

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 Photos:



City celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day Bob Wojcieszak/Daily Mail Surrounded by hundreds of children, Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin rings the Liberty Bell at the state Capitol Complex Monday afternoon in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The bell ringing was a tribute to King's life and accomplishments and a symbol of the state's commitment to sharing King's legacy. A minister, King was known for his leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. He was assassinated in April 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. The bell ringing ceremony followed a march from Asbury United Methodist Church on Elizabeth Street where an Ecumenical worship service was held to mark the day. Related Galleries Martin Luther King Jr Day More than 150 people gathered on the north side of the Capitol Complex on Monday afternoon to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A march was led from Asbury United Methodist Church on Elizabeth Street to the State Capitol Complex where it was met by an audience that featured community leaders, area residents, government employees and lawmakers, including Delegates Saira Blair, R-Berkeley; Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha; and Jill Upson, R-Jefferson. The ceremonial bell ringing was led by U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin who shared his remarks on King and justice before turning the microphone over to Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, state Senate President Bill Cole and House Speaker Tim Armstead. "It's hard to imagine what our country might look like today without Dr. King's brave fight against discrimination and injustice," said Capito. Tomblin said King was among the most influential leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and spent his life sharing his dream built on justice. "His vision and perseverance demonstrated a faith in the good of people and challenged all Americans to be stewards of change and peace," Tomblin said. "His words and deeds were the heart of a revolution that changed the face of America forever." Members of the Appalachian Children's Chorus performed music for the event before being joined by students from Mountaineer Montessori, Mary C. Snow West Side

Elementary, Horace Mann Middle schools and Girl Scout Troop 1853 from St. Paul AME Church to ring the state Liberty Bell



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