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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. special edition

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### 'Only Peace Can Bring Peace'



Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion for peaceful solutions at home and abroad.

### King's Words Merit Lessons Today

**What would he say about Iraq, other conflicts?**

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If Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were alive today, what would he say about our progress in bringing the world's diverse populations closer? How would he bring us closer to peace, harmony, and brotherly love? His words are relevant still today:

"Alienation is an evil force because

it separates and divides. All the forces of good in the world are founded in interconnectedness and unity of man... Growth requires connection and trust. Alienation is a form of living death. It is the acid of despair that dissolves society."

Dr. King learned a great deal about the Gandhian style of cohabitation across the globe. People have and will always be different. Shades of skin color, political beliefs, worship styles, living habits, customs and much more are what make the world so diverse.

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## Martin Luther King, NATIONWIDE

### Exploring namesake boulevards across the states

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"There is a road that winds its way through the heart and soul of black America. It may be called a boulevard, a drive, an avenue, a street, or a way, but it is always named Martin Luther King."

Between the years 2000 and 2003, author Jonathan Tilove and photographer Michael Falco toured 20 of the more than 650 streets named in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The places ranged from Atlanta, Chicago and New York City's Harlem to Florida's Belle Glade.

"The most impressive things about the King Day parade here is that there is one; the next most impressive thing is that there is an MLK down which to march."

The journalist's journeys were planned, and they arranged in advance to meet key people, but they also happened upon many things by chance, and concede there was probably a lot that they missed.

The impressions are recorded in "Along Martin Luther King," a highly readable and richly illustrated book. It is a collection of amusing, inspiring and thought-provoking anecdotes that illustrate larger truths.

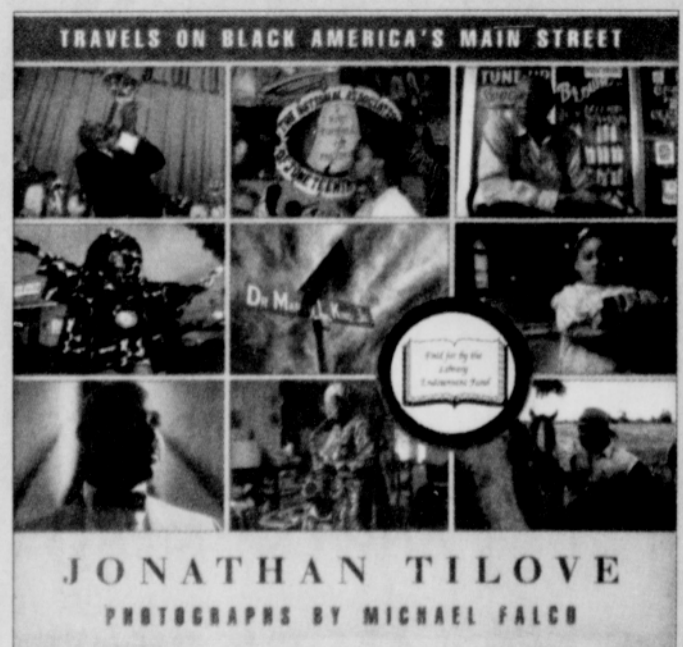
One is that, for all their differences, MLK streets nationwide roughly define the location of local African-American communities.

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"Along Martin Luther King" photographer Michael Falco captures a moment with Portland consultant Dionne Peoples who coined the northeast slogan "Soul of Portland."

### Along the Boulevard



### Book spotlights Northeast Martin Luther King

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"Along Martin Luther King" is divided into chapters titled "The Mecca" (Atlanta), "The Buckle on the Black

Belt" (Selma, Alabama), "The Soul" (Jackson, Mississippi), and "The Heart" (Chicago), "Broadway"

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