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In the Neighborhood

In light of the legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., do you think that we are moving forward in terms of equality and civil rights?

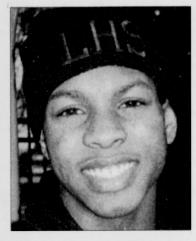


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I don't think we really are. There is still just as much racism as there always was, but it's just under the radar a little more. - Maxwell Kjellberg

Based on what civil rights were like in the '50s, when you and I couldn't even talk to each other because we'd end up in prison, it's amazing how we've come together as a people. It is more significant than anything else in the last century. - Ellsworth Gibson





We are moving forward as a community but there is still stuff that needs to be worked on. I know in schools there is not really a bond between African Americans and Caucasians. - Justin Elliott

Martin Luther King helped a bunch of people, including the homeless. There is still a whole bunch of homeless people, and as minorities, we can't get health care if we are sick. - Maria Yribe



The institutional racism has diminished, but in fact there is racism every day.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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I haven't heard anything out in the community about equality. But Martin Luther King has brought us a long way. - Brika DeTar-Ussery



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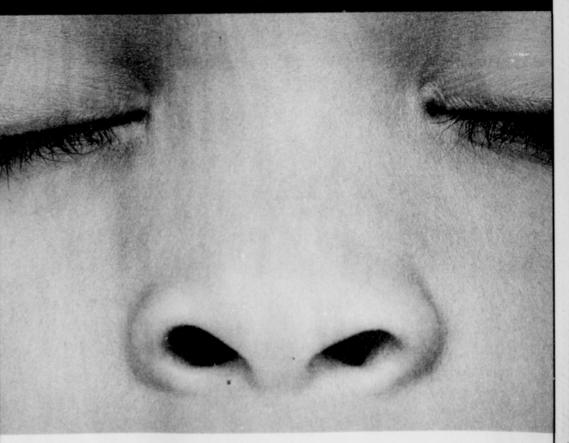
Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others? - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Lowndes County school-board candidate John Hinson (left, back to camera) escorts voters to the polls. All seven "black panther" candidates narrowly lose, but Freedom Party founders say they did well for the first try and vow to do better with experience plus future voters such as the young boy (right) in line with the Mallard family.



All dreams don't come to you while you're asleep. Some dreams are so powerful, so prophetic, and so vivid that other people can see them too. The kind of dreams that won't let you be still, remain silent or be satisfied by how things are after you've envisioned how they ought to be. He had that kind of dream - and it woke up a nation.



In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - his life and his legacy.

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