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## Daughter, mother spend evening with the Obamas

BY LAYLA GARMES  
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City native Robin Hunt and her mother Elvita Hunt won the chance to hobnob with the President, First Lady and entertainment industry A-listers.

They attended the June 14 fundraiser that actress Sarah Jessica Parker hosted President Obama at her New York City home. The \$40,000-a-plate affair was not only attended by the Obamas, but notables like Aretha Franklin, designer Kenneth Cole and Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour, who co-hosted the event.

Obama supporters who make donations to his '12 reelection campaign are regularly entered into contests that give everyday donors a chance to attend high-dollar fundraising events.

Robin Hunt, who now lives in Baltimore where she works at Johns Hopkins Health System, said she had all but forgotten about the contest when she received a call informing her that she had won.

"At first I thought they were kidding - It See Hunts on A7



Robin and Elvita Hunt pose with (from left) Sarah Jessica Parker, President Obama, Michelle Obama and Anna Wintour. Organizing for America Photo



Fred Luter Jr. has made SBC history. Union University Photo

## Historic election applauded by locals

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

History was made last week as the Southern Baptist Convention elected Rev. Fred Luter Jr. as its president, making him the first African-American leader of the largely white organization.



Gilliam

Luter, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, La., managed to grow his inner-city congregation to 7,000 members, making it one of Louisiana's largest churches. The church and its congregation were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. All but 50 to 60 members of the church were displaced and Franklin Avenue was heavily damaged.



Honeycutt

Luter led the church's restoration efforts. Franklin Avenue reopened in 2008 and has rebuilt a strong congregation of 5,000.

Luter's election is significant considering the Southern Baptist Convention's racially-tinged history. It was founded 1845 after splitting with Northern Baptists over the issue of slavery. The organization, which boasts a membership of 16 million, was once a largely segregated and all white denomination. Black Baptists in the South set up their own smaller associations such as the National Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptists tried to make amends in 1995 by adopting a resolution of racial reconciliation.

"It's a very powerful symbol and an impor- See SBC on A2



### NEWBIES

The ranks of the Winston-Salem Fire Department increased last week with the graduation of its latest class of recruits. The new firefighters are: (from left, first row) David Navarro, Danielle Edwards, (second row) Cody Rierson, (third row) Zachari McFarland, Raven Byrd, (fourth row) Philip York, Brandon Rierson, Drew Shelton, (fifth row) James Brinkley, Adam Gajewski, (back row) Jonathan Rumley, Stephen Stafford and David Heck. City of W-S Photo



Azilee Majett holds photos of her two sons, the late Monte Evans (left) and Reginald Evans. Photos by Layla Garmes

## Majett facing sunset of life with courage

BY LAYLA GARMES  
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Azilee Majett is preparing for the trip of a lifetime. After courageously battling a deadly form of breast cancer for the last four years, Majett is looking forward to some much needed rest and relaxation. She and her daughter, Stephanie Evans, and her eight-year-old grandson, Steven will travel to Orlando, Fla. from July 10-14 to visit Walt Disney World, SeaWorld and Universal Studios.

"I can meet my childhood friends," Majett said with a wide smile. "I'm giving Mickey a big ol' hug."

The trip was made possible by the Santa Barbara, Calif.-based Dream Foundation, which grants final wishes to adults. The Washington, D.C.-born Majett, who grew up in Winston-Salem, has been under Hospice care since March.

Majett said she is going to rediscover her childhood at Disney World.

"I'm gonna do it up," said the great-grandmother of three. "I can find my inner child that I lost so long ago."

Evans, a personal care assistant, said she is also looking forward to the trip.

"We're hardworking poor people that really can't afford the luxury of getting up and going someplace like Disney World, so we're really blessed to go," said Evans. "I just wish that we would've made the trip under different circumstances."

In 2009, Majett had a brief hiatus from the treatments and surgeries that had been her life for a solid year. In



Evans

## OUR TOWN, OUR STORY

Museum dedicated to local history, culture

BY TODD LUCK  
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Local history is on display quite literally at the New Winston Museum, which opened its doors earlier this month.

The Museum, 713 S. Marshall St., is currently using photos and video interviews to illustrate local history from the 1850s to present day. It's the first museum that documents the city's history since the Winston-Salem Museum closed in 1979 as a result of lack of funds. There has been an effort afoot for years to create another museum to tell Winston-Salem's storied history, according to Museum Interim Director Rebecca Fuller, who believes that museums that illustrate a city's shared history have the power to bring communities closer together.

"(Museums show) how interesting a community is and how a commu-



Fuller



A video featuring the late Rev. Dr. Jerry and Mrs. Drayton plays in the New Winston Museum. Photo by Todd Luck

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