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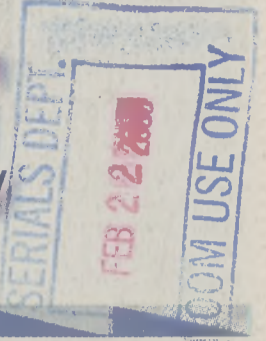
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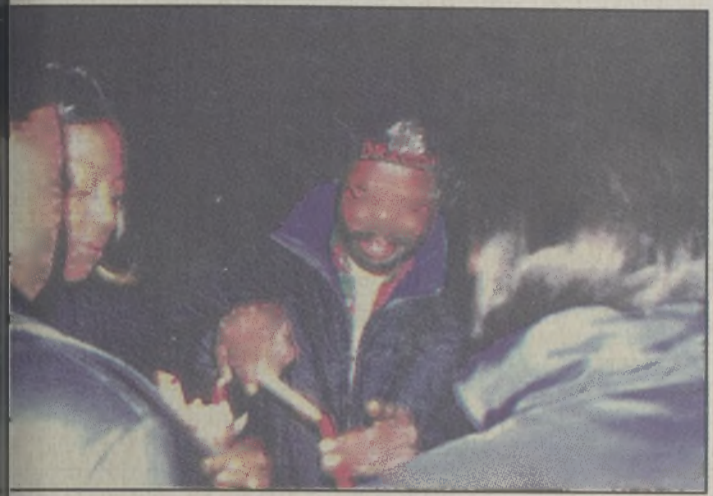


Photo by Cheris Hodges

man, second from right, and Carroll Burgess, in hat, light candles for their son Chris Holman. Chris was killed when he was struck by a motorcycle six years ago.

## Family mourns lost childhood

Six years after Holman's death, family still in mourning

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Imagining what could have been still brings a smile to Tonya Holman's face, six years after her 7-year-old was killed on a busy East Winston street.

Christopher Holman was just beginning to develop a love for sports and an interest in girls, his mother fondly remembers. Often she envisions him running

down a football field, waving and smiling at the young girls in the stands as he makes a fantastic play.

If he had lived, Chris would be 13.

He was born on a chilly night the day after Christmas in 1986.

"He was my Christmas present," his father, Carroll Burgess Jr., managed to get out before tears overtook him.

Chris died Feb. 9, 1994, after being struck by a motorcycle. He had just gotten off his school bus. The motorcyclist was being pursued in a high speed chase with police at the time. As the 30-minute chase made its way down Cleveland Avenue, Christopher became an innocent bystander.

His mother was at work at the time, but she remembers all

the commotion on the street as she made her way home in a taxicab.

"I thought that the drug dealers had gotten into it again," she said.

Police soon came to tell her about Christopher; it was a moment that changed her life forever.

"Valentine's Day is not a day that I like very much," she said solemnly. "It's the day we buried Chris."

Monday night, Tonya Hol-

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## A new Happy Hill



Drawing and photo courtesy of Urban Design Associates.

This is a sketch of what Alder Street would look like after the improvements.

## Facelift for community unveiled

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After more than 100 years, the state's oldest African American neighborhood may be getting a facelift.

A revitalization plan for the Happy Hill community - developed during a six-month community planning process - calls for improving the entrance to the neighborhood; building more than 50 new houses on vacant lots and renovating existing housing where possible. The plan will also reclaim some park land and build an expanded library and heritage site.

The focus is to attract new home ownership and improve the existing housing stock and the community's image. The planning effort is guided by three local community groups: The Happy Hill Community Association; the outside CDC, a nonprofit community development organization; and the Local Initiatives



Dilapidated and unmaintained rental properties along Alder Street's park edge help give Happy Hill a negative image at its principal entrance.

Support Corp. (LISC), an organization that assists local organizations in community development efforts. Urban Design Associates prepared the plan. The effort is focused primarily on the Happy Hill single-family neighborhood but included the

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## Womble facing 'soccer mama' in 66th

HODGES  
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Womble is running for the seat in the 66th district as a "soccer mama" in ten-year-old against an experienced opponent who has garnered the respect of the public.

Rep. Larry Womble has served in the N.C. House of Representatives for 12 years. He has proven to the people in the district that he is willing to fight for his constituency. In this year, there is competition. Her name is Tere-

sa Mason - a self-proclaimed soccer mom. A virtual unknown in political circles, she began her campaign with attacks on Womble's record on education. "Despite the fact that all parents should be able to choose a safe and effective school, my opponent is the archenemy of parents and children who want a better



Womble

school," she said in a release from her campaign.

Womble denies the charge. He said he has been in the corner of people in his district throughout the years.

"The people know I will speak on the issues," he said. "People want someone who will bring action on their issues."

Womble added that his track record proves that is the kind of leader he is.

But Mason disagrees. "I'm running for the N.C. General Assembly because parents deserve a choice and children deserve a chance."

She went on to say Womble doesn't care about a system of public schools "that crushes lives of children, black and white, and instead stands in the schoolhouse door of educational opportunity."

Womble said he has always

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## Milligan back in Winston-Salem?

HAWS Board chooses former director's firm for massive Hope VI project

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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The chairman of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem Board of Commissioners says he knows more than a few eyebrows are raised now that the board has decided to contract with a company that employs a former HAWS executive director.

But Bill Andrews said the decision was made because H.J. Russell and Company has a wealth of experience and is best suited to handle the last three phases of the city's Hope VI project. (Hope VI is a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to revitalize public housing.)

The fact the Atlanta-based company is where Art Milligan works had absolutely nothing to do with the decision, Andrews said.

"We have not talked to Milligan



Milligan

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## Commissioners debate funds for nonprofits

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

For the seven members of the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners, the issue of special budget appropriations for outside agencies has always been touchy, often eliciting lively discussion and debate.

The county for years has annually doled out hundreds of thousands of tax dollars to more than a dozen organizations, ranging from the Arts Council to social service agencies like Experiment in Self-Reliance.

Commissioners approved about \$2 million for such agencies during the special appropriations budget process last summer, some grudgingly.

Sentiment on the board toward special appropriations run the gamut. Some commissioners - mainly the board's two African Americans - are staunch supporters of special appropriations; others feel it's not the government's job to play good Samaritan with public money.

The commissioners' search for common ground is currently under way. Commissioner Walter Marshall, a black Democrat, and Commissioner Debra Conrad-Schrader, a white Republican, have been charged with investigating the issue of special appropriations.

Over the next few weeks they will contact agencies that receive county money to determine whether the funds are essential and are used effectively.

They will report their findings to their colleagues. Marshall said the board is considering many options in regards to special appropriations, everything from continuing to fund the agencies, to reducing the amount of money the county shells out every year or dis-



Marshall

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