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MLK DAY CELEBRATION

King's dream was for all Americans

By CHARLES OLIVER
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As a young girl growing up in a small village in Nigeria, Dr. Joy Nwadike was inspired by the struggle of Nelson Mandela and others to overturn the racial segregation system of apartheid in South Africa. “That was what we knew, and those are the people who we admired,” she said. “But after I came to the United States, I began to study American history and learned of Martin Luther King and his struggle. I read his speeches and was inspired by him.”

Nwadike was the keynote speaker Saturday evening at Dalton’s Mack Gaston Community Center for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. dinner.

“When I read his speeches, I saw that his dream wasn’t just for black people but for all Americans. It was a dream of a world in which we can look at each other and not see the color of each other’s skin but see the possibilities in each person,” she said.

A 2002 graduate of Morehouse University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Nwadike completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. From 2006 until recently she was the solo physician at Immanuel Women’s Center in Chatsworth. She is currently a member of the Gordon Physicians Group.

The theme of Saturday’s dinner was “Invest in the Dream to Change the World,” and Nwadike said it



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Dr. Joy Nwadike speaks with Frank Pinson Saturday night at the Mack Gaston Community Center. She was the guest speaker for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. dinner.

was vital to remember the struggles individuals such as King engaged in.

“We want to build a better future. But how can we get to the future if we do not look to the past?” she asked. “We have to build on those past successes and past sacrifices and we can’t do that if we don’t study them.”

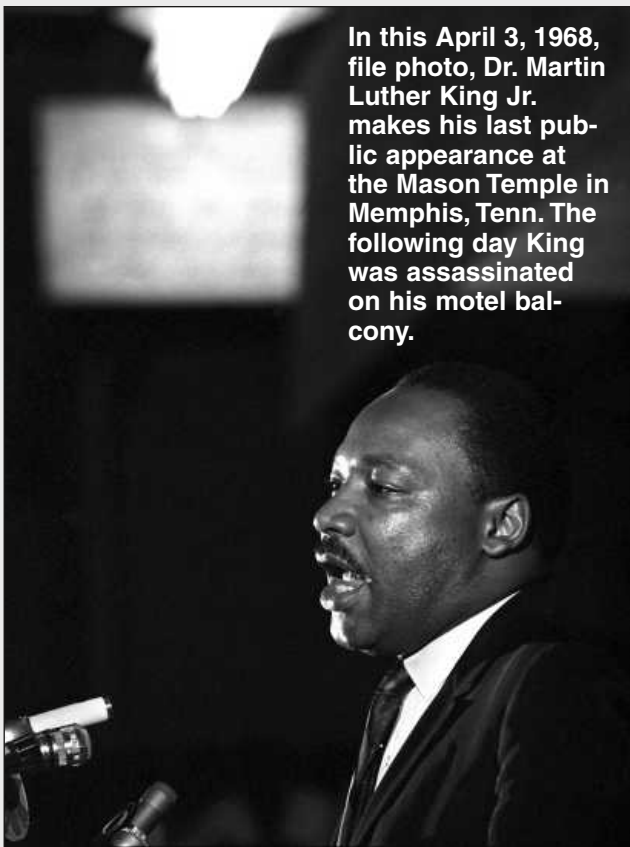
Nwadike said the United States has made much progress since King’s day but it still has room for progress.

“We will face many challenges ahead, and we can overcome them only if we all work together,” she said.

ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

Today at 4 p.m., the Concerned Clergy hosts an ecumenical service at Shiloh Baptist Church, 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The community is invited to gather Monday at 9 a.m. at the intersection of MLK Boulevard and Walnut Avenue where a wreath will be laid at the MLK monument. A free breakfast will follow at the Mack Gaston Community Center.



AP PHOTO

In this April 3, 1968, file photo, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. makes his last public appearance at the Mason Temple in Memphis, Tenn. The following day King was assassinated on his motel balcony.

New memoir recalls covering MLK, family

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a new memoir, “My Time with the Kings: A Reporter’s Recollections of Martin, Coretta and the Civil Rights Movement,” retired Associated Press reporter Kathryn Johnson describes civil rights flash-points she covered in the 1960s and details her close relationship with the movement’s leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and his family.

As the nation marks the King holiday, here is an excerpt from Johnson’s book, in which she recalls

an in-depth talk with King at his dining room table with his wife Coretta and, years later, her last interview with him, shortly before his assassination.

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On a fiercely cold winter night in 1964, I was trudging alongside the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. as he led a group of striking marchers at Scripto, a pen and pencil-manufacturing plant near downtown Atlanta.

Bundled in a heavy coat,

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Game changers raise \$3.75M for United Way Campaign

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“I’ve had a lot of people come up and tell me that I’ve done a great job, but please understand that this could not of happened without hundreds of volunteers and thousands of donors,” said J.T. Finley, United Way of Northwest Georgia campaign chairman.

On a sidewalk in downtown Dalton in front of Maryville Jewelers, the United Way Campaign cabinet and board members gathered to hear Finley announce the 2015 campaign goal of \$3.7 million has been surpassed, raising \$3.75 million.

“I am a small part of what we did

together as a team,” Finley said. “It’s amazing what happens when everybody chips in and does their part. This is the ultimate team satisfaction!”

The call to action, “Be a game changer,” was not taken lightly by more than 10,000 local United Way donors. From philanthropists investing \$10,000 in the Alexis de Tocqueville Society, Women’s Leadership Council members giving \$1,000 each, Young Leaders Society members pledging \$365 and individuals giving dollars weekly through payroll deduction, the spirit of giving is alive and well.

During the campaign, companies and individual donors all across the community responded to the call to

“Be a game changer” to improve education, basic needs and health in Whitfield and Murray counties. United Way affects children and youth, people rebuilding their lives, and the elderly. Finley kicked off the campaign with the “Game Changer Block Party” and the CEO Trike Race.

The 2015 United Way Campaign Cabinet members were: J.T. Finley campaign chair, Maryville Jewelers; Bob Ringer, Shaw Industries; Werner Braun, community volunteer; Tom Bundros, Dalton Utilities; Curtis Callaway, Shaw Industries; Bob Chandler, Shaw Industries;



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J.T. Finley, United Way campaign chairman, announces hitting \$3.75 million surpassing the \$3.7 million pledge goal for United Way.

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Outside groups dominate TV ad spending on primaries

By KERY MURAKAMI
CNHI Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON — The presidential campaign ad wars are nearly all-consuming, swallowing hours of television time in New Hampshire and Iowa. But few spots are placed by candidates themselves.

Instead, as of last month, about 4 in 5 ads have come from Super PACs that are allowed to take and spend unlimited amounts of money to support candidates.

As the early Republican primaries approach, the ads are allowing surrogates to take shots while the candidates keep their hands clean, critics say. The ads are also raising

concerns from campaign finance watchdogs who say they allow the wealthy to have greater influence over who will go to the White House.

Instead of being limited to a \$2,700 limit on giving to Sen. Ted Cruz’s campaign, for example, Staci Wilks, of Cisco, Texas, gave \$10 million to Keep the Promise

III, a Super PAC supporting the Texas senator.

Her husband, Daniel Wilks, former owner of a hydrofracking company, gave another \$5 million, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics,

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Members of United Way of Northwest Georgia's Board and Campaign Cabinet joined local businessman and United Way Campaign Chairman J.T. Finley downtown in front of Maryville Jewelers to help announce reaching his \$3.7 million pledge goal. Pictured from left are Curtis Callaway, Bob

Chandler, Tom Bundros, Pete Sigmon, Mark Poindexter, Bob Ringer, Jamie Welborn, Celeste Creswell, Denise Wood, Ted Hogshead, Finley, Ty Sellers, Karen Townsend, Brenda Knowles, Dottie Boring, Amanda Burt, Amy Ross, Andrea Mansfield, Sandra Derrick and Jim Hawkins.

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Alliance; Ted Hogshead, IVC U.S.; Bob Hardaway, Shaw Industries; Ben Kinsey, Dalton Utilities; Mark Poindexter, Mohawk Industries; Jill Schubert, IVC; Ty Sellers, Shaw Industries; Pete Sigmon, Shaw

Industries; Karen Townsend, community volunteer; Michael Wise, JMW Inc.; and Joe Young, Engineered Floors.

The public is invited to join Bob Ringer, 2015 board chair, and Karen Townsend, 2016 Board

chair, for United Way's annual meeting and volunteer banquet "Game Changers" on March 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Stage 123 in downtown Dalton. Campaign awards for the five-star champion, corporate growth and participation

awards will be presented, as well as the Elaine Butler Award for volunteerism in Murray County, the Connie Woodward Award for volunteerism in Whitfield County and the Elbert Shaw Memorial Scholarship.

Police: Driver shot during traffic stop in Acworth pulled gun

ACWORTH (AP) — A 24-year-old man is in critical condition after being shot by a police officer during a traffic stop in Georgia.

Acworth police Capt. Mark Cheatham tells local media that officers stopped the man's vehicle Friday night near I-75. The cause for the stop was not given. Cheatham said that at some point during the stop, the man pulled out a gun and pointed it at the officer, who then shot him in the chest.

The man was taken to WellStar Kennestone Hospital in critical condition. His identity was not released.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating.

Middle-aged man dresses as old woman for official's photo op

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) — A city official who wanted to include an elderly woman in a photo op about a snow shoveling program persuaded a middle-aged man to dress up in a wig, earrings, lipstick and a dress.

The man stood next to the mayor of Cranston at a news conference touting the program and wore a name tag that said "Cranston Senior Home Resident."

WJAR-TV uncovered the ruse in reports this week.

It is unclear why officials decided to use a stand-in for a woman during the Jan. 5 news conference, which was held at the senior center

where the man worked as a van driver.

Sue Stenhouse, the city's director of senior services, organized the news conference. She resigned last week, according to Rob Coupe, the city's director of administration. Stenhouse, a 2006 Republican nominee for secretary of state, did not return messages requesting comment.

Coupe refused to explain what happened, saying it was a personnel matter.

Mayor Allan Fung, the 2014 Republican nominee for governor, did not return a phone message seeking comment.



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