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Martin Luther King's significance in 1986

young, old, professional and non-protests, many Blacks now say respect and did what he had to do The celebration of Dr. King birthed for, reverence his efforts, and professional residents on the the Pledge of Allegiance to the in a peaceful but noticable way. day as a holiday is irrelevant. significance of celebrating Dr. American flag with some mean- If it weren't for Martin Luther but, culturally, it's a traditional ding all their money in the malls Martin Luther King's birthday as ing. contextually. All Blacks King, I could not go to the school American hypocracy." However, on typical birthday sales."

the State of Maryland. Mr. John 'King's efforts only laid the fountone to be thinking of himself or his most noticeable and reliable School system. Mr. Charles said Eversley, related. "Martin daton for a cadre of black leader- friends when he marched, only change would come about when she heard a T.V. guest Luther King's efforts as a ship from which all Americans about the future of people try to live their lives bas- on 'Square Off' say that catalyst for equal rights for all are benefitting - Jesse Jackson, changing the way things were at ed upon Christian principles; catalyst for equal rights for all are benefitting. Jesse Jackson, changing the way things were at ed upon Christian principles; "it was better for the people improved the quality of Benjamin Hooks, Leon Sullivan that time." every other form of behavior kids to remain in school and be life for all Americans because and Mr. Robinson, the leader of One nurse for the Federal modification is temporary; they have allowed all Americans The Free South African move- government who resides in West anything short of practicing what to live in an integrated society in ment. However, the negative ef- Baltimore felt that it was good to you preach, is of one form of which each human being benefit- fects of such positive endeavors, "render unto Caesar the things hyprocracy or another, and Marted from each other's cultural dif- unfortunately, still leave some that are Caesar's" but did not tin Luther King personified the ferences The long-term effect is black Americans seeking leaders believe in giving human beings kind of unselfish and sacrificial that the cultural differences of all with similar messianic qualities false hope—to defy them is a life we all must strive for." races have had a tremendous im- while it is unnecessary in the mockery. Martin Luther King. Along the same line of thought, pact on Americans and has thus 80's; the freedom of speech is Jr. demonstrated superior a former activist of the NAACP, only on his birthday." She con-

He went on. "Martin Luther right."

socially acquiesce. As a result of on January 15 when she principles and shirk their innate militant marches, demonstra- would be out of school. "I felt responsibility to do right and expublic holiday and the impact—should be cognizant of Martin—of my choice; use any public—in all fairness, she contends, "If——A single parent had some am-

each person's constitutional human qualities but his intestinal felt that "Blacks should at times. fortitude was motivated by the stop thinking "Black" and think state should celebrate holidays of King's actions have taken the A thirteen year old Baltimore Word of God; he tried to do as "American" in order to make the same nature at the same load off of many white Americans City public school child express- God would have done-loving all kinds of strides. Martin Luther who felt handicapped by segrega- ed her views this way when asked people and being kind to those King. Jr. would have hoped concern. It makes me wonder if tion and white racist policies. what she knew about Mar- who mistreated him." blacks would have made in this is a more sophisticated form which they did not personally tin Luther King. Jr. or She continued, "Many human the 1980's if he were asupport but had to culturally and show she felt about the holiday beings tend to ignore Christian live." She continued. I

tions and Dr. King's non-violent Martin Luther King always gave pect some good to come of them. reflect upon the things he struggl-

his non-violent efforts to Luther King's efforts which bathroom or sit anywhere on the it's good for the whites, it's good bivalent feelings about her childabolish segregation in the early allowed them some leverage and bus." She continued, "One thing for the blacks." ren's reactions to being out of 60's. It was interesting to learn bargaining power for social ac- I liked about him was that his When asked if she felt there has school to celebrate a Black marhow diversified opinions candid- ceptance in the military and in family did not fall apart during been some noticeable change be- tyr's birthday since only the y unfolded during some of those their participation in certain all the riots and when he was im- tween races and their social in- Baltimore City Public Schools prisioned; they supported him teraction between the 1960's and recognize the day as a holiday A law enforcement officer for Mr. Eversley strongly feels, and his efforts. He never seemed the 1980's she said, "Yes, but the and not the Baltimore County taught about Dr. King on his birthday in the classroom."

> Mrs. Charles felt that "the significance of Dr. King's birthday and such relevant information sharing/education, should be an integral part of the school cur-

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Thank you, Dr. King

You have made all our lives richer and more meaningful!



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