mineola, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) east of Dallas.

The removal project began with a Wednesday morning ceremony and is expected to take four days, said David Collett, president of Cedars Memorial Garden, the cemetery historically reserved for the graves of white people.

"It was a very emotional moment," he said.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND TIPS TO STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY



As of Wednesday July 22, 2020 the total confirmed covid-19 cases globally totaled 15,016,440. Texas cases make up **3,331,844** of the global count. Dallas County makes up **42,292** of these cases, with **526** fatalities. The Dallas Post Tribune encourages you to **Stay Home, Stay Safe**!

"I know racism when I see it. I know racism when I feel it. And at the highest level of government, there's no room for racism. It sows the seeds of violence and destroys the hopes and dreams of people. The world is watching. They are shocked and dismayed because it seems we have lost our way as a nation, as a proud and great people."





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NBA Family React to the Death of John Lewis



The first time I met John Lewis I was very emotional shaking his hand because it was such an important life event for me.

John Lewis' stature in the Civil Rights Movement was gigantic and the example he set for people like myself will endure.

I'm glad that he got to see the efforts of his past sixty years of activism bear such precious fruit these last few months as people took to the streets, just as he had, to fight for a just and free America.

Kareem Abdul- Jabbar

Washington Wizards 🚳 "When you see something that is not right, not just, not fair, you have a moral obligation to say something." Rest In Peace, John Lewis. Thank you for showing us what #GoodTrouble looks like.

Brett Brown begins Sixers practice by huddling his players around a photo and passage from the late John Lewis and asking players about his legacy.

(AP) - John Lewis, one of the leaders of the civil movement America and a long-time congressman, died Friday at the age of 80.

That has hit some in the NBA hard.

"I'll tell you a quick story," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said Saturday in a Zoom conference with reporters. "I was young, I was playing for the Hawks, and I got to know Andy Young really well, and Andrew was running for governor, Andy Young. Just think said, Well, Mr. Young, I Congressman

about that, I was a — I don't know, 26 maybe, 27. I don't know how old I was. And we flew to Albany, Georgia, of all places, and Andrew Young gave a speech at an all-white church, and he was fantastic. It was an absolutely amazing speech. The crowd was going crazy.

"We get on the plane, and we're talking, and Andrew Young turns to me and said — he used to call me Young Doc. He says, Young Doc, what and I went on a campaign did you think about the trip with John Lewis and speech, and I jokingly mourn the loss of

thought the speech was great, but I don't think you're getting one vote from that church, and everybody started laughing. John Lewis piped in and says, well, we're not trying to get all of them, we're just trying to get one at a time, and eventually it will be all of them. I thought that was just one powerful state-

Rivers was far from the only person in NBA circles remembering Lewis on Saturday.

"The Atlanta Hawks

Lewis," the Hawks said in a statement. "Last night, our city and country lost one of its heroes and most important civil rights icons who was highly regarded for his nearly six decades of social activism and getting into 'good trouble'. He continued to inspire many with courage, sacrifice and unwavering dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles. His legacy will forever be remembered

1960s, and our nation will be forever indebted to him for his lifelong dedication to public service. The entire Hawks organization sends their deepest condolences to Mr. Lewis' family and his friends."

a statement:

"The NBA Family mourns the passing of Rep. John Lewis, a great American hero and icon of the civil rights movement and the fight for equality who helped galthroughout the city's vanize opposition to that was, and yet we're peaceful protests to fight racial segregation and still fighting that fight." racial inequality in the social injustice."

"What's amazing is when you think about right now, some of the stuff that John Lewis was fighting for, we're still fighting for," Rivers said. "Voter suppression right now is at an all-time high. It's amazing how The NBA also released hard — we have a group of people who are trying to get people not to vote. Latinos, blacks young people are the targets. That's who they're trying to get not to vote.

> "It's amazing when you think about how long ago

Detroit Youth Choir's 'Glory' pays powerful tribute to John Lewis, **Black Lives Matter**



(AP) - The 2014 song by Common and John Legend is from the movie "Selma." The Detroit Youth Choir added lyrics with numerous members of the choir rapping to them.

"If you're Black and you're proud, hands up. If you want to make a change, all my leaders stand up. Look, I'm tired of seeing my people on the

news, texting my friends hoping they're OK, too. And ya, we get that all lives matter, but I didn't get to choose the color of my skin, so how does that matter?"

"Your job is to serve and protect me so where's the protection? I'm only dying from racism and COVID infections. The more they kill us off, we're losing our mothers and fathers.

When will enough be enough? I shouldn't be afraid that I'm next to go in handcuffs. It's time to team up and stop the cruelty. My borders up and I see him walking towards me. Walking, yelling no justice, no peace. Until my people reach equality."

This music video can be seen on YouTube.

Citing COVID-19 Concerns, Former **Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway** Wants Release From Federal Prison



(credit: Dallas County Sheriff's Office)

(Dallas) - After more than 13 months in a West Texas federal prison, lawyers for former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway are trying to get him released on home confinement, because of the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Caraway pled guilty to accepting some \$450,000 in bribes and kickbacks from a company selling stop-arm cameras for school buses owned by the now defunct Dallas Co.

Schools. He is now serving a 56 month sentence at the Big Spring Federal Correction Facility.

In a federal district court motion, lawyers said long before being sentenced to prison the now 68-yearold Caraway suffered from, "various medical conditions, including but not limited to sleep apnea, hypertension, esophageal dyskinesia, hyperlipidemia, hypogonadism, polyneurophathy" and is a high risk prisoner because of those health and age factors.

Part of the motion said, "Due to his [Caraway's] age and current health conditions, he is in a vulnerable group for susceptibility to the Coronavirus and serious medical complications from that dis-

Attorneys for Caraway detailed how one of the

best ways to prevent contracting COVID-19 is to practice social distancing and how that is virtually impossible within the crowded spaces of a Texas

Lawyers claim to have requested back in May that Caraway be released to home confinement, but have not received a response. "The need to address a potential order of home confinement for Mr. Caraway is urgent," they said.

Claiming that the former Dallas politician is in 'dire risk' of severe illness or premature death if he remains incarcerated, lawyers also Caraway, who was convicted on non-violent charges, poses no threat to the community release and already has a plan in place for re-entry.

"What I try to tell young people is that if you come together with a mission, and it's grounded with love and a sense of community, you can make the impossible POSSIBLE." - U.S. Rep. John Lewis

IN MEMORIAM: Legendary Civil Rights Icon C.T. Vivian Dies at 95



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The Rev. C.T. Vivian, the legendary civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has died. Rev. Vivian was 95.

Vivian's daughter, Denise Morse, confirmed her father's death and told Atlanta's NBC affiliate WXIA that he was "one of the most wonderful men who ever walked the earth."

Vivian reportedly suffered a stroke earlier this year, but his family said he died of natural causes.

"He has always been one of the people who had the most insight, wisdom, izers."

integrity, and dedication," said former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, a contemporary of Vivian who also

"The Reverend Dr. C.T. Vivian was one of my strongest mentors in the Civil Rights Movement," National Newspaper Publishers Association President Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., stated.

worked alongside King.

"Rev. Vivian, like Martin Luther King, Jr, and Joseph Lowery was a theologian, visionary genius, and a leading force in the tactical and strategic planning of effective nonviolent civil disobedience demonstrations. C.T. has passed the eternal baton to a new generation of civil rights agitators and organ-

In a statement emailed to BlackPressUSA, the NBA's Atlanta Hawks expressed their condolences.

"The Atlanta Hawks organization is deeply saddened by the passing of Civil Rights Movement leader, minister, and author, Dr. Cordy Tindell "C.T." Vivian. The City of Atlanta and the entire world has lost a distinguished icon whose leadership pushed the United States to greater justice and racial equality for African Americans," team officials wrote in the

"To inspire the next generation, Vivian founded C.T. the Vivian Leadership Institute in Atlanta, with the intent to create a model of leadership culture in the city that would be dedicated to the development and sustainability of our communities."

They continued:

"Vivian also started Basic Diversity, one of the nation's first diversity consulting firms, now led by his son, Al, who has been a great partner to our organization. We are

grateful for Dr. Vivian's many years of devotion to Atlanta and thankful that we had the opportunity to honor and share his legacy with our fans. The entire Hawks organization extends its most sincere condolences to the grieving family."

Rev. Vivian was active in sit-in protests in Peoria, Illinois, in the 1940s, and met King during the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott a demonstration spurred by Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a white rider. The 13month mass protest drew international attention.

become an active early member of the group that eventually became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to his biography.

Like King, Vivian was committed to the belief that nonviolent protests could carry the day.

"Some thoughts on the Reverend C.T. Vivian, a pioneer who pulled America closer to our founding ideals and a friend I will miss greatly,"

Obama wrote in a statement. "We've lost a founder of modern America, a pioneer who shrunk the gap between reality and our constitutional ideals of equality and freedom."

Rev. Vivian was born in Boonville, Missouri, on July 30, 1924. He and his late wife, Octavia Geans Vivian, had six children.

With the help of his support for change. church, he enrolled in American Theological Seminary in Nashville in 1955.

That same year he and other ministers founded the Nashville Christian Rev. Vivian went on to Leadership Conference, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to the National Visionary Leadership Project. The group helped organize the city's first sit-ins and civil rights march.

> By 1965 Rev. Vivian had become the director of national affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference when he led a group of people to register to vote ation of activists and in Selma, Alabama.

Former President Barack Vivian, noting that, as the

county Sheriff Jim Clark blocked the group, Vivian said in a fiery tone, "We will register to vote because as citizens of the United States we have the right to do it."

Clark responded by beating Vivian until blood dripped off his chin in front of rolling cameras. The images helped galvanize more comprehensive

Vivian also created a Baptist college readiness program to help "take care of the kids that were kicked out of school simply because they protested racism."

"I admired him from and before I became a senator and got to know him as a source of wisdom, advice, and strength on my first presidential campaign," Obama stated.

"I'm only here to thank C.T. Vivian and all the heroes of the Civil Rights generation. Because of them, the idea of just, fair, inclusive, and generous America came closer into focus. The trails they blazed gave today's genermarchers a road map to CNN memorialized Rev. tag in and finish the jour-

Big Mac Racism at McDonald's (Continuation of part 1)

Trevor Coleman II at The Hines and at the time Hines that five African ments. Michigan Chronicle

She further alleges she reported Ranft to her supervisors and emphatolerate being called a within nigger McDonald's or anywhere else. She said there was no response to her complaint from the corporation and Ranft was eventually promoted to Vice President of Development for the entire U.S.

The suit also alleges in

responsible for 50% of American about 14,000 restau- Johnson, rants, instructed Neal Calloway not to consult with or were "angry African women, Bridgette Hernandez and Barbara Calloway who had been promoted over Strong's opposition. She alleged he stated, "We don't need any of that Black woman's attitude. They aggressive."

The next year in dents

By Whitney Gresham 2017 Strong, who super- March 2018, Strong Strong when he alleged- McDonald's W. vised Neal and Guster- allegedly told Guster- ly made these state- Easterbrook the U.S. business and Chioke Elmore, Regina Hernandez, and Neal, Black sized that she would not take the advice of two women" that "always American seemed to be mad about something." He then allegedly asked Guster-Hines to explain the source of their anger.

The five women constituted 40% of female African American vice presidents as of March are too angry and 2018. And were three out of five vice presireporting

"So that was shocking that he was so openly discussing that with various stakeholders that women," Neal said.

But what she, Guster-Hines, and others found even more jarring and demoralizing was after they shared Strong's racist, sexist, demeaning remarks to his superiors, he, too, was promoted and they were demoted.

"In shocking ways to difficult to overstate, war against the African American community," the lawsuit alleges.

Neither the we were angry Black M c D o n a 1 d 's Corporation Media Relations Department or the lawyer representing them, Nigel F. Telman of Chicago, returned calls from the Chronicle by publication deadline.

> However, in a statefiling of the suit, McDonald's said it disagreed with the charac-

and ny's behavior. It said Kempczinski declared a 45% of its corporate officers and all of its field vice-presidents are people of color.

"At McDonald's, our actions are rooted in our belief that a diverse, vibrant, inclusive, and respectful company makes us stronger," the company said. "While we disagree with characterizations in the complaint, we are currently ment to the media in reviewing it and will January, issued at the respond to the complaint accordingly."

To be continued...

"It was very moving, very moving to see hundreds and thousands of people from all over America and around the world take to the streets to speak up, to speak out, to get into what I call good trouble, but to get in the way. And because of the action of young and old, Black, white, Latino, Asian-American and Native American, because people cried and prayed, people will never, ever forget what happened and how it happened, and it is my hope that we are on our way to greater change." —on Black Lives Matter protests following George Floyd's death

"You cannot stop the call of history," Lewis told CBS This Morning co-anchor Gayle King. You may use troopers You may use fire hoses and water, but it cannot be stopped. There cannot be any turning back. We have come too far and made too much progress to stop now and go back."







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JOHN LEWIS, LION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONGRESS, DIES AT 80

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The announcement of his death came just hours after the passing of the Rev. C.T. Vivian, another civil rights leader who died early Friday at 95.

Lewis was the youngest and last survivor of the Six civil rights activists, a group led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. that had the greatest impact on the movement. He was best known for leading some 600 protesters in the Bloody Sunday march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma.

At age 25 — walking at the head of the march with his hands tucked in the pockets of his tan over-— Lewis was knocked to the ground and beaten by police. His skull was fractured, and nationally televised images of the brutality forced the country's attention on racial oppression in the South.

Within days, King led more marches in the state, and President Lyndon Johnson soon was pressing Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act. The bill became law later that year, removing barriers that had barred Blacks from voting.

"He loved this country so much that he risked his life and his blood so that it might live up to its promise," President Barack Obama said after Lewis' death. "Early on, he embraced the principles of nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience as the means to bring about real change in this country."

Lewis joined King and four other civil rights leaders in organizing the March 1963 Washington. He spoke to the vast crowd just before delivered epochal "I Have a Dream" speech.

A 23-year-old firebrand, Lewis toned down his intended remarks at the insistence of others, dropping a reference to a "scorched earth" march through the South and scaling back criticisms of President John Kennedy. It was a potent speech nonetheless, in which he vowed: "By the forces of

nation and our numbers. we shall splinter the segregated South into a thousand pieces and put them God and democracy."

It was almost immediately, and forever, overshadowed by the words of King, the man who had inspired him to activism.

Lewis was born on Feb. 21, 1940, outside the town of Troy, in Pike County, Alabama. He grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools.

As a boy, he wanted to be a minister, and practiced his oratory on the family chickens. Denied a library card because of the color of his skin, he became an avid reader, and could cite obscure historical dates and details even in his later years. He was a teenager when he first heard King preaching on the radio. They met when Lewis was seeking support to become the first Black student at segregated Alabama's Troy State University.

He ultimately attended the American Baptist Theological Seminary and University Nashville, Tennessee. He began organizing sit-in demonstrations at whitesonly lunch counters and volunteering as a Freedom Rider, enduring beatings and arrests while traveling around the South to chal- Freedom, lenge segregation.

Lewis helped found the Nonviolent Student Coordinating Committee and was named its chairman in 1963, making him one of the Big Six at a tender age. The others, in addition to King, were Whitney Young of the National Urban League; A. Philip Randolph of the Negro American Labor Council; James L. Farmer Jr., of the Congress of Racial Equality; and Roy Wilkins of the NAACP. All six met at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York to plan and announce the March on Washington.

The huge demonstration galvanized the movement, but success didn't come young immigrants. quickly. After extensive training in nonviolent protest, Lewis and the

our demands, our determi- Rev. Hosea Williams led renew the Voting Rights demonstrators planned march of more than 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Selma to together in an image of Montgomery, Alabama's capital, on March 7, 1965. A phalanx of police blocked their exit from the Selma Bridge.

> Authorities shoved, then swung their truncheons, fired tear gas and charged on horseback, sending many to the hospital and horrifying much of the nation. King returned with thousands, completing the march to Montgomery before the end of the month.

> Lewis turned to politics in 1981, when he was elected to the Atlanta City Council.

> He won his seat in Congress in 1986 and spent much of his career in the minority. After Democrats won control of the House in 2006, Lewis became his party's senior deputy whip, a behindthe-scenes leadership post in which he helped keep the party unified.

> In an early setback for Barack Obama's 2008 Democratic primary campaign, Lewis endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton for the nomination. Lewis switched when it became clear Obama had overwhelming Black support. Obama later honored Lewis with Presidential Medal and they marched hand in hand in Selma on the 50th anniversary of the Bloody Sunday attack.

President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Friday praised Lewis as a "giant" who became "the conscience of the nation."

Lewis also worked for 15 years to gain approval for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Humble and unfailingly friendly, Lewis was revered on Capitol Hill — but as one of the most liberal members of Congress, he often lost policy battles, from his effort to stop the Iraq War to his defense of

He met bipartisan success in Congress in 2006 when he led efforts to

Act, but the Supreme Court later invalidated much of the law, and it became once again what it was in his youth, a work in progress. Later, when the presidency of Donald Trump challenged his civil rights legacy, Lewis made no effort to hide his pain.

Lewis refused to attend Trump's inauguration, saying he didn't consider him a "legitimate president" because Russians had conspired to get him elected. When Trump later complained about immigrants from "s---hole countries," Lewis declared, "I think he is a racist ... we have to try to stand up and speak up and not try to sweep it under the rug."

Lewis said he'd been arrested 40 times in the 1960s, five more as a congressman. At 78, he told a rally he'd do it again to help reunite immigrant families separated by the Trump administration.

"There cannot be any peace in America until these young children are returned to their parents and set all of our people free," Lewis said in June, recalling the "good trouble" he got into protesting segregation as a young

"If we fail to do it, history will not be kind to us," he shouted. "I will go to the border. I'll get arrested again. If necessary, I'm prepared to go to jail."

In a speech the day of the House impeachment vote of Trump, Lewis explained the importance of that vote.

"When you see something that is not right, not just, not fair, you have a moral obligation to say something, to do something. Our children and their children will ask us 'what did you do? what did you say?" While the vote would be hard for some, he said: "We have a mission and a mandate to be on the right side of history."

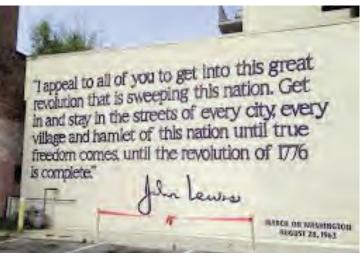
Lewis' wife of four decades, Lillian Miles, died in 2012. They had one son, John Miles Lewis.

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President Barack Obama "Because of you, John.





