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Clifford Montiero, 71, now president of the Providence branch of the NAACP, was a civil-rights advocate 40 years ago and went south to serve as a bodyguard for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in protest marches. "I have never been so angry in my life," he said of the assassination.

40 YEARS TODAY

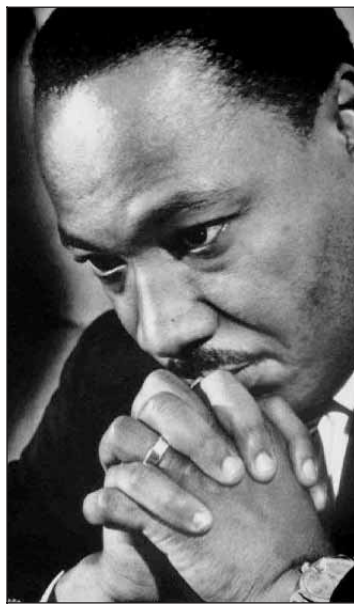
Rhode Islanders recall the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

BY SCOTT MACKAY
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The bullet that killed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the balcony of a Memphis motel reverberated around the globe. It cast a pall on struggling black communities in the United States; neighborhoods erupted in riots, some wrapped themselves in grief and others sought succor and peace in carrying on King's legacy.

The assassination occurred 40 years ago today, on April 4 in 1968, a year that would become one of the most tumultuous of the 20th century. To black Americans of a certain age, King's death sears memory, marking the demise of the man — but not his ideas — who used the weapons of nonviolence and interracial cooperation to blunt the ferocity of segregation and led a movement to forge equality among the races.

Word spread quickly that day via the television screens that had brought King's



civil-rights movement into the living rooms of millions of Americans in the 1960s.

"I have never been so angry in my life, I just wanted to go out and punch white people," recalls Clifford Montiero, 71, who, as a civil-rights advocate, went to the American South with King and served as one of his bodyguards in protest marches. He was working on fair-housing issues at the Providence office of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches when the news flashed over television.

"Then I realized I had to channel my anger into something productive," Montiero said in a recent interview. His devotion to fair housing became more fervent. In the aftermath of King's death, lobbying by him and other civil-rights activists prodded the Rhode Island General Assembly into approving the nation's strongest state law

SEE KING, A7

projo.com Extra: How has Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and death affected you? To respond and to hear Rhode Islanders young and old remember King 40 years later, go to projo.com

Police improving in area of civil rights

The Providence chief says U.S. officials are pleased by changes made in the wake of the Sgt. Cornel Young shooting.

BY GREGORY SMITH
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PROVIDENCE — The U.S. Department of Justice has concluded a quiet years-long review of alleged civil-rights abuses by the city police force and pronounced the force much improved.

The Justice Department found abuses, including the use of excessive force and resistance to citizen complaints of police misconduct, but collaborated with the Police Department to institute reforms, Police Chief Dean M. Esserman disclosed yesterday.

Those reforms, made with racial and ethnic minorities in mind especially, include tighter supervision and greater limitations on the use of force, a resort to less-lethal weaponry, establishment of a more receptive policy regarding complaints of police misconduct, and tougher reaction to confirmed misconduct.

For example, Esserman said Providence was one of the last departments in the nation to retire the use of the blackjack. The blackjack was replaced with a telescoping metal baton that Esserman said is less bone-bruising.

SEE POLICE, A5

Inspection of U.S. airliners in question

FAA employees tell of being pressured to allow uninspected airplanes to remain in service.

JOURNAL WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration may know considerably less about the state of airline safety than it claims, a parade of witnesses and lawmakers said at a congressional hearing yesterday.

Three long-time Federal Aviation Administration inspectors testified that their agency allowed Southwest Airlines to fly uninspected planes, and that the airline continued to fly the planes even after it later found cracks in some of them.

The inspectors said that when they complained, their bosses threatened their jobs and discouraged them from pursuing safety problems.

One whistleblower, FAA inspector Douglas Peters, choked up in emotion when he described a conversation he had with an FAA

SEE AIRLINES, A5

Crash takes Coventry family's 'hero'

Joseph Fogarty's wife and their 11 children face an uncertain future after he is killed in a collision Wednesday night.

BY DAVID SCHARFENBERG
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COVENTRY — The scene at the Fogarty household yesterday was, in some ways, typical.

Children wandered in and out of the kitchen — munching on sandwiches and gnawing on the day's events.

A mother told her kids another

old family saw.

And siblings traded the knowing glances that stitch together brother and sister.



FOGARTY

But there was a great void in that house on Crestwood Road. The man at the center of this sprawling family — the man who fathered three children of his own and adopted eight more — was gone.

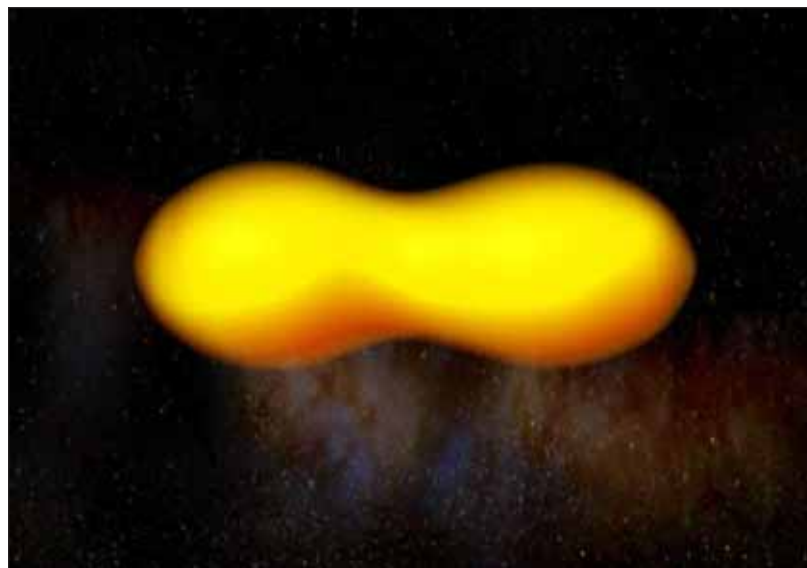
Joseph Fogarty, 46, died in a head-on collision on Arnold Road Wednesday night.

And his wife and kids, left with little money and fewer prospects, were at a loss.

"It's like a nightmare," said his daughter, Tara Pappas, 26. "You're waiting to wake up and see your dad."

Coventry police, who are investigating the accident, said Fogarty's pickup truck, traveling south, apparently crossed the double line at about 7:20 p.m. and

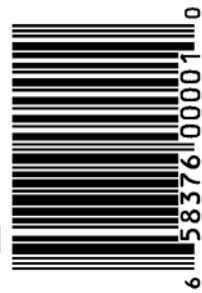
SEE FAMILY, B3



STELLAR TWINS

Ohio State University researchers have announced the discovery of a faraway binary star system in a galaxy called Holmberg IX, about 13 million light years from Earth. The two yellow stars — each 15 to 20 times bigger than the sun — orbit so closely that they resemble a peanut.

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CRACKDOWN IN ZIMBABWE

Intruders ransack offices of the main opposition party and police detain foreign journalists in an ominous sign that President Robert Mugabe may be turning to intimidation and violence in order to remain in power in Zimbabwe. **A4**

CONFUSION AT RIPTA

Hundreds of elderly and disabled people who rely on RIPTA's Ride bus program have been left without rides this week because of glitches with a new computer system. **B1**

SEEING WHICH WAY THE WIND BLOWS

Governor Carcieri announces that the state has formally begun the process of seeking proposals from developers interested in electricity-generating wind farms off the Rhode Island coast. **F1**



ON TARGET

In Pawtucket, Bartolo Colon throws five scoreless innings to earn a 3-0 win over the Indianapolis Indians and possibly a ticket to Boston to join the Red Sox. **C1**