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Travel

10 great places to see the evolution of equality

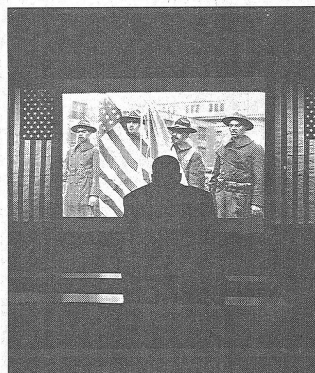
The trajectory that began with slavery and led to our first African-American president is rich with milestones and achievement.

Rex Ellis, associate director of curatorial affairs for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC.si.edu), shares with **Kathy Baruffi** for USA TODAY his list of venues and programs to celebrate Black History Month.

National Constitution Center

Philadelphia

The America I AM exhibit, conceived by talk-show host Tavis Smiley, highlights African and African-American contributions spanning nearly 500 years of history. "This comprehensive exhibit covers 15,000 square feet and will travel to 10 cities over four years," Ellis says. See Muhammad Ali's boxing gloves and the typewriter Alex Haley used to write *Roots*, then take a walk along the cobblestone streets of this pedestrian-friendly city. 215-409-6700; constitutioncenter.org



By Matt Rourke, AP

In Philadelphia: Tavis Smiley watches a video on blacks in the military at his exhibit, America I AM.