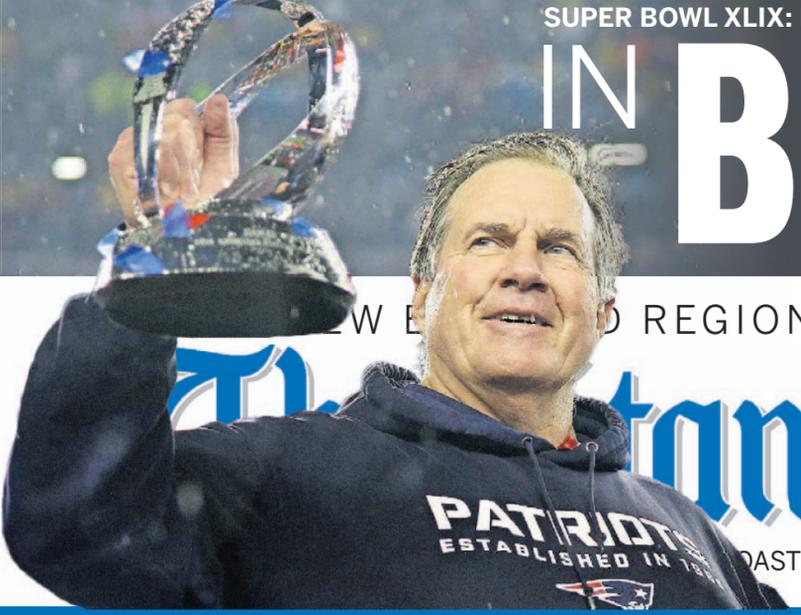


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Students march from Normandin Middle School in New Bedford to GiftsToGive in Acushnet as part of a Day of Service held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday. PHOTOS BY DAVID W. OLIVEIRA/STANDARD-TIMES SPECIAL

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The \$559,000 project will bring a state-of-the-art timing system. **B1**

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IN BRIEF

Convenience store robbed in New Bedford

NEW BEDFORD — A man carrying a knife robbed Joe's Convenience Store on Acushnet Avenue Sunday, police said. No one was hurt in the incident, according to Detective Lt. John Chaves.

A light-skinned man wearing a baseball cap and jeans entered the store located near 1890 Acushnet Ave. around 1 p.m. and told the clerk he would stab him if he did not hand over money, Chaves said.

The man took the money, and fled south on Acushnet Avenue, he said.

Anyone with information can contact Det. Macaila Saunders at 508-991-6300 ext. 128.

— Carol Kozma

Two men attempt robbery

NEW BEDFORD — Two men, one who was armed with a handgun, attempted to rob two people Sunday near 163 Acushnet Ave., police said. No one was hurt in the incident.

One victim was putting items in the back of a van around 9:30 p.m. when two men, both in their 30s, asked for his cash and jacket, said Detective Lt. John Chaves.

The men fled empty handed after the second victim, who sat in the passenger seat and saw the incident in the rear view mirror, said she would call police, Chaves said.

One man was light skinned, and wore a light colored sweatshirt and a face mask, and the other was dark-skinned, and wore a black hooded sweatshirt, police said.

Anyone with information can reach Det. Michael Carrier at 508-991-6300 ext. 114

— Carol Kozma

Hundreds march in Boston on MLK Day

BOSTON — Hundreds of people filled the streets of Boston for a march against racism and inequality as they honored slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Demonstrators walked about four miles on city streets Monday on the holiday commemorating King and repeated outrage over the killings of unarmed black men by white police officers in Ferguson, Missouri, and Staten Island in New York City. They also stopped and lay down at one point in a "die-in" protest.

The mostly peaceful rally was one of several across the country staged as part of the Black Lives Matter movement, which was created in 2012 after the Trayvon Martin killing in Florida.

People at the rally in Boston changed "black lives matter" and held signs saying "jail killer cops."

— The Associated Press

Senate to vote on new transparency rules

BOSTON — The state Senate is considering a proposed set of rules for the 2015-2016 session that includes efforts to improve transparency.

The new rules, set for a vote on Wednesday, would require the Senate to make a list of bills available to the public two days before any meeting scheduled to consider those bills.

Another change would require that members receive more explanation about amendments offered during annual debate on the state budget.

Newly-elected Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, an Amherst Democrat, has promised greater transparency in the upcoming session. The Legislature has at times been criticized for rushing through bills without enough input from the public.

Rosenberg has also proposed creating three new standing committees in the Senate, including a panel on intergovernmental affairs.

— The Associated Press

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Spotlight on community



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Students honor King with volunteerism

By Carol Kozma
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NEW BEDFORD — While most students slept in Monday morning, others packed Normandin Middle School as 250 students received a lesson on community service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Middle-schoolers came from across SouthCoast to the second annual Middle School Students Teach-in, March and Day of Service. The event was organized by GiftsToGive, La Soul Renaissance and SouthCoast Serves, and was sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank.

"I am so proud of you all, you could have been home sleeping today," said Jim Stevens, CEO and founder of GiftsToGive. "It's all about getting educated, it's all about getting connected."

Students spent part of their day learning about King's

legacy through a series of activities and by creating posters they took on a 1-mile march out to GiftsToGive in Acushnet. There they spent the afternoon processing donated clothes, toys and more for those in need.

The event, Stevens said, "offers us a focused time to not only honor the legacy of a great American but allows our children to learn about and experience the power of giving and service in the most tangible of ways."

Jared Paul, an activist from Providence, brought King's legacy into the context of recent event in Ferguson and New York.

"We need to hear and listen what they are saying," he said.

Paul also recited a series of his own poems, sometimes making jokes that made students giggle, and also read some of Martin Luther King's own work.

After he spoke, Paul said he hoped students understood King's legacy, which he said was nonviolence, and direct action with civil disobedience.

Kareem Mahmoud, a sixth-grader at Morton Middle School in Fall River, said he had "learned a lot about how each person is unique and how it's not fair for some people to not have their own rights."

Another reason he was happy to be there, he said, was because it was fun, a common sentiment among many of the middle-schoolers.

"It's really fun to learn about Martin Luther King, and I wanted to help the community," said Olimpia Andrade, a seventh-grader from Our Sisters' School.

The event was also an opportunity to get middle-schoolers to think about their future education. At Normandin, they sat with area high-schoolers from

Bishop Stang High School and Global Learning Charter Public School, as well as UMass Dartmouth students.

Stephen Farrell, Normandin's principal, said students were told they were sitting with their future upperclassmen.

"This is part of their journey to college," he said.

Erik Andrade of La Soul Renaissance, who helped coordinate the day's activities, said it was also a chance to "see (that) people from the same background are going to college."

UMass Dartmouth track and field coach Steve Gardiner said it was not difficult to get members of the team involved.

"When they walk out, they're going to feel so great," he said. "You get so much more back when you give."

—Follow Carol Kozma on Twitter @CarolKozmaSCT

Words of wisdom fill annual BCC breakfast

By Marc Munroe Dion
Herald News

FALL RIVER - Martin Luther King Jr. Day came to the city with words of wisdom and remembrance at Bristol Community College, where an annual breakfast is hosted to mark the day.

"We gather together to remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King," said the Rev. Darryl D. Malden, pastor of Fall River's Bethel African Methodist Church.

Malden said King's message could be boiled down to a simple statement.

"Fight for truth," Malden said. "Fight for justice."

Musical trio MusicOne provided the musical version of King's message, the three women in the group singing, "Together we can make a better world."

Congressman William Keating said he believes that King brought a message extending far beyond the immediate civil rights struggle of his time.

"He brought a message of civil involvement," Keating said, adding that participating in anti-bullying activities, Boy or Girl Scouts and church groups are all ways to achieve that involvement.

"It's important and powerful when we do these things together," Keating said.

Fall River Mayor C. Samuel Sutter said he'd been to the event before but continued to be happy with its growth.

"This event just keeps getting better and better," Sutter said. "Just like BCC keeps getting better and better."

"Today, we celebrate a man who changed America as much as anyone changed America," Sutter said.

Several speakers shared the importance of education.

"I knew I needed to go to college for anything to change," said Shelly Correia, BCC's 2015 Distinguished African American Alumna. Correia went on from BCC to a career in community activism, including

stints in New Bedford helping the homeless and those battling addiction.

Keynote speaker Aminah Pilgrim, assistant professor of Africana Studies at UMass Boston, spoke of her own struggles with bullying and racism during her elementary and high school years, during which time she attended schools where she was often the only African-American.

Pilgrim called for a moment of silence for, in her words, "people suffering all over the world."

"Racism hurts everyone," Pilgrim said. "We all ... miss out on each other when we succumb to fear."

NEWSMAKERS

Meet two-time New Bedford Half-Marathon winner Ruben Sanca

By Curt Brown
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Ruben Sanca, 28, is a two-time winner of the New Bedford Half-Marathon and said he is planning to run the race again this year. "It's on my schedule," he said. A native of Santa Maria, Cabo Verde, he is currently living in Lowell. He said he likes the New Bedford race and appreciates all the organization and effort that goes into making the course a safe venue for runners. "It's a big Massachusetts city, but yet it has a small town feel to it," he said. He

is employed as the full-time business manager in the Division of Student Affairs at UMass Lowell.

Personal: Single, in a relationship. No pets, but I'm thinking about getting a fish. In the near future, I would like to get a dog, too.

Last book you read: Running for the Hansons

One thing always in your refrigerator: Good bread. I'm very picky about my bread.

How you unwind: I enjoy exploring new restaurants and trying different foods. If I'm too tired from training, I like to

relax on the couch and watch TV shows. I'm into "White Collar," "Homeland" or "Scandal."

Why you do what you do: I've been a runner for about 15 years. I enjoy the journey of setting goals and working hard to accomplish them. Whether I am successful or not, I always seem to learn something from running that relates to life. Running keeps me rejuvenated physically, mentally and psychologically. It makes me really appreciate the simple things in life.

What you'd do if you weren't doing this job: If I wasn't

utilizing a lot of my free time running, I would probably try to be a private coach to other runners. I enjoy helping others improve and reach their goals.

Who's your hero (and why): When I was younger, I used to say my heroes were big time soccer players. Later in life, I learned my true heroes are my parents. They have sacrificed a lot for myself and my brothers in moments when I was too young to understand. Now that I'm older, I fully appreciate everything they have done for me.

Guilt pleasure: Chocolate.

Dedication to service runs in the family

Jason Protami
Contributing writer

WAREHAM — Community service, volunteerism and helping others runs in the St. Julien family.

Dad Henry and daughter Madison became the first family members to receive Martin Luther King Jr. awards in the same year at Monday's annual Community Breakfast at the Boys & Girls Club.

Madison was honored with one of the Youth Spirit Awards for her service at Wareham High School, where she is a four-year honor roll member whom Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood called "a valuable member of Wareham High School."

Henry, an educator and global education team leader at the school, received the Community Service Award for his "dedication to the students at Wareham High School," said Kenny Fontes of the Boys & Girls Club.

"I'm really happy to be sharing the stage with my father," Madison said after receiving her award. "He taught me to be who I am."

Aside from the awards presentation, the annual breakfast featured several speakers who shared how Dr. King's legacy of service lives on today.

Local veteran Stephen Baptiste echoed the sentiments of Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic I Have a Dream speech during his keynote address.

"We've all had our struggles, but you have to forgive. Life isn't easy, but if you teach love and acceptance in your home, then your children and grandchildren will take those beliefs with them and share them with the world," he said.

Other Youth Spirit Award recipients included:

■ Upper Cape Technical High School senior Jordan Elicier, whose teachers describe as, "well-liked, respectful, and a mentor to younger students," when not spending time caring for his ailing grandmother.

■ Bishop Stang High School freshman Jeffrey McDougal Jr., who created the Spring Greening Project clothing drive for the needy while at Wareham Middle School.

■ Wareham Cooperative School junior Haley Cincotta, a foster child who was adopted at the age of 4, who spends much of her free time assisting her mother at the family-run day care.

■ Wareham Middle School eighth-grader Kylie Decas, who saw a family in need and helped organize a Christmas gift drive for them.

■ Decas Elementary student Brendan Spenard, who is, "always there to be a good friend and listener," principal Donna Noonan said.

■ Minot Forest Elementary School student Peyton Smith, who is president of her school's Kiwanis Club. Smith is, "very kind and considerate to all," principal Joan Seamans said.

Recipient of the Gleason Family YMCA award, Upper Cape Tech senior Nelson Ash, was, "a natural choice," according to YMCA Director Lu Brito because of the countless hours he's spent volunteering there.

This year's Wareham Boys & Girls Club Spirit Award went to Anajae Council and Madison Murphy, who also led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance that morning.

