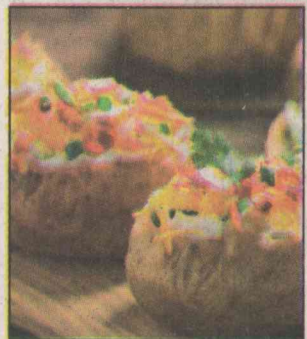




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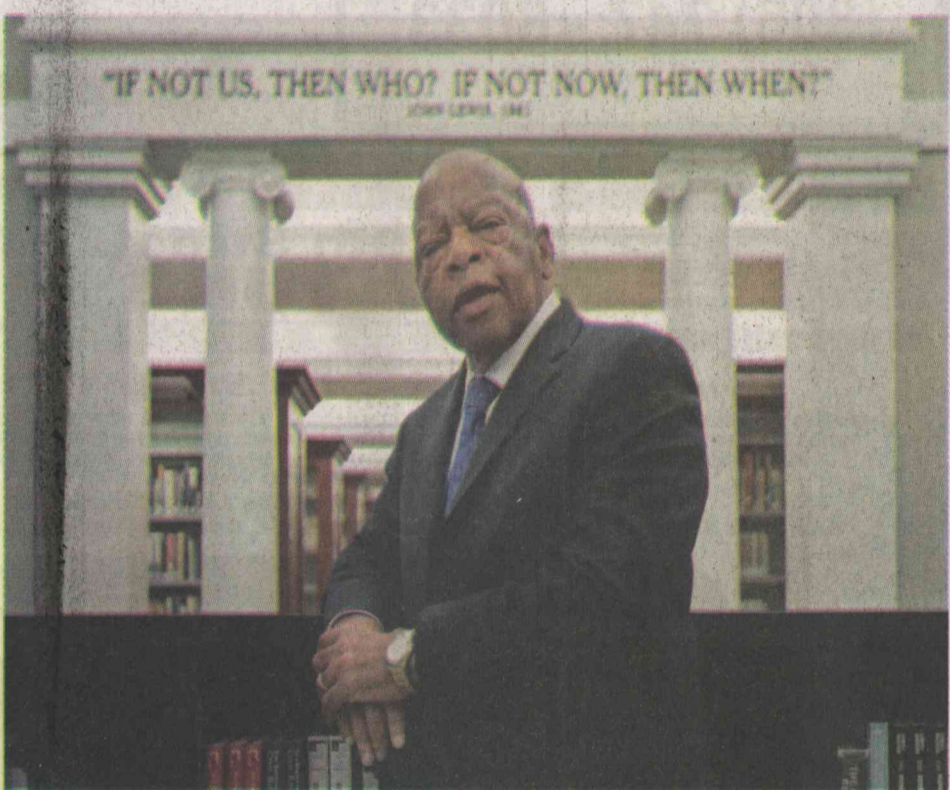
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John Lewis, Civil Rights Icon and Congressman, Dead at 80



Congressman John Lewis

WASHINGTON — Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights icon whose fight for racial justice began in the Jim Crow south and ended in the halls of Congress, died Friday night.

The Georgia lawmaker had been suffering from Stage IV pancreatic cancer since December. He was 80.

The son of Alabama sharecroppers, Lewis served in Congress for more than three decades, pushing the causes he championed as an original Freedom Rider challenging segregation, discrimination and injustice in the Deep South — issues reverberating today in the Black Lives Matter movement.

Along with Martin Luther King Jr., he was an organizer of the March on Washington in 1963, a seminal moment in the Civil Rights Movement that led to the passage of voting rights for Blacks two years later.

He became a community activist and member of the Atlanta City Council before winning a seat in Congress in 1986. He would go on to become a best-selling author and in 2011 was awarded the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential

Medal of Freedom, by Barack Obama, the nation's first Black president. Lewis was elected to his 17th term in November 2018.

"(A)ll these years later, he is known as the Conscience of the United States Congress, still speaking his mind on issues of justice and equality," Obama said in 2011, as he was bestowing the Medal of Freedom. "And generations from now, when parents teach their children what is meant by courage, the story of John Lewis will come to mind — an American who knew that change could not wait for some other person or some other time; whose life is a lesson in the fierce urgency of now."

Obama said Saturday that he hugged Lewis at his inauguration in 2009 and "told him I was only there because of the sacrifices he made."

Lewis "loved this country so much that he risked his life and his blood so that it might live up to its promise," Obama wrote.

A National Figure at an early age: Apart from the Freedom Riders, a group of Black and white civil rights activists who

rode interstate buses to fight segregation across the South, Lewis was one of the founding members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which advocated for civil rights with demonstrations at lunch counters and voter-registration drives.

After four African American college students sat down on Feb. 1, 1960, at a whites-only lunch counter at a Woolworth's in Greensboro, North Carolina, Lewis helped organize similar sit-ins around the South that drew national attention to the rampant racism that pervaded southern states.

Lewis was arrested for the first time at a sit-in in Nashville on Feb. 27, 1960.

"If it hadn't been for Nashville, I would not be the person I am now," Lewis told the Nashville Tennessean, part of the USA TODAY Network, in 2013. "We grew up sitting down or sitting in. And we grew up very fast."

"Some people were heard to say by sitting down, these young people are standing up for the very best in American tradition," Lewis told USA TODAY in 2013.

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President Obama gave John Lewis the Medal of Freedom in 2011.



Calls grow to honor John Lewis in ways both symbolic and concrete.



T.J. Patterson, Jr., Dir. of Government Relations meets with Congressman John Lewis in his office on Capital Hill, in 2018.

Rev. C.T. Vivian, Civil Rights Veteran Who Worked Alongside MLK, Dies at 95

"He has always been one of the people who had the most insight, wisdom, integrity and dedication," Andrew Young, who also worked alongside Martin Luther King Jr., said of Vivian.

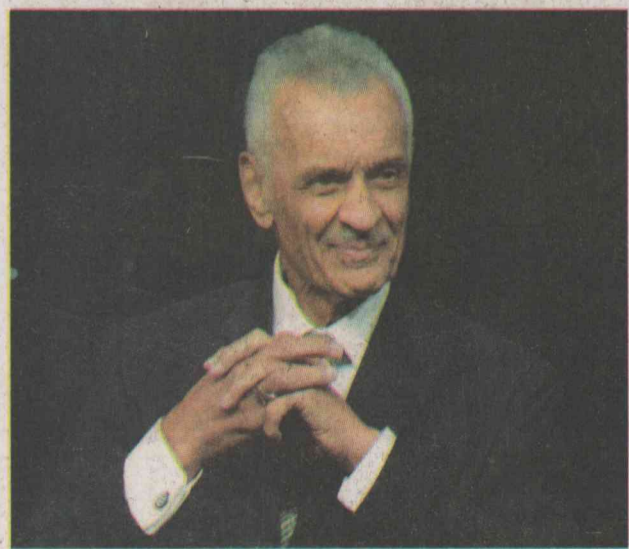
By David K. Li & Tatum Rezvani

The Rev. C.T. Vivian, a beloved civil rights veteran who marched alongside the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died at his home in Atlanta, his loved ones said Friday. He 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."

The civil rights titan suffered a stroke about two months ago but seemed to be on the mend before "he just stopped eating" and died of natural causes, friend and business partner Don Rivers said.

President Barack Obama in 2013 honored Vivian with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian ho-



Rev. C.T. Vivian

nor. (Pictured to the right) The nation's first Black chief executive on Friday posted a touching picture of himself and the beaming Vivian at that White House ceremony.

Obama thanked Vivian for his "friendship, encouraging words, and ever-present smile" and said he would have never become president without the blood and sweat shed by the late

pastor and others of that generation.

"The trail they blazed gave today's generation of activists and marchers a roadmap to tag in and finish the journey," Obama wrote.

"And I have to imagine that seeing the largest protest movement in history unfold over his final months gave the Reverend a final dose of hope before his



President Barack Obama awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom to C.T. Vivian in the East Room at the White House in 2013.

long and well-deserved rest."

The pastor remained an advocate for justice and equality well into his advanced years.

"He has always been one of the people who had the most insight, wisdom, integrity and dedication," said former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, a contemporary of Vivian who also worked alongside King.

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 13-month mass protest drew international attention.

Vivian went on to become an

active early member of the group that eventually became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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

"There must always be the understanding of what Martin had in mind for this organization," Vivian said in a 2012 interview. "Nonviolent, direct action makes us successful. We learned how to solve social problems without violence. We cannot allow the nation or the world to ever forget that."

Martin Luther King Jr.'s youngest child, Bernice Albertine King, posted a picture of

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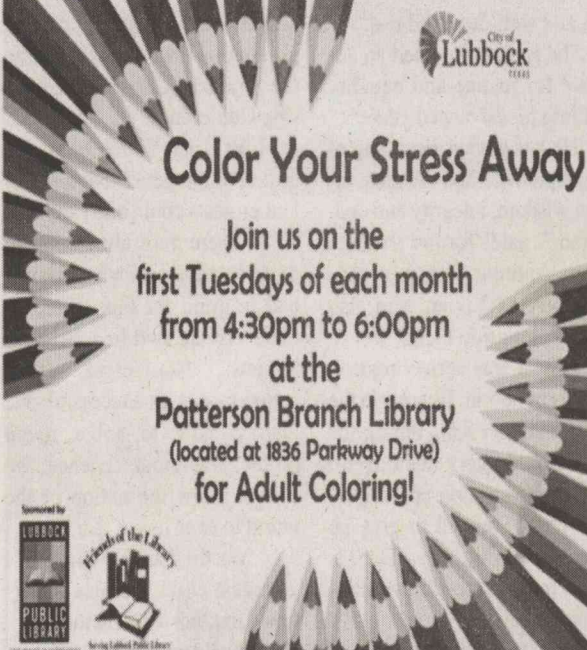
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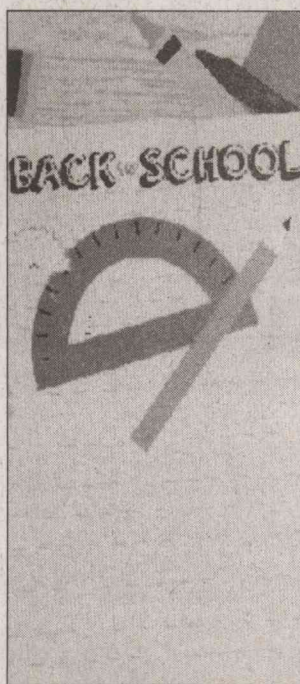
By Renetta Howard

PROTESTS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Gone are the days of "Yes Sir." "No Sir." "Plow Sir." "Hoe Sir, and pick a little sometime?" As a matter of fact, very few people of color are even familiar with those sayings. The Baby Boomers of the fifties have a limited vocabulary about plantation and sharecropping life. Some of them read about it in some history books or listened to their elders tell them about it.

By 1965, on a visit to the southern town where I grew up, I was surprised to find that the usually busy Black business street was deserted on Saturday and quiet. Then I was surprised to find so many people of color in town around the first of the month. I asked my mother what was going on and she told me that most of the people whom I saw were in town to cash their welfare checks. I inquired as to why as they were living on the land. She said that they were too lazy to grow a garden since they could get welfare. No more sharecropping. I am still shocked as when I was growing up, we never heard of welfare. Even the poorest people in town did the best they could do to survive and naturally, fellow community citizens always helped. No one was hungry, ever. In spite of segregation and dominant racism, the Black community held it together daily while living in a subservient atmosphere. Individual confrontations were nothing new. From time to time some White person was 'cussed out', got slapped or beat-up by a Black citizen. Such individuals and families were labeled 'Crazy' or called that 'Crazy Nigger' by the dominant establishment, with no criminal attachment in most instances, but often shunned in areas when equality was sought, causing individuals to circumvent the 'Jim Crow' way of doing things.

Protests are nothing new when equality is sought. Long before the advent of the NAACP and the 'sit ins' of the sixties, Black people especially, have sought equality. It is the actions of the national and state leaders like Donald Trump whom have made it possible for the Constitution of the United States of America to be by-passed and making it necessary to have equal voting rights and all other kinds of bills passed to insure equality for people of color. Everything needed for equality for former slaves and their descendants is embedded in the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U. S. Constitution. The majority of the people in the world are **PEOPLE OF COLOR**. This is the reason that the protest for racial equality has gone global. Dominance of the White Anglo Saxon Protestant or WASP has been **OVER** for a long time and we are beyond the 'melting pot.' The world and America knows what time it is, so let us get 'in cinque' and embrace racial reality as God's plan peacefully.



Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Opportunity for Meaningful Change

George Floyd's murder has brought America's attention once again to the systemic racism that informs policing, prisons, banking, housing, healthcare, and education.

The protests are not just about the pain brought on by the murder of George Floyd. They are about the pain brought on by 400 years of lynching, oppression, and discrimination. And yet, anti-brutality protests continue to be met with brutal force by police in cities across the country. To the police, unarmed Black men are the defiant slaves in the antebellum South.

First established in South Carolina in 1704, the origins of American policing descended from slave patrols. Slave patrols were organized groups of armed white men who monitored and enforced discipline upon black slaves in southern states. It is evident that American policing was designed to control the behaviors of Black people—and it still is today.

In the US, Black men receive longer sentences for the same crimes, and an unarmed Black person is 3.5x more likely to be shot by the police than an unarmed white person. The police should not be held accountable and brought to justice only when a video appears. We need a bridge to heal and dismantling of how police operate.

We are demanding transformative change to eradicate the systemic racism that has persisted since the inception of policing. Below are our recommendations to city officials and local communities for police reform in America:

- Eliminate the doctrine of Qualified Immunity.
- Ban chokeholds and put duties in place for officers to report another officer committing an unauthorized use of force.

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

At this time I'd like to do something that This N That has never done in all of these years of publishing this newspaper. I want to take this time and thank all of those who made me feel good for a few moments in life. It was actually on June 29th, 2020 when I had the privilege of celebrating my 83rd birthday. Of course when that happened, I felt the same. It was just good to see all those persons who came to my rescue in regards to this 2020 birthday.



What happened was, we had an opportunity to use Facebook, who advised many of you around the country of the birthday of This-N-That, the 83rd year. And when it happened on that day I thought about my wife who has passed on, Bobbie Gean

Bailey Patterson. She was a part of my life for 52 years. I thought about all of that. What I'm saying is, people began to wish me Happy Birthday through Facebook, according to my daughter who keeps the records of Facebook, there were 13,000 people received notification to them

of that amount 700 of them that "liked" the Birthday post; 400 of those 700 sent me birthday greetings on my 83rd birthday. I didn't really know how to take it when I saw all of that. I said, "Lord, people are thinking about me"....thank You God for being so good to me!

As the time passed during that week, I didn't know what was around the corner. But let me let you know one thing, when you do something and you're trying to help someone, and you do it for the goodness of that, many things will happen in your life. I'd like to thank all of those who took the time to go through FaceBook and say congratulations on my 83rd birthday, T.J. Patterson, This-N-That.

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ting an unauthorized use of force.

- Demilitarize and DE unionize police.
- Divert funding to departments addressing social determinants of health.
- Hire more police officers that reside within the respective city they work in.
- Re-examine who they are hiring.
- Empathy and implicit bias training to reduce and end racial profiling.
- Require recertification for cops every year as doctors are required.
- Independent investigations and community review boards to assess and report police brutality.
- Local registries of complaints.

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tration unrolled the Cares Act and stated that Affirmative Action should be ignored, we cried "Foul!". This is in violation of settled law and cannot be tolerated. Title VI is precious to the making of our future and we must not falter in protecting it.

Let us give thanks that our economy and constitution are strong and so resilient. Despite the worst pandemic in our recent history that has killed over 100,000 American lives and millions more around the world plus the fact that millions have lost their employment. Furthermore, since the George Floyd rioting over 2 million more jobs have gone up in smoke and shattered windows. The American economy is bouncing back at a record pace that has shocked most experts.

If we just stay together and keep our faith in the Lord and the principles that our dear na-

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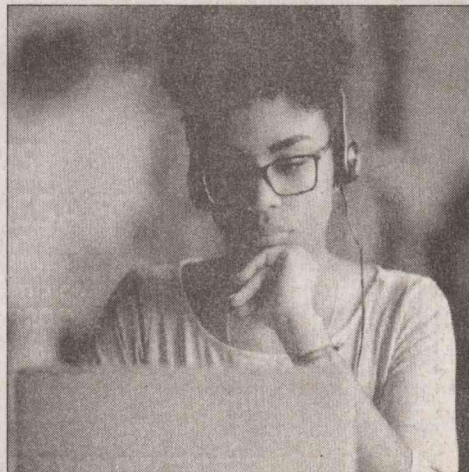
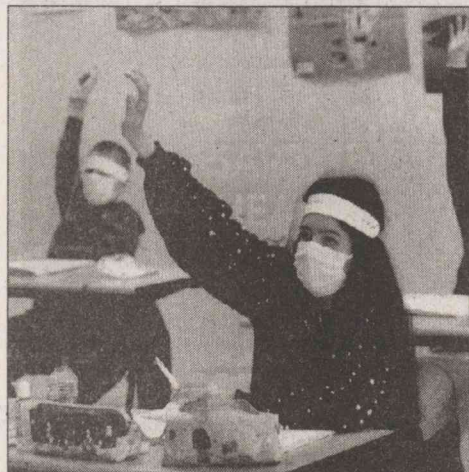


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***** GOD SO LOVE THE WORLD; BECAUSE ALL SOULS--- MATTERS TO HIM!!!!****

WHEN GOD TOLD THE CHRISTIANS; TO GO PREACH THE GOSPEL; INTO ALL THE WORLD.

GOD WANTED ALL SOULS TO KNOW; OF A SAVIOUR; WHO DIED FOR THIS SINFUL WORLD!!!

John 3:16-17 -- Jesus said, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but the world through him might be saved.

SO WHILE THE CHURCHES WAS PLAYING CHURCH; AND SOULS GOING TO HELL.

GOD NEEDS A VOICE TO CRY OUT; TO GET THE ATTENTION; OF A DYING WORLD!!!

Amos 5: 21-23 -- The Lord said, I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Take you away from me the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your viols.

***** THE PREACHING OF TODAY: BRING YOUR**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS!!

SO WHEN THE CHURCHES; WAS NOT ABOUT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS.

TELLING A DYING WORLD; THAT IN JESUS; THERE IS THE PLACE; AND YOU CAN FIND REST!!!

John 14:1-6 -- Jesus said, LET not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man come unto the Father, but by me.

SO WHEN GOD ALLOWED: EVANGELIST CORONA; TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD.....

IT WAS TO GET THE ATTENTION; OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL!!!

Matthew 11:15-17 -- Jesus said, He that has ears to hear, let him hear. But whereunto shall I be like this generation? It is like children sitting in the markets, calling unto their fellows, And saying, we have piped unto you, and you have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and you have not lamented.

(WHEN THE MUSIC IS PLAYING; YOU'RE SUPPOSE TO DANCE. AND WHEN THE MOURNERS; ARE CRYING; YOU'RE SUPPOSE TO CRY.-- THE

WORLD DON'T WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING; SO GOD SENT CORONA; TO TELL THE WORLD; THAT SALVATION IS WAITING.-- CORONA IS NOT THE KILLER; --IT'S SIN. THIS IS THE DAY OF SALVATION; TOMORROW MAY

BE TOO LATE!!!)

II Corinthians 6:2 -- (For he said (GOD), I have heard you in time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured (HELPED) you: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

***** GOD IS SPEAKING THROUGH CORONA; CAN YOU HEAR HIM???**

GOD IS SAYING: DON'T NEED TO GO THE CHURCHES; THEIR DOORS ARE CLOSED.

PRAY ONLY TO ME; "HEAVEN";-- YOU CAN CRYOUT; FROM WHERE EVER YOU GO!!!

Revelation 3:15-16 -- Jesus said, (TO THE CHURCHES) I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue you out of my mouth.

***** THE WORLD CAN PRAY: OUR FATHER WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN!!!!****

CORONA WILL KILL YOU, SO WILL A DRIVE-BY; OR AN 18 WHEELER HITTING YOU; YOU'RE DEAD.

SO NOW IS THE TIME; TO ACCEPT JESUS; AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR; AS YOUR DAILY BREAD!!!

Joshua 24:15a,c -- If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day who you will serve;

Whether the gods which your father served. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

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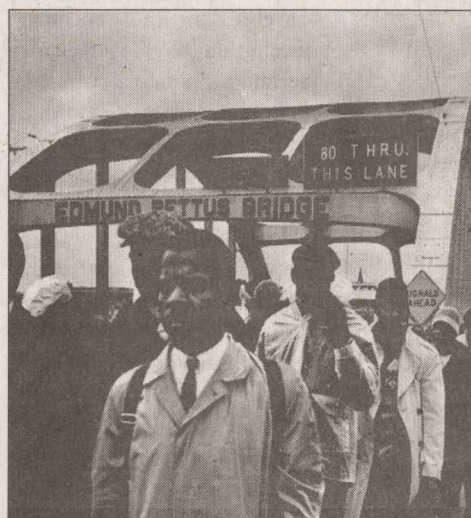
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Two Icons, Two Legends, Two Heros, Two Trailblazers That Will Be Missed

Rep. John Lewis & Rev. C.T. Vivian

"Their Moments in Time"



John Lewis marching with protesters across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Ava DuVernay signed a petition about this bridge, she wrote. "It is named after a KKK grand wizard and confederate warlord. Edmund Pettus Bridge should be renamed the John Lewis Bridge. Named for a hero. Not a murderer.



Black leaders, including C.T. Vivian, left first row, march down Nashville's Jefferson Street at the head of a group of 3,000 demonstrators on April 19, 1960, and head toward City Hall on the day of the Z. Alexander Looby bombing.



Rep. John Lewis, as a Nashville college student, was part of a group that played an instrument role in desegregating the city.



Six leaders of the nation's largest black civil rights organizations pose at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York. From left, are: John Lewis, Whitney Young, A. Philip Randolph, Martin Luther King Jr, James Farmer and Roy Wilkins.



Mr. Vivian had a confrontation with an officer during a Freedom Ride from Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., in 1961. After arriving in Jackson, Mr. Vivian was sent to prison, where he was beaten by guards.Credit...



Southern Christian Leadership Conference President C. T. Vivian, Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Ga.), Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga.), Rep. David Scott (D-Ga.), and League of Women Voters of Georgia President Elizabeth Poythress descend the state Capitol steps to march to the Fulton County Voter Registrar's office.

Beyond the Rhetoric

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tion was founded on, we not only will survive - we will thrive! It reminds us of that great American poet who proclaim that "We are too legit to quit". Yes, it is Hammer Time indeed.

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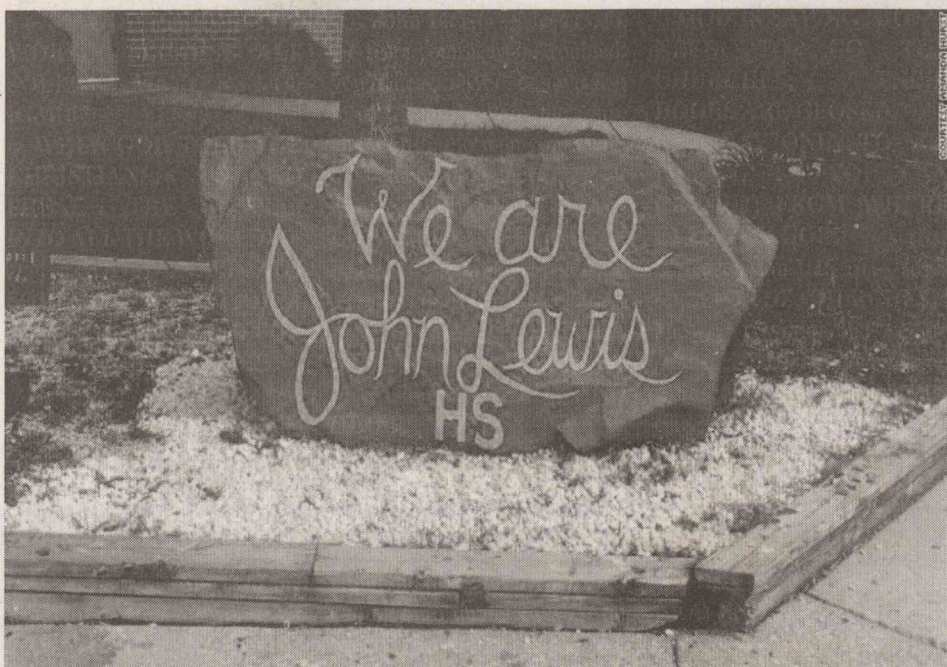
to provide further growth.

The words of Dr. Dwayne T. Frederick of Howard University are most appropriate not just for the fine institution he manages but for our entire nation:

We get that they have a job to do, it is a tough job to keep an HBCU open. But there is still an obligation to the values that have sustained us for 150 years.

Yes, America, we still have an obligation to our values and to the future for our business owners and the up and coming new generations of the children

Virginia teens got in 'good trouble,' as they pushed to rename their high school for John Lewis



Washington, D.C. (CNN)Students at Robert E. Lee High School in Fairfax County, Virginia, got in really "good trouble" after pushing to rename their high school in honor of late US Rep. John R. Lewis.

Full Article will be presented in the SWD September Issue.

By Rachel Janfaza, CNN

They felt that the school's name did not appropriately reflect its mission, nor the diversity of its current student body. And after a student-led drive for change, the Fairfax County School Board voted on Thursday to rename the school after the civil rights icon.

Luna Alazar, a senior at the time, spoke up at the first school board meeting on the subject this fall. She is now 18 years old.

"I would like if you imagine being a Lee High School student. We are a tremendously diverse community with strong ambitions and remarkable unity. We are charismatic and full of pride.

We have different ideas and imaginations that make us truly unique. However, we are named after someone who doesn't represent us at all," she told the Fairfax County School Board in October 2019.

The school's student body is largely made up of minorities -- 45.46% Hispanic or Latino, 23.94% Asian, 14.93% White and 12.97% Black, according to the county's website.

"It's kind of like a slap in the face to say that we go to Robert E. Lee High School, the Confederate general, the man who was fighting against the Union in favor of slavery," Edward Carino, a 15-year-old Filipino immigrant and rising high school junior, said. *To be continued!*

Obsequies

Abe Clark, Jr.

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Abe Clark, Jr. on Thursday morning, July 2, 2020, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Abe was born on December 4, 1936, to Abe, Sr. and Bernice Clark in Flatonia, Texas.

Abe loved all sports but football and basketball were his specialties.

Abe leaves to cherish his memory: his step-children: Bobbie Dean, Gennell Nails, Geraldine (Donnie) Ellis, Gerald Fountain, and Mae Lacy; two nieces, two nephews; grandchild-



dren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Ellwood Ellis

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Ellwood Ellis on Friday afternoon, June 5, 2020, at the Divine Love Baptist Church.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

At age 73, Ellwood, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2020.

Ellwood was born December 17, 1946 to the late Sherwood and Rosie Ellis in Plainview, TX. He graduated from Shallowater High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine. He worked for the Santa



Fe Railroad. He leaves to cher-

Emma Jackson

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Emma Jackson of Friday morning, July 10, 2020, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Emma Jackson passed away peacefully on June 30, 2020.

She was born May 3, 1928, to Roberta Bernice Thompson and James Thompson in Cameron, Texas. She graduated from C.H. Yoe High School in Cameron, Texas, and attended college in Tyler, Texas.

Emma will be remembered by her family and friends for her tenacity and resilience displayed throughout her life. Emma was very active in the community. Emma's life-long attempt to serve others in many ways was only the beginning of her legacy.

She leaves an imprint in our lives through her beautiful ceramics, her famous recipes, and other prominent works.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her 7 sons: Elonzy Knighten, Jr. of Denver, Colorado, Zachary Knighten of Anton, Texas, Rhonald Knighten of Griffin, California, Jed Knighten of Leavenworth,



Kansas, Todd Knighten of Lubbock, Texas, D'Aun Knighten of Austin, Texas, and Taunette Thompson of Los Angeles, California; 3 daughters: Renie Knighten and Pam Knighten, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Shiela Knighten of Lawrenceville, Georgia; 24 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

James Emma was preceded in death by her parents, James and Roberta Bernice Thompson; and her daughters, Kenyatta (Brenda) Barnes, Tara (Glenda) forward, and Rhonda Griggs.

ish his memory; his wife, Ester Ellis; two daughters, Shirlene (Earl) Ransom and Moesha Ellis; two sons, Ellwood Ellis and Jerome Ellis; three brothers, Pastor Jimmie Ellis, Pastor Jerry

(Linda) Ellis, and Terry Ellis; one sister, Geneva Ford; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Georgia Lee Epps Richardson

Funeral services for Georgia Lee Epps Richardson were held on Saturday afternoon, June 20, 2020, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

On February 19, 1934, a beautiful baby girl was born in Spur, Texas to George Dewey Epps and Birdie Burrell Epps.

She became a Christian at an early age, attending Lakeside Baptist Church in Spur, Texas, and was baptized by Reverend Woodard at the age of eight years old.

Georgia attended Spur Haynes School and graduated from Haynes High School in May of 1951. On Christmas Day, 1951, Georgia married the love of her life, Fancy Richardson. They honored the vow "Till Death Do Us Part" which remained sacred for 53 years, until Fancy went home to be with the Lord. To this union four children were born: LaCarl, Bernard, Dale Arness, and LaFrances Rena. Georgia has also been affectionately known as "T-Jones" to Gerald Lewis. Georgia graduated from L.V.N. school wherein she became a Licensed Vocational Nurse in 1957.

She was employed by Methodist Hospital for thirty



six-years where she worked on Unit Dose as an L.V.N. II Pharmacy Medicine Nurse; and later in CCU (Critical Care Unit).

Georgia was a dedicated member of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church (GSLMBC). She dedicated her life to the works of God at GSLMBC and The Lovely Sunset District for over sixty years.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, LaCarl (Jean), Bernard (Carylon), Dale Arness, and LaFrances Rena (Edward); a special childhood cousin/friend, Beatrice Riles; a significant cousin/friend/sister, Bernie C McKinney; one devoted sister-in-law, Lola Caraway (Robert); 29 grandchildren and several Great Grandchildren. Ms. Georgia will surely be missed!

tives and friends.

Carl Edward Willard, Sr.



Celebration of Life Service was held Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Visitation was held on June 22, 2020 from 3:00p.m. to 6 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary. He passed away Friday, June 12, 2020.

Carl was born to R. D. Draper and Ella Willard on January 17, 1968. He graduated from Estacado High School in 1987. He was employed at Los Cajun.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Willard; six children, Britanee Shelby, LeCarl Willard, Carl Willard, Jr., Billy Davis, Kay Shawn, and Kallie Willard; five sisters, Linda Willard, Cheryl Reynolds, Mildred Willard, Patsy Traylor, and Brenda Draper; four brothers, Donald Willard, Royal Edward, Leonard Willard, and Sammy Willard; mother-in-law, Evelyn Shelby; a host of other relatives and friends.

Daysia Demerson Dupree

Fayetteville, Arkansas - A Celebration of Life Service for Daysia Demerson Dupree was held on Thursday afternoon, June 18, 2020, at the St. John Baptist Church of Lamesa, Texas.

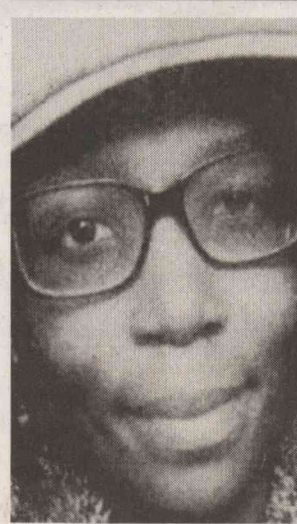
Interment followed in the City of Lamesa Cemetery in Lamesa, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Daysia was born on Novem-

ber 30, 1993, to Datra Hardaway in Lamesa, Texas.

Daysia attended and graduated from Lamesa High School and then became a correctional officer.

She is survived: by her mother, Datra Hardaway; grandmother, Arnita Demerson; sister, Arnita Hardaway Calloway; two aunts, Nelda Robinson and Lorita Rowlett; four uncles, Cliff Coker, Chris Demerson, Bernard



Williams, and Broderick Williams; a host of other rela-

If I Had a Nickel for Every Blunder I Made...

by
Dr. James L. Snyder

I am not very agile when it comes to finances. Do not get me wrong, I know how to spend money; it is just that I do not know how to save money. Somewhere I lost my little piggy bank.

The other night the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I enjoyed a quiet evening together drinking coffee and talking about this and that, more about that than this.

Then we started to play her favorite game: Do You Remember?

If statistics are correct, she remembers more than I do.

When she poses a Do You Remember question, I can never remember. Several times, I had some remembrance but never enough to qualify as an answer.

When I pose a Do You Remember question, she remembers it to the very last detail. Details that I do not remember.

I have concluded and do not let this get around, but I think her remembering things is a complete hoax. I think she is making up things that she says she remembers just to trick me. My problem is, I cannot prove it.

Her one trick question is, "Do you remember when we first met?"

I have yet to get this question right. Every time she asked, it is

always a different answer. If I challenge the answer, I look bad. Of course, I look bad as it is with questions like this.

When we ran out of energy for this game, we just sat there and watched a little TV.

When the next segment of commercials came, she said something rather curious.

"If we had a nickel," she said, looking at me, "for every mistake you made, we would be millionaires."

Then she continued, "Do you remember the first mistake you ever made?"

I was tempted to say that my first mistake was getting involved in silly games like this, but I value my life too much.

We both laughed and went back to watching TV.

I just could not get away from that question. If I really had a nickel for every mistake I made I am sure I would be a wealthy man.

Then there is the question as to your definition of a mistake. I am sure my definition would be quite different from my wife's. Everybody has their own definition of these things.

Even thinking about that a little bit, I began remembering some mistakes that cost me money. Things I thought would turn out great only turned out

dead in the water.

Perhaps the biggest mistake anybody could make is believing that they do not make mistakes. Sometimes it takes a married person to realize what mistakes really are. And if you think you do not make a mistake, then that is a big mistake, and you will pay dearly for that.

If she had asked me what my first good choice was, I would have told her it was her. My first mistake would have been, not meeting her at all.

I remembered a very important verse of Scripture. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9).

It is not my mistakes but how I deal with them that makes all the difference in the world.

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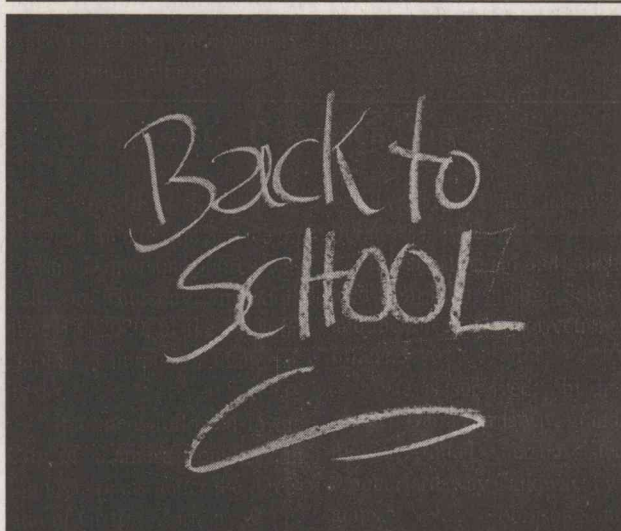
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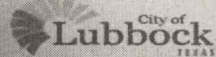
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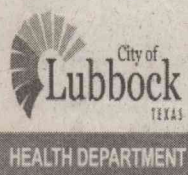
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Father's Day 2020 with George Lewis



Daddy George Lewis and the Lewis Sisters

George Lewis, a 94 year old Dad, Grand Father and Great-Grand Father, celebrated with his family the whole Father's Day weekend. All of his children were in town to celebrate with him. He said he had a blast the entire time.

We kept him busy. He's always wanted a big screen T.V. in his large den and we got him one this year. He also got a couple of leisure suits and nice hats.

~There's nothing like Family~

His children made a promise as long as he is alive they would be wherever he is during the Father's Day weekend.

We normally take him out to eat but because of Covid-19, we had dinner at one of the daughter's house on Friday night. The menu consisted of Beef Stew, cornbread and ice cream float. Saturday morning we had a big breakfast at Dad's house; grits, sausage, bacon, eggs, toast,

We love you Daddy!

coffee and juice.

On Saturday night we had a spaghetti dinner along with garlic toast. On Sunday morning we went to VIP church. Sunday evening dinner we had country ribs, potatoes & gravy, medley of vegetables, dinner rolls, tea, banana pudding and pound cake.

Monday evening we had Salmon croquettes, fries and biscuits. Daddy always enjoys being around his family.

~From the Lewis Children~

National Women's Day - August 9th



THIS N' THAT by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

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We've written This-N-That for almost 30 years to let people know that we watch what they do in the community. Our communities cannot grow unless we have people in the community who are willing to give all they have in their lives for it to become a reality. Of course there will always be ups and there will always be some downs...but the key is you can never quit. If you believe in something strong enough, nothing should take away from how you feel. That's what This N That is all about.

All those people who wished me Happy Birthday, some of them I knew and some of them I didn't...that's not important. What's important is, no matter if I know them or not, they took this opportunity to say congratulations...It's like putting gas in your old car tank, your premium gasoline at 20 cents a gallon, back in This-N-That's time, it just makes you feel good...to know that someone is always thinking about you.

Because of what happened to me, I think about my life; where I come from. I was born like I said on June 29th 1937 on a Thursday, according to my Mom at 4:00 in the afternoon. Delivered with the help of God by a mid-wife and I think about that.....and I'm still here.

Through my birth, I was a young person who had polio at age 2. I've been sick in my life, but God has been so good to me. He's been so good to many of us. It makes you feel good when you can take time to salute Almighty God for what He has done for you. You see, we can't see around the corner, BUT GOD has seen these 83 years of my life.

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I realize that the 29th of June is gone and as I get up each day, I think about what that meant to me. I'm not bragging, I'm just saying I'm so happy and I'm just so thankful that there are some people who still think about Thomas James Patterson, Sr. It makes me want to keep on keeping on because none of us knows what's around the corner. But if we keep doing what God wants us to do, then many things will become a reality.

That's why I'm telling you young people, there are no short-cuts in life. You know if you do what's best and you do what's fair and equitable, it will be alright for you. Don't forget that. It will go a long ways in your life because you have so much to contribute

You know, from this day forward, as I go throughout my day, I will think about this. Unknown to a lot of people, I've been ill lately, trying to get my walking back one more time. But I just don't know what's around the corner for me. I still have some things to do that I'd like to see happen. But you know young folk, you have so much that's going for you; you just can't imagine what's in store for you, but you just can't quit. I'm going leave five powerful thoughts for you and maybe you've heard them many times.

For all of my young readers who read This-N-That, thank you; and now I'm going to leave you five major points of action. The first thing I want you to do is; each day that you get up, I want you to 1) set your goal; something that you want to do that day. Then you can also extend that to that week, that month; for the rest of your life. Once you set your goal, you have to 2) set you a plan.


How are you going to reach the goal you just set? It doesn't fall out of the sky. You have to do some work and ask God to be with it.

The next thing is, you've got to 3) have the desire. You've got to want to do it. You see talk is cheap. To reach any goal it's going to take some work. If you have to stand by yourself sometimes, so be it. Go for it....desire to do it. Next you've got to 4) have confidence. You've got to believe in what you're talking about.....that you CAN do it and with the help of Almighty God, there's so much you can do. But you've got to believe through Him it will be alright. And last but not least, you've got to 5) have the persistence. When people talk about you, when they put you down, when they say what you can't do, believe and keep on keeping on. Those 5 things have helped me in my journey in life; a goal, a plan, a desire, confidence and persistence. If you do that you'll be alright.

I'm so happy my good people. All of you that thought about me. Words cannot express at this time how I feel; but you thought about me. Some of you are a part of those 13,000 people who received notification, the 700 who "liked" the birthday post and those 400 who sent me the birthday greetings, I will never, never forget that...because I'm just a person like you, but you took your time to say thank you, T.J. Patterson, the young man who was born in Waxahachie, Tx., 83 years ago; for that I'm truly grateful.



So in life, no matter how difficult things may have been and how far off things may appear, step by step you can accomplish anything, no matter what it is and those five steps, the goal, the plan, the desire, the confidence and the persistence, if you keep those with you, it will help you along the way.

I'm feeling better now. I've got to keep on keeping on. The Southwest Digest is your paper my good folk....no matter what we can do, let us know. I'm so glad to be around today. I don't know what's in store tomorrow, but today I'm so happy. I'll never forget you folk who wished me a Happy 83rd Birthday. May God bless each of you is my prayer. Thank you all!



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John Lewis, Civil Rights Icon and Congressman, Dead at 80

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"Martin Luther King Jr. was so pleased. He was gratified, He was deeply moved and touched to see this new militancy on the part of the students. He knew then that his message of non-violence and passive resistance would live, and it would be moving around the South, embedded in the very being of these young people."

Arrested, jailed and beaten for challenging Jim Crow laws, Lewis would become a national figure by his early 20s. He later became the youngest of the Big Six civil rights leaders and, at 23, helped organize the March on Washington. There, he provided a keynote speech at the landmark event for civil rights.

"As it stands now, the voting section of this bill will not help the thousands of black people who want to vote," Lewis said. "It will not help the citizens of Mississippi, of Alabama and Georgia who are qualified to vote but lack a sixth-grade education. One man, one vote is the African cry. It is ours, too. It must be ours."

Two years later, he helped organize the voting-rights march in Alabama that became known as "Bloody Sunday," when state troopers attacked demonstrators with tear gas and billy clubs, a nationally televised melee that hastened passage of the Voting Rights Act. Lewis' skull was fractured in the demonstration

Lewis remained the last surviving member of the Big Six, which included King, James Farmer, A. Phillip Randolph, Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young.

His death comes shortly after the release of a documentary that's giving a new generation of civil rights activists a timely glimpse into his historic contributions.

Director Dawn Porter's timely documentary, "John Lewis: Good Trouble," premiered in early July as worldwide protests against racism and police brutality sparked by the death of George Floyd have renewed global calls for social justice.

Rev. C.T. Vivian, Civil Rights Icon, Dies at 95

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movement, the late Joseph Lowery and Fred Shuttlesworth, in front of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

"Rev. C.T. Vivian. Courageous. Brilliant. Sacrificial," the King Center said in a statement on Friday. "A powerfully well-lived life that lifted humanity. We will miss you."

Lowery Vivian Young

Cordy Tindell Vivian was born July 28, 1924, in Howard County, Missouri, about halfway between Kansas City and St. Louis. As a child, he moved to be with his mother in Macomb,

Illinois, near the Iowa and Missouri borders.

He went on to study theology at American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he organized some of that city's first civil rights sit-ins.

Vivian later participated in the Freedom Rides in Mississippi and was a close ally of King's, serving as the SCLC's national director of affiliates.

Over the years, Vivian said he consulted with five presidents — Lyndon B. Johnson, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and Obama — on civil rights matters.

In 2008, Vivian founded the C.T. Vivian Leadership Institute, which the group says is dedicated to creating "a model leadership culture for the purpose of training and educating the new generation of grassroots leaders."

"The passing of C.T. Vivian should cause us all to pause and celebrate the life and sacrifice of this giant," the Rev. Al Sharpton, an MSNBC host and founder of the National Action Network, said in a statement on Friday. "He made this nation and world a better place. RIP, my friend."



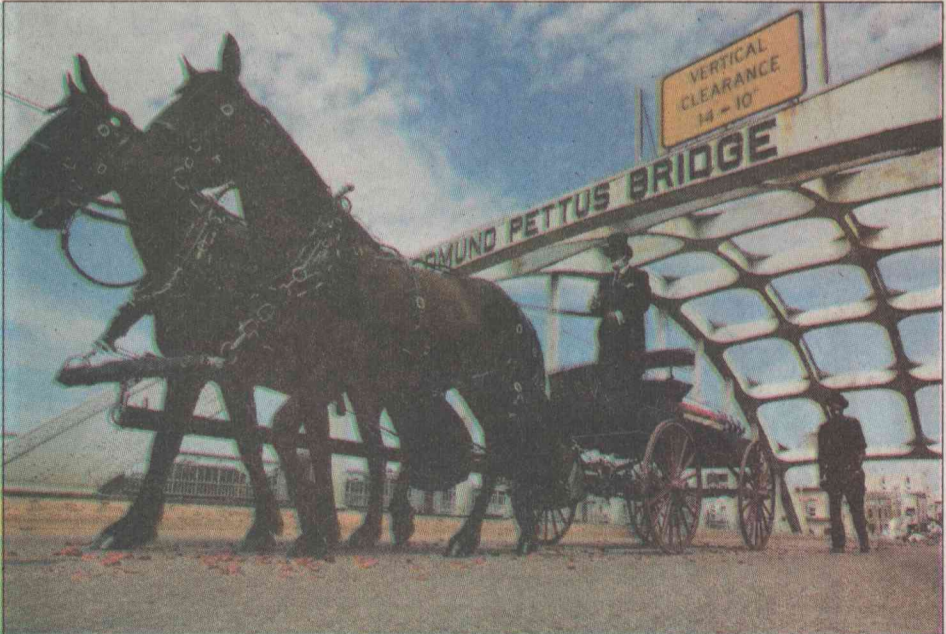
Above: Rep. John Lewis marches across the Edmund Pettus bridge with President & Michelle Obama in 2015. Below: U.S. Rep. John Lewis leads a march of thousands through the streets of Atlanta on March 24, 2018



Below: The Atlanta Hawks paid tribute to civil rights pioneers as part of Black History Month. Left to right are, Ambassador Andrew Young, Rep. John Lewis, Rev. C.T. Vivian, Juanita Abernathy and Rev. Joseph Lowery on Friday, February 20, 2015.



Below: The casket of Rep. John Lewis moves over the Edmund Pettus Bridge by horse drawn carriage during a memorial service for Lewis, July 26, 2020, in Selma, Ala.



Above: Rose petals representing the blood spilled on Bloody Sunday are seen on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, before the start of the procession of late U.S. Congressman John Lewis.



Civil rights leader Reverend C.T. Vivian talks to marchers in a black neighborhood of Selma



Dr. C. T. Vivian and Ambassador Andrew Young are posing with some of Vivian's mentees at The C. T. Vivian Leadership Institute. Photo 2019

The Lewis Sisters, 30 Year Reunion

This was our 30th year celebrating our Lewis Sister's reunion. This was in honor of our Mom. Our Mother and her sisters got together when she was alive and went on trips without their husbands and no children.

We started our Sisters Reunion in 1990. After our Mom passed away, we kept the tradition going.

Our original plan was to be in Vegas where some of the sisters have never gone. But because of the Covid-19, all our plans changed. We went to Sandia, Tx., a small town close to Corpus Christi, Tx. One of our nieces and her husband have acres of land, with 2 homes on the land; no hotel bill this year.

We all wore the same colored top and bottoms and every day was a different color. We went to the store one time while we were together. We didn't want to expose ourselves too much; staying safe from the Corona.

We all participated in arts and crafts. We also had a weenie roast and Smores for dessert. We tried to Hula Hoop and it was crazy and fun. We played batminton, jump rope, dominos and spades.

Along with dinner, we watched a movie that was held on the porch that was on a big screen with a projector. This was very unique. We ate popcorn and pickles as we watched.

On Sunday, we had church at the house and all of the sisters spoke on a different subject on the fruit of the spirit. Our niece was our guest singer.

This year was totally different but we still had a blast just being together. We celebrated Christmas in July! We came home with so much more than we took. We also played the card game Phase 10, the same game that we play every year. The two winners decided who took the trophy home.

It was all great. The food was amazing; frito pie, fish & fries, chinese food, egg rolls, and beans and cornbread. Even though we did a lot of relaxing this year, this was one of the best ever!!!!

Oh yes, our Sisters Reunion is "Sisters Only!!!!" No Husbands..... No Kids!!! We want to encourage families all around to Love Each Other!!! We had a great time!
The Lewis Sisters - 2020 "30th Year"

