

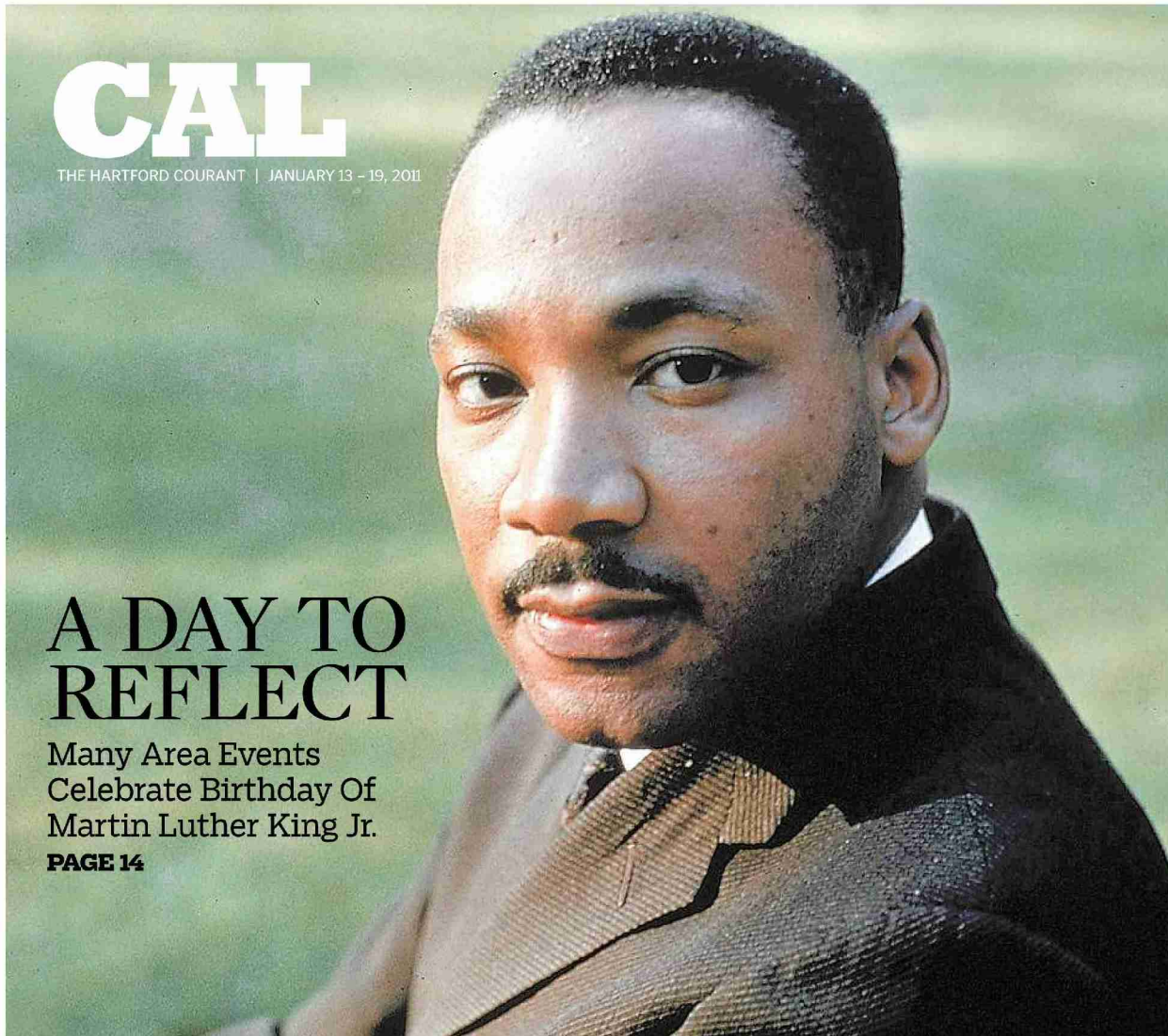
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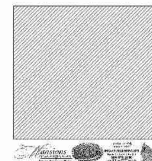
A DAY TO REFLECT

Many Area Events
Celebrate Birthday Of
Martin Luther King Jr.

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The Yale Peabody Museum hosts its 15th annual free, two-day celebration, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy of Environmental and Social Justice 2011," on Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It includes dance and music performances, storytelling, "Stop the Violence: Teens Standing Up for Change" workshops, an open mike, an Afro-Caribbean folk-doll workshop and a poetry slam. The Peabody is at 179 Whitney Ave. New Haven. Information: 203-432-3740 and www.peabody.yale.edu.

On Friday, visit **Old Sturbridge Village**, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, Mass., for "Honoring a Slave Heroine: The Mumbet Story." East Hartford resident, storyteller and museum educator Tammy Denease will tell the tale of how Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman won her freedom in a 1781 court case that later inspired the decision to end slavery throughout Massachusetts. Ice skating, sledding, sleigh rides and crafts will also be available. Admission is \$20, \$18 seniors ages 65 and older. Children are admitted free through Jan. 31. Information: 800-733-1830 or www.osv.org.

"Now's the Time," a celebration of the King legacy, is on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at **The First Cathedral**, 1151 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield. The event features gospel singer Kathy Taylor, a 140-voice community choir and emcee Brad Davis. Created in collaboration with The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, the evening will examine the power of King to bring people together. Admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors, students and military members. VIP Reserved tickets are \$15. Information: 860-243-6520 and www.firstcathedral.org.

The University of Hartford's Dr. Martin Luther King observance is on Monday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Lincoln Theatre, 200 Bloomfield Ave., Hartford. The theme, "The Beloved Community," will be supplemented by music and keynote speaker Jennifer Smith Turner, CEO of Connecticut Girl Scouts. The event is free, though guests are asked to bring donations of new men's socks, gloves, hats, scarves or travel-sized toiletries to be donated to the Church Street Eats program at Christ

Church Cathedral. Information: 860-768-4220, www.hartford.edu or cgrant@hartford.edu.

The eighth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Day begins at 10 a.m. at **Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art**, 600 Main St., Hartford, Monday with storytelling, music and art activities. Admission to the event, which ends at 5 p.m., is free. Information: 860-278-2670 or www.wadsworthatheneum.org.

"African American Dance: The Stage Meets the Street" is part of **Connecticut Dance Alliance's** Seventh Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Dance at Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, 15 Vernon St., Hartford on Monday. Several dance classes at varying experience levels will be taught throughout the day in modern dance, hip-hop and tap. Cost is \$35, \$25 CDA member, \$15 students, \$10 students of CDA members. Participants must be at least 12 years old and bring their own lunch. Registration is required and can be done at the door at 8:15 a.m. Information: www.ctdanceall.com. Contact info@ctdanceall.com with questions.

Andrew Young, civil rights activist and friend of King, will speak at the 10th annual Martin Luther King day celebration at **Glastonbury High School**, 628 Hebron Ave., on Monday at 7 p.m. Young was the first African American to be elected to Congress from Georgia since Reconstruction. The free event also will include entertainment, a reception and a book signing. Information: 860-633-6078.

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra will host "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." today at 10:30 a.m. at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Through musical excerpts from Beethoven, Copland and De Falla and the teachings of King, the program aims at showing children how to overcome adversity to reach their goals. The program is hosted by Victoria Christgau, executive director and peace/arts educator of the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence. Matthew Aubin conducts the HSO. Women of the Cross will perform and 8th grader Angel Cooper will read an original poem. Admission is \$7.50 per student. Information: 860-760-7328 or education@hartfordsymphony.org.

Westport Arts Center, 51 Riverside

Ave., hosts a "Picture Book Art" workshop in honor of King on Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 6 to 10 will explore several children's books with children's book illustrators and use these tools to create their own text and illustrations to take home. Cost: \$40, \$35 members. Information and reservations: 203-222-7070 or www.westportartscenter.org.

The 15th Annual **West Hartford** celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life will happen Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 50 South Main St., West Hartford. The free event will commemorate King's ideals with student perspective speeches and musical performances. Refreshments will be served. Information: 860-561-7500 or www.west-hartford.com.

Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Pleasant St., Southington, will host a Martin Luther King Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday at 5 p.m., with guest pastor Rev. Ralph Lord Roy. All guests are asked to bring a dish as admission. Information, call 860-628-6996 or visit www.gbgm-umc.org/gracechurchct.

The Eli Whitney Museum and Workshop, 915 Whitney Ave., Hamden, offers "Through the Eye of a Camel" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday. Children ages 7-11

can participate in camel-related crafts, listen to stories about the animal and learn about its features. Proceeds will be donated to children of the International Refugee Integrated Services. Cost is \$59. Registration for the event is required. Guests must register at least one day before the event. Information: 203-777-1833 or www.eliwhitney.org.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, **The Bruce Museum**, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, hosts its annual "Martin Luther King Jr. Family Day Celebration." Children can watch a performance at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. that examines the struggles of the civil rights period, make an "I have a dream..." button and add their self-portrait to a museum mural. Admission is \$7, \$6 for seniors and students. Children ages 5 and younger are admitted free. Information: 203-869-0376 or www.brucemuseum.org.

A free event at the **Stanley-Whitman House**, 37 High St., Farmington, takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday. Attendees can learn about Martin Luther King Jr. by watching videos of his life and also create a poster commemorating his legacy. Refreshments will be served. Information: 860-677-9222 or www.stanleywhitman.org.

A DAY TO CELEBRATE

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Monday is the annual observance of the life and legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964 for his work in civil rights. Observances and workshops are being held through the state to mark his memory.



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THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. is welcomed by his wife, Coretta, after leaving court in Montgomery, Ala., March 22, 1956. King was found guilty of conspiracy to boycott city buses in the historic campaign to desegregate the bus system, but a judge suspended his \$500 fine pending appeal.



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AMONG KING DAY EVENTS are, from left, Women of the Cross at the Bushnell; center, Kouffin Kanecke Company at Yale; and right, Michael Mills and Brian Jarawa Gray at Yale.