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Photo by Donna Rogers

Angela Robinson, who portrays Veronica Harrington on the primetime soap opera "The Haves and the Have Nots," drew a crowd when she dropped by the Triad Minority Business Expo on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Star helps draw attention to minority businesses

'Veronica Harrington' attends Triad Minority Business Expo

BY DONNA ROGERS
THE CHRONICLE

Combine 62 minority businesses and the character Veronica Harrington on the "The Haves and the Have Nots" on the Oprah Winfrey Network and the crowds will come.

Between 500 and 600 people attended the Triad Minority Business Expo, the last part of the two-part Second Annual Triad Minority Business Expo Weekend,

presented by Maximum Enterprises Inc. of Winston-Salem.

It was held at The Enterprise Conference and Banquet Center on Saturday, Aug. 15. Angela Robinson, who portrays Veronica Harrington on the primetime soap opera, came to give encouragement to the vendors.

"Thank you for using the gift that God gave you; using it, not sitting on it," Robinson told those at the expo. "I really appreciate that."

She mentioned the diversity of businesses at the expo: specialty business that sell products such as Greek wooden paddles, customized T-shirts and jewelry and newspapers; service businesses such as insurance and banking; nonprofits such as social services organizations; and at least one large company: Food Lion.

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ELECTIONS

'13 law leads Forsyth to call for more poll workers

BY TORI P. HAYNESWORTH
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County Board of Elections (B.O.E.) had its meeting on Aug. 18 in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room at the Forsyth County Government Center on North Chestnut Street.

While the board members covered the topics on the agenda, the majority of the time was taken up on appointing chief judges, judges and recruiting more poll workers.

Chairman Ken Raymond agrees of possibly having more poll workers in the coming election in 2016.

"Any additional staffing we have will serve to help the voting process to run more smoothly," said Raymond.



Joyner

Among those present of the meeting were Secretary Stuart Russell, member Fleming El-Amin, and Lamar Joyner, newly appointed interim director.

Joyner was board-elected on Aug. 13. He has been serving as Forsyth County's deputy director of elections. According to Raymond, the Board of Elections is still searching for a director while the hiring process has already started.

During the meeting, Joyner's main objectives were having more staff and proper training for the 2016 election.

"Our job and the poll workers jobs are going to be extremely difficult," said Joyner in reference to North Carolina House Bill 589, which has been called a "monster" law and the worst voter suppression law in the country. "They're going to be made to make some big judgment calls. We're definitely going to need to increase the staff."

The General Assembly also passed another law this year that allows for special circumstances regarding voter IDs.

There has also been a call for early voting poll workers, while maintaining the B.O.E. budget for salary rates among all staff.

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Fairgrounds looking to make deferred improvements

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, home of the Dixie Classic Fair, is in need of more than \$28.7 million in improvements, according to an updated master plan presented to the City Council Finance Committee on Monday, Aug. 10.

The master plan, which will be implemented over many years, got more attention than usual when City Council Member James Taylor said during the meeting that he wanted the public to weigh in on changing the name of the Dixie Classic Fair. He said some of his constituents have expressed offense at the word "Dixie," which is sometimes associated with the Confederacy. Taylor had such an overwhelming response against changing the name that by that Wednesday, Aug. 12, he had withdrawn his name-change question.

"I know some of my constituents continue to have concerns over this matter, but I've also heard from passionate supporters of the fair as it is currently named," Taylor said in a statement. "At this time, I believe it is in the best interest of our city that I focus my attention on the details of the consultant's report suggesting how to improve the fair-

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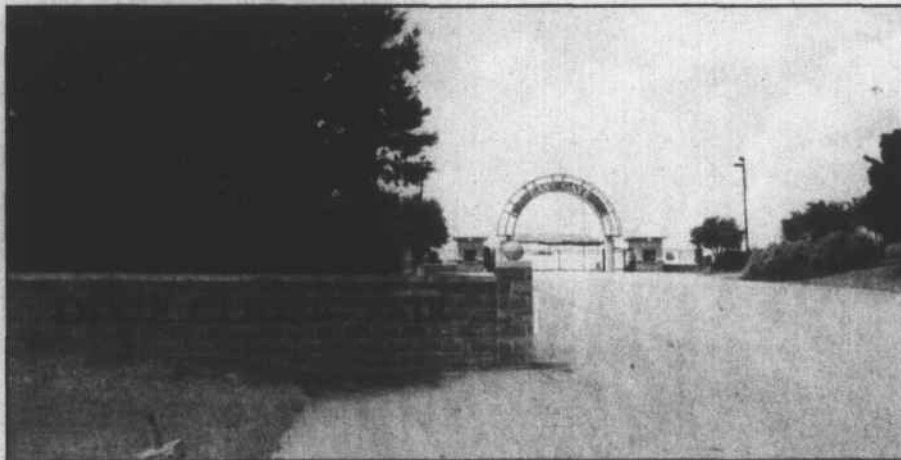


Photo by Todd Luck

The Winston-Salem Fairgrounds is hoping to catch up on deferred capital needs.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Hanes and Lowrance look forward to stable school year

Displaced schools may have new future homes with school bonds

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The staffs, parents and students of Hanes and Lowrance Middle school are looking forward to a

more stable school year with new accommodations at their current locations.

Hanes is a math, science and pre-engineering magnet school, and Lowrance is a special needs school. They shared a joined building and campus on Indiana Avenue before being moved abruptly during last school year.

The site has groundwater contamination. The city water at the school was safe, but concerns about vapors from underground contamination

caused many parents to pull their children from classes, even though tests showed the vapors to be within safe levels.

On Feb. 11, the school board voted to move the schools. The move took place on March 2. It was disruption for a student population that can find change challenging at Lowrance, but Lowrance Principal Peggy Dickey said the faculty made it

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