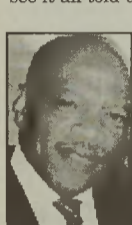


# African American museum goes from dream to reality

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NATIONAL NEWSPAPER  
PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON — The cruelties of slavery, the progress made during the Reconstruction Era, the euphoria of the Harlem Renaissance, the horrors of the Ku Klux Klan, the humiliation of Jim Crow, the violent pain of the Civil Rights Movement, the uncertainty of the new millennium: The dream of Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) — himself, living history — was to see it all told under one roof.



Lewis

Now that H.R. 3491 has been passed by both the House and Senate and is expected to be signed by President Bush, Lewis' dream will become reality in the form of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

"This museum, in my estimation, will have a healing and cleansing affect on the very psyche of all Americans," Lewis says of his 15-year effort. "I hope this museum will help lead to a building of a sense of reconciliation in spite of all of the progress that we've made."

"And in spite of the distance we've come — from the days of slavery to the period of rigid segregation and racial discrimination through the period of lynching and the whole sharecroppers existence, the migration from the South to the North — in spite of all of that, in this modern-day Civil Rights Movement, where we see unbelievable changes, there's still a lot of pain and hurt in America and we still need to get it out of the psyche."

Lewis should know. As the 25-year-old chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), he suffered a fractured skull from a state trooper's blows to his head on "Bloody Sunday" March 7, 1965, while trying to cross the Edmund Pettis Bridge on the first leg of the Selma to Montgomery, Ala., march. The youngest person to speak at the 1963 March on Washington, Lewis was

arrested 40 times in connection with civil rights protests.

"I don't want us to focus on one segment of African American history over or against another," he explains. "I've always felt that our history had not been told. And I wanted to be a part of an effort to get it done."

The bill authorizes the museum to be established as part of the Smithsonian Institution, a federal agency. The Smithsonian Board of Regents is charged with

selecting a museum site on or near the National Mall within a year and completion of the project is expected to take an additional two or three years.

The bill provides \$17 million for planning and \$15 million more for educational programs, grants and scholarships related to African-American life, art, history, and culture for fiscal year 2004.

An additional \$200 million in private money will be needed to complete the project.



Gee, mom says she may...

## Need Cash 'Til Pay Day!

So, that's easy... She can go to...



## CURRENCY EXCHANGE

They have "6" convenient locations:

And, she only needs to take: a valid driver's license, social security card, recent utility bill, checking account statement, paycheck stub, and leave her personal check.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-5

In Just Minutes, She'll Have The CASH!

**Charlotte Transit**  
310 E. Trade St., Ste A-110  
**Freedom Mall**  
3205 Freedom Drive, Ste. 13  
**Graham Street**  
2020 N. Graham St., Ste A

**Lancaster, S.C.**  
679 Lancaster Bypass East  
**Salisbury**  
123 North Main St., Ste B  
**Hickory**  
1836-2 Startown Road



**University Child Development Center**  
8303 University Executive Park  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28213

Now Enrolling

Featuring 4-Star Child Care Centers

- Highland Creek • 6025 Clarke Creek Pkwy, Charlotte, NC • 704-875-3338
- Lake Norman • 16701 North Cross Drive, Huntersville • 704-896-8942
- University City • 8303 University Executive Pk, Charlotte • 704-549-4029

Features Include:

- Before & After School Care • Clean Exquisite Facilities
- Uniquely Designed Playground • Hot Lunches/Snacks
- Locally Owned • Experienced, Certified Teachers
- State Licensed • Summer Camp Program • Drop-in Care
- Conveniently located

☆☆ Call or E-Mail Today! ☆☆☆

universitychilddevelopment.com



North Carolina A&T State University has created a tradition of helping students achieve their dreams. From running for President of the United States to exploring space, our graduates leave their mark on history.



**North Carolina A&T State University**

explore. discover. become.

A&T students are:

- Involved in cutting-edge partnerships from NASA to NASCAR
- Recruited by hundreds of Fortune 500 companies
- Tomorrow's leaders in business, engineering, and technology



To find out how A&T can help your business achieve more, call 1-800-443-8964 or visit www.ncat.edu

## Harris Teeter WEEKLY

Recipes and More At [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com)

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** Close 12/24 at 7:00 PM  
Closed Christmas Day  
Open 12/26 Regular Hours

**DOUBLE up to**  
**manufacturers' COUPONS 99¢**

With VIC card Limit 20 coupons. See customer service desk for full details.



**Harris Teeter**  
Honey Glazed & Brown Sugar  
**Spiral Sliced Bone-In Half Ham**  
**1.69** lb.  
Limit 2 Per Customer  
with VIC card



**Harris Teeter Rancher**  
**Beef Bone-In Rib Roast**  
**5.99** lb.  
with VIC card



**31-40 Count EZ Peel White Shrimp**  
**4.99** lb.  
with VIC card



**Farmers Market Tender Green Asparagus**  
**1.99** lb.  
with VIC card



**9-10 Ounce Green Giant Frozen Vegetables**  
**buy one get one FREE!**  
with VIC card



**2 Liter Coca-Cola, Diet Coke Or Sprite**  
**79¢** ea.  
with VIC card

**Prices Effective Through December 23, 2003**

Prices In This Ad Effective Wednesday, December 17, 2003 Through Tuesday, December 23, 2003 In Our Charlotte area stores only. We Reserve The Right To Limit Quantities. None Sold To Dealers. We Gladly Accept Federal Food Stamps.