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STATE & REGION



Tech at the symphony

As part of an effort to draw in a younger audience, the Boston Symphony Orchestra is loaning select patrons iPads loaded with content specific to each performance. **B5**

MUSIC



Eagles co-founder Glenn Frey dies

Glenn Frey, who co-founded the Eagles, and with Don Henley became one of history’s most successful songwriting teams with such hits as “Hotel California” and “Life in the Fast Lane,” has died at 67. **A6**

POLITICS



Does Trump have fans or voters?

It’s the No. 1 question headed into the primary season: Does Donald Trump merely have fans, or does the national front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination have voters who will mobilize come caucus day? **B6**

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

From Wareham to Fall River, from New Bedford to Boston, from Atlanta to South Carolina and beyond, the nation celebrates Dr. King’s legacy of service, equality and social justice.

‘Equality for all’

“If we will it, if we believe it, if we demand it, it is no dream”

Fall River marks holiday with services at BCC, Bethel AME Church. **A2**

“Keep your dreams big and your expectations high”

Onset native shares message of hope in Wareham. **A2**

“The time is always right to do what is right”

SouthCoast students gather in New Bedford with focus on voting, service. **A3**

“South Carolina made the right choice”

Confederate flag doesn’t cast long shadow over civil rights leaders marching to S.C. Statehouse. **A3**

Volunteer Martha Kay sorts through donations while standing behind a wall featuring a photo of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at GiftsToGive in Acushnet Monday.

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NEW BEDFORD

Overnight fire station closures likely

Expanded ‘brownout’ policy took effect over the weekend in effort to cut overtime costs. **A7**



Overnight fire station closures are likely in New Bedford. JOHN SLADEWSKI/THE STANDARD-TIMES

NEW BEDFORD SCHOOLS

Should we expand special ed offerings?

That’s the question one top school official is asking after noting the ‘staggering’ number of elementary students with ‘emotional problems.’ **A7**

ENTERTAINMENT

More calling for boycott of Oscars



Jada Pinkett Smith



Spike Lee

Stars Spike Lee, Jada Pinkett Smith say they won’t attend after Oscars’ second-straight year of all-white acting nominees. **A6**

# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

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## IN BRIEF

### Boston to hold tributes to honor Martin Luther King

BOSTON — The city of Boston presented “A Day of Service and Celebration” to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Monday.

The events were in Faneuil Hall. Mayor Martin Walsh said this was the eighth annual day of service and celebration the city has sponsored in partnership with the Museum of African American History and the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Tributes to King featured classical and spiritual pieces performed by the orchestra. Topper Carew, a civil rights activist, filmmaker and MIT scholar, delivered the keynote address.

### Activists call for economic and racial justice

BOSTON — Activists marching in Boston on Martin Luther King Jr. day called for economic and racial justice.

The Monday afternoon event was focused on seeking prosecution of police officers that commit violence, a higher minimum wage for workers, a rejection of Islamophobia and an end to “institutional racism.”

The march started at 1 p.m. at Joe Moakley Park in Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood. It headed to Grove Hall, making stops along the way.

Among the organizing groups are Mass Action Against Police Brutality and the Fight for \$15 Massachusetts campaign.

Darius Cephas, an organizer with the campaign that’s seeking a higher minimum wage, says the fight for economic and racial justice continues as the country commemorates the life and legacy of the slain civil rights leader.

### Rhode Island honors Dr. King

CRANSTON, R.I. — Hundreds of people, including the state’s top political leaders, gathered for breakfast Monday morning and, while invoking the principles of Martin Luther King, Jr., offered encouragement to student scholarship winners.

Seated at the dais at the Minister’s Alliance annual M.L.K. scholarship breakfast was Governor Raimondo, Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse and Jack Reed, Rep. David Cicilline, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, Cranston Mayor Allan Fung, Central Falls Mayor James Diosa, among others. About 480 people attended the breakfast, which cost \$35 per ticket, said the Rev. Sammy Vaughan, president of the alliance.

“We are trying to make sure (King’s) dream is actualized here in Rhode Island,” Vaughan said. “We are here for the students.”

Seventeen students were awarded scholarships at the three-hour long breakfast. Each recipient must belong to a church associated with the Minister’s Alliance to qualify, Vaughan said.

Many officials delivered remarks, which focused on a variety of topics ranging from voter’s rights to minimum wage. Nearly every speaker quoted eloquent King to illustrate their points.

Raimondo read a famous line from King, before telling the winners she was proud of them.

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy,” she read. “Way to go guys,” she said to the scholars.

“With every bone in my body I’m going to make sure that opportunity is available for young people today,” she said. “Regardless of color, of income, of zip code.”

In a similar vein, Fung spoke to many people’s frustrations with the current political system. Doing so, he urged people to “turn down the volume” and listen to one another.

## SOUTHCOAST

# Students mark holiday with service, commitment

By Auditi Guha  
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NEW BEDFORD — Volunteering in the community changed her, said Suely Pereira, 16, a New Bedford High School student.

She was one of more than 170 students who participated in a teach-in at the Normandin Middle School Monday on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day instead of just taking the day off from classes.

Working with local organizations and charities has helped her get to know her community better and opened her eyes to how many people don’t have food or shelter, said Pereira, who has volunteered at GiftsToGive in Acushnet and Sharing the Harvest Community Farm at the Dartmouth Y. It also helped her realize what a great way it is to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy, she said.

For the third year, UMass Dartmouth’s Leduc Center for Civic Engagement, in conjunction with SouthCoast Serves, GiftsToGive and the Massachusetts Service Alliance, organized Day of Service projects involving hundreds of students across SouthCoast.

“This is a tremendous learning experience for our students,” said Stephen Farrell, Normandin School principal. “They very much enjoy it and continue to participate on their own on weekends, holidays and throughout the summer.”

Volunteering gives Michael Carvalho, 17, “an opportunity to do something.” Carvalho, student ambassador at Global Learning Charter Public School, helped established a Rotaract chapter, which is an arm of the Rotary service organization. It has helped him meet people, make friends, further his awareness and make a difference in the community, he said.

Snow and concerns for safety cancelled a scheduled march to



Volunteers from Bristol County Savings Bank sort through donations Monday at GiftsToGive in Acushnet. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

GiftsToGive in nearby Acushnet for an afternoon of service learning but participating students, staff and volunteers devoted Monday morning to a discussion of King’s legacy with projects tailored around the importance of voting — this year’s focus.

“A lot of the times it comes down to a small margin so it’s important for people to vote,” said Freddy Miller, 18 of Old Rochester Regional High School in a group discussion at his table.

Although safety concerns cancelled the march to GiftsToGive, the organization still had volunteers to sort through donations on Monday. A group of volunteers from a local bank was among those celebrating the holiday with community service.

Performances included a spoken word presentation by New Bedford poet Erik Andrade who urged students to take a stand against injustices of the world, and a magic show by Westport illusionist Lyn Dillies. This was followed by an excerpt from King’s “Give us the ballot” speech and a screening of the documentary “Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot.”

Author of “Your Vote is Magic,” Dillies talked about her struggle in a profession dominated by men. As she put her assistant in a box and twisted his head around, she said she likes to dedicate her show to “women who have been squished, squeezed, sliced and diced over the ages.”

Events like this help students realize the importance

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—Steve Russell

of giving back and cultivating pride in their community especially in a city that has a lot of negativity attached to it, said Justine Santos, Grade 8 teacher. Her students organized the Normandin program and acted as emcees.

Service learning has always been important at Our Sisters’ School, said Head of School Sarah Herman, “because it helps them think beyond themselves.”

It’s also a great entry point for newcomers to service learning, said Lindsay Rooney from the Massachusetts

Service Alliance that supported 13 service projects across the state on MLK Day.

As students discussed whether the voting age is fair, volunteers handed out blue sweatshirts with the GiftsToGive logo and King’s statement: “The time is always right to do what is right.”

“There’s no better day to recognize service and the impact it has on social justice and making the world a better place for all of us,” said former Dartmouth School Superintendent Steve Russell of GiftsToGive.

## NATION & WORLD

# With Confederate flag gone, King Day rally shifts focus

By Jeffrey Collins  
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — For the first time in 17 years, civil rights leaders marched to the South Carolina Statehouse to pay homage to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Only this year, the Confederate flag wasn’t there casting a long shadow over them.

The rebel banner was taken down over the summer after police said a young white man shot nine black church members to death during a Bible study in Charleston. Following the massacre at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley reversed course and made it a priority for lawmakers to pass legislation to remove the flag.

“Isn’t this a great day? It’s so nice to be standing here and not looking at that flag,” said Ezell Pittman, who attended most of the King Day anti-flag rallies since they started in 2000. “I always had faith it would come down. I hate it took what it did, but was real happy to see it go.”

Across the country, the 30th anniversary of the holiday to honor the civil rights leader assassinated in 1968, was remembered in different ways. In Michigan, people delivered bottled water to residents of Flint amid the city’s drinking water crisis. In Atlanta, an overflow crowd listened as to the nation’s housing secretary talk about the 50th



Francys Johnson, center, joins hands with Jacqueline Lott-Jackson, left, during a moment of prayer at the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

anniversary of King’s visit to Chicago to launch a campaign for fair housing. In Minnesota, a rally against police brutality was planned.

South Carolina NAACP President Lonnie Randolph said the flag’s removal was tangible evidence the state cares about civil rights when pushed hard enough. But he warned there would be other fights ahead.

“I promise you, the people that gather in this building — your building — will do something this year to cause us to return to insure freedom, justice and equality is made possible for all people,” Randolph said, motioning toward the capitol behind him.

Randolph promised to keep coming to the Statehouse until King’s dream comes its full meaning in a state where

there are wide gaps in education achievement between school districts in rich, white communities and poorer, black ones, and where the governor and Republican-dominated Legislature have refused to take federal money to expand Medicaid.

About 1,000 people gathered at the Statehouse on a clear, cold day, drawn in part by appearances by all three main Democratic presidential candidates — Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Martin O’Malley.

Sanders reminded the crowd King was a dynamic leader who wanted to help the poor. O’Malley said King would be ashamed his county has made it harder to vote and easier to buy a gun.

Only Clinton dealt directly with the flag. She credited



Kathy Williams holds a portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a parade in Jacksonville, Fla. BOB SELF/THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Haley and the Republicans with working with the NAACP after the church shooting and choosing King’s legacy over hatred.

“We couldn’t celebrate him and the Confederacy. We had to choose,” Clinton said. “And South Carolina made the right choice.”

In the nation’s capital, President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama followed the King Day theme of

community service by planting vegetable seeds at a District of Columbia elementary school to honor the civil rights leader and celebrate Mrs. Obama’s anti-childhood obesity initiative.

They also stuffed bags with books for needy children along with young people who participate in a White House mentoring program and volunteers from the AmeriCorps national service program.