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Ahead of the Winter Olympics, U.S. Rep. William Keating, D-Mass., travels to Russia to meet with intelligence officials on the danger of attacks, and expresses the concern that threats to America exist in homegrown, U.S. terrorists, rather than those from the Caucasus.



REP. WILLIAM KEATING

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



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# On the march to remember



Above, volunteers start from Roosevelt Middle School toward GiftsToGive for the first MLK New Bedford Children's March on Monday.

At right, Don Brown, second from left, has students string together yarn to illustrate unity at the middle school.

Youths across SouthCoast convene in the Whaling City to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and look forward to an era of greater harmony among all people.

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As New England drifts farther and farther from its last Super Bowl title, the Patriots face questions about their offense, their health, their lineup and more. **B1**



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NEW BEDFORD, MA

## On a march to remember

**SouthCoast youths volunteer in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.**

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NEW BEDFORD

NEW BEDFORD — From the triple deckers of South End New Bedford to the suburbs of Marion, kids from across SouthCoast gathered Monday to honor the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. through community service.

"With the adults it's too late. With the youth we know that they're more impressionable. They don't have the influence of all the negativity," said Sterling Lopes, a student at YouthBuild New Bedford leading a table filled with kids from Marion, Fairhaven and New Bedford.

"Our youth is our future, so in order for us to change our future we have to change our youth."

It was the first annual MLK New Bedford Children's March. More than 200 kids congregated at Roosevelt Middle School for a teach-in Monday morning, before marching to GiftsToGive, where they spent the rest of the day volunteering.

Passing a skein of yarn across the table, each student introduced themselves and announced what career they aspired to work in, then passed the yarn back across the table.

"We just demonstrated how we're all connected," Lopes said.

The students were shown

said, "and if one person was to go without food, or one person was to not go to school or get arrested, how it would affect our whole community."

The event was organized by an array of organizations, including YouthBuild New Bedford, GiftsToGive and SouthCoast Serves. GiftsToGive volunteer Leanne Neves recited King's "I have a dream" speech with impassioned delivery at the teach-in.

YouthBuild's Erik Andrade spoke of New Bedford as an important city in America's civil rights history, with ties to Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, as well as homegrown liberation figures.

"Rodney French ... the third mayor of New Bedford, allowed slaves to take refuge in his house," Andrade said. "This is the city (of) Paul Cuffe, an African and Native American, who established the first free, integrated school in America ... in Westport, Massachusetts."

"It is fitting that in this community we're celebrating the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement. And we're pushing it forward."

GiftsToGive CEO Jim Stevens told the story of being arrested

a documentary depicting the role of youth in Birmingham, Ala., in the period leading up to the end of segregation. The film depicted white men brutally repressing the protesters with German shepherds and fire hoses but the young people upholding their commitment to non-violence.

"I am so sorry about the condition of the world we're leaving behind," he said. "And these problems — global warming, terrorism, child poverty, half the

kids of New Bedford not graduating high school — these problems you've got to fix."

Marquis Cruz, 19, a graduate of YouthBuild, spoke during the teach-in.

"In order for us to come together as one, we must start with love," Cruz said. "It needs to start from the heart, not from the mind."

Cruz emphasized the value of

good choices — most important the one between a life of crime and a life as a productive member of society.

"As I got older I soon came to realize that I'd been in multiple situations where I almost died in the streets, and I also ended up in jail," Cruz said. "Now is the time to figure out what you want to do. Plan your future. Think big."

**Students fill out the message boards Monday at Roosevelt Middle School during the MLK New Bedford Children's March in preparation for their march to GiftsToGive.**

## Paying solemn tribute



PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

**Army veteran Bill Moniz helps hoist a 50-by-30-foot American flag in front of Fairhaven High School early Monday morning in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. day.**

## Keating travels to Russia for talks on terror risk

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NEW BEDFORD — Just weeks before the opening of the Winter Olympics in Russia, Ninth District Congressman Bill Keating is traveling there alongside his Republican committee colleague Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

"What's being reinforced so far is the threat is great and the threat is as predicted by our own top officials, dealing with the lone wolves, and the domestic radicalized Americans," Keating told The Standard-Times in an interview from Moscow.

The bipartisan pair landed in Russia on Sunday to meet with intelligence officials from both countries and examine the threat of terrorism as it relates to the Caucasus region. They have met with officials to discuss the Boston Marathon bombings and are scheduled to discuss the terrorist threat to Sochi.

Keating said it appears Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev met with insurgents in Russia but didn't pass their vetting process and instead returned to the U.S. Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police a few days after the bombings. His brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, has pleaded not guilty to a federal indictment charging him with using a weapon of mass destruction.

Aside from three friends of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's accused of hindering the investigation, no one else has been charged in connection with the attacks.

Keating, a Bourne Democrat, said the U.S. does not appear to face an ongoing threat from the Caucasus, a region on the border of Asia and Europe where Chechnya is located. The bigger

threat is from homegrown terrorists, radicalized online.

"They're already within (our) borders," he said. "The people that are already in the U.S., that have already crossed our borders, that are familiar with our country and some of them may be citizens ... remain our greatest threat."

On Tuesday, Keating and McCaul will travel to Sochi to examine security protocol in anticipation of the February games.

On Monday, a video surfaced in which two men who claimed responsibility for Russian bombings last month said more would be coming if the Olympics in Sochi are not called off.

Asked if there is a threat to Americans at the Olympics, Keating said one exists any time there is a worldwide event.

"This is occurring in an area abutting one of the most dangerous terrorist areas," he said in reference to the Caucasus.

Keating also traveled to Russia last year in the wake of the Marathon bombings. He later told reporters that the attack could have been averted had U.S. authorities acted on intelligence provided by the Russians.

In spite of talk about a new era of cooperation and information sharing after the Boston bombing, Keating said Russian-American cooperation has been limited to that event.

He said though he hopes cooperation would expand between the two countries, there's no evidence that points to that happening.

"It's a very complicated relationship with Russia," he said.

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