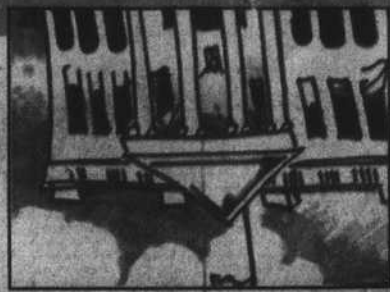


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Caldwell, Green gain top awards



Caldwell

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

For the 33rd year, The Chronicle is honoring those who serve with its Community Service Awards.

The awards banquet will be 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the M.C. Benton Jr. Convention Center.

Former Reynolds American Vice President Lisa Caldwell and Z. Smith Reynolds (ZSR)

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Foundation Executive Man of the Year. Judge Director Maurice "Mo" Denise Hartsfield will be Green will be Woman and the mistress of ceremonies

and Dionn Owen & Renaissance will provide musical selections.

"We're just taking a moment to recognize those organizations and those individuals who have done great things in the community in the past year, and we want to acknowledge them and encourage others in the community to go forth and do some of the same things," said Chronicle Publisher James Taylor.

Caldwell recently

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Green



Photos by Tevin Stinson

This year the Delta Arts Invitational adopted the theme of "Legacy of the Creative Spirits." Artists from around the state submitted paintings and drawings centered around people and abstract themes. Above art shows Muhammad Ali's eyes and the Obamas dancing.

Delta Invitational features variety of artists statewide

Editorial cartoonist Ron Rogers is among the presenters

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

The Delta Fine Arts Center latest exhibit is designed to shine a light on artist from across the state and right here in our community.

For the past six years The Delta Arts Invitational has brought North Carolinians together to showcase their works. This year 16 artists, including several from right here in

Winston-Salem, created masterpieces centered on the theme "Legacy of the Creative Spirits."

Although the invitational hasn't had a theme in the past Dr. Allison Fleming, a member of the board of directors who is working with the exhibit, said this year they wanted to try something new.

"We put out a call to artists across the state of North Carolina and we're always pleased with the response we get," Fleming continued. "... This year we put out a more specific call to artist normally it's an open call for any kind of art but this year we construct-



Dr. Allison Fleming, left, member of the Delta Fine Arts board of directors, talks about the new exhibit designed to showcase artists based in North Carolina.

ed a theme for the entire year that was derived from a theme that closed last week. "We wanted to honor

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Community embraces targeted N.C. church

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

WILMINGTON — They came to Speaks Temple A.M.E. Zion Church to show concern and support.

They left with a message that they needed to do more to love.

The pews were filled Sunday at predominately black Speaks Temple, with many white people attending, outraged by the angry racist letter sent to the church and its



Photo by Cash Michaels

Pastor Parker leads worship at Speaks Temple A.M.E. Zion Church on Sunday, March 4.

pastor, Diedre Parker, a week earlier.

They wanted show that the unnamed racist who sent the inflammatory missive that talked about "porch monkeys ... big lipped ape men ... and blue gummed people [with illegitimate children everywhere] ..." as being "Nigger town, of course ..." did not represent how they thought, or their respect for the black community.

In fact, at least two white couples brought their black adopted toddlers, as a symbol that they were willing to stand up to racism for them.

"Lord ... the one who sent this ... let's call it what it is ... a hate letter ...prayed Ken Sharpe, a visiting white minister, "... Father God, we don't condone what this person did at all, we're not a part of that. But we also just lift him up in prayer to you as well ... that he would come to know the right, from the wrong, and that hatred is not you. You are love."

As much as Pastor Diedre Parker said she intended to conduct a worship service, even she couldn't ignore the outpouring of support, the new faces in the church, and the opportunity to use the ugly incident as a way to teach that racism is wrong, and God's children need to come together to combat it.

"We are here, Father, to let a hateful world know that

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City sues opioid companies

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The City of Winston-Salem is suing opioid distributors and manufacturers.

The City Council voted on Monday, March 5, to declare the opioid crisis in the city a public nuisance and hire law firms to represent Winston-Salem in the lawsuit. Like the county's opioid law-

suit, the law firms will be paid 25 percent of any monetary recovery, so the lawsuit won't cost taxpayers money.

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Also, like the county's lawsuit, it will be grouped together with other similar suits in multi-district litigation, but will not be a class-action case.

The overuse of legal prescription opioids is being widely blamed for the current crisis of opioid addiction that is taxing first responders, jails and social services across the nation. Opioids are highly addictive and are easy to accidentally overdose on. The number of opioid related deaths in Forsyth County

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