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The lovely honorees.

BESIDE EVERY GOOD MAN

First Ladies from more than 20 churches feted for their service

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

he women behind, beside and alongside the men of the pulpit had their time to shine on Saturday.

More than 20 distingushised ladies were feted at the First Ladies of Prominence Luncheon at the MC Benton Convention Center, where they were honored for being wives, mothers, community leaders and the matriarchs of their-congregations.

Nobody hears about the women who stand up and stand behind these great men of the church," said District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield, who served as mistress

of ceremonies. "It is my privilege to be able to come give them some gratitude

The luncheon was organized by Delta Visions Inc., a subsidiary of the Winston-Salem chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

"First ladies to me are unsung heroes. They have to support their husbands at home and at the church. Sometimes, it can be an awesome task," luncheon Cochair Olivia Swinton said of the organizations' motivation to honor the first ladies. ... I hope that (through the luncheon) they will feel like somebody else in the community loves them and appreciates



See First Ladies on All Pastor Timothy R. Williams with First Lady Emily Williams.



Mayor Allen Joines gives Ruth Lyons her award.

READY & ABLE

Awards go to special residents

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Those with disabilities and those who work with them were honored Tuesday.

The Winston-Salem Mayor's Council for

Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) Annual Awards Luncheon was held at Holiday Inn Select on University Parkway. The MCPD is an all-volunteer organization that has advocated for those with disabilities since 1948. Amber Terrase, MCPD vice-president, said the Council has pushed for expanded accessibility throughout the city for those with disabilities.

"I think we've made great strides, but there

Winner Melinda Gentry with

See Awards on A4 the mayor.

Payton: Obama racists a concern

NAACP Legal Defense leader says Civil Rights fight far from over

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

> John Payton told an audience at Winston-Salem State University last Thursday

night that America is far from a post-racial

society. Payton, the director-council NAACP Legal

Payton

Defense and Educational Fund, gave the school's annual J. Alston Atkins Memorial Lecture in Constitutional Law in the Anderson Center.

He posed to the audience the question that many ask about racism being dead in the country now that Barack Obama has been elected president. He said the notion of a so-called post-racial society is so premature that he had trouble even saying it. seriously.

Payton said even after Obama's win, minorities still face great disparities in education, employment, criminal justice and health care. He. however, didn't dismiss or diminish the significance of the election of President

"His election was not symbolic, it was real," he

But Payton also said Obama's election has stirred

racists and racism. He pointed to a recent a Facebook poll that asked 'should Obama be killed?;' an Arizona pastor praying for Obama to "die and got to hell;" and angry protesters carrying anti-Obama signs

with racial overtones. "Hatred and suspicion are the emotions on parade,'

said Payton. He said television, the

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omestic violence victims remembered

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Anna Cannon, Sue Jessup and Wanda Martin are still trying to cope with the tragic death of their sister, Janet Harris.

The-58-year-old was found shot in her home in June. C.H. Harris, her husband of more than three decades, was charged with the

The Harris's three sisters were among the throngs of people in attendance Monday evening at a vigil honoring the memory of lives lost to domestic violence. The event took place at the Family Services Gateway headquarters.

"(We came) for healing that you never get," related Martin. "Each day, you think it'll be easier and it's



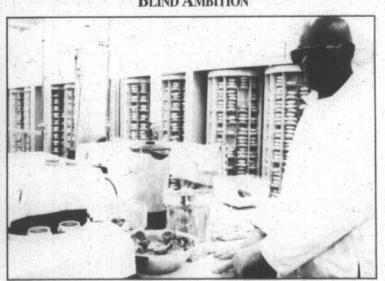
Sisters Sue Jessup, Wanda Martin and Anna Cannon.

very fresh, Jessup says the women "I'm glad I came," Jessup

Though the pain of their loss is remarked. "It just brought back everything, but I think it was a good were glad they attended the service. thing to try to get you on the path to

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