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Parkland takes state 3-A title

Offense continued to roll along, defense stepped up at key times

BY SAM DAVIS
THE CHRONICLE

CHAPEL HILL — Parkland had a chip on its shoulder when it traveled to the campus of the University of North Carolina and Keenan Stadium for the state 3-A championship game...

rash of mistakes to take a 27-21 victory over highly-favored Shelby Crest. Parkland's offense rolled against a Crest defensive unit which had limited opponents throughout the season...



Photo by Charles Edgerton

Parkland players celebrate after their victory Saturday.

Parents of man killed by officer fight new battle

Forum planned that will bring people who say they have been victimized to Greensboro

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

HIGH POINT — Any hope that Jessie Barber and Calvert "Butch" Steward had of having a merry Christmas faded last Thursday when the two heard that High Point police shot and killed a man on the front porch of his home.

William Lewis reportedly had a history of mental illness and was holding a shotgun when he was killed.

The incident hit close to home for Barber and Steward. Their son, Gilbert Barber, was shot and killed in May by a Guilford County sheriff's deputy.

Barber and Steward say their son's shooting was unwarranted. Gil, as he was called by family and friends, was naked and bleeding from the head when he was shot. His family says he had just been in a car accident and he was in need of medical attention.

Since their son's death and the consequent decision by the Guilford County district attorney not to prosecute the officer involved, the couple have become full-fledged activists, meeting with other families who they say have been victimized by law enforcement.

"When law enforcement kill people or injure people, nothing ever happens, so I guess that is why it happens and will continue to happen," Barber said.

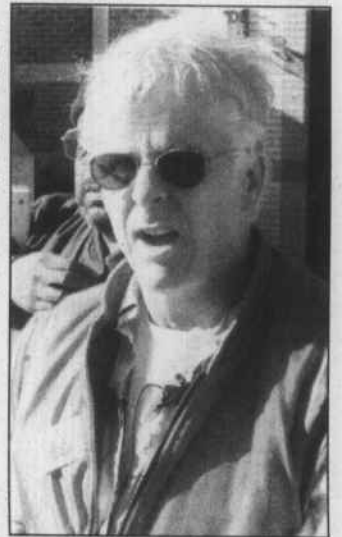


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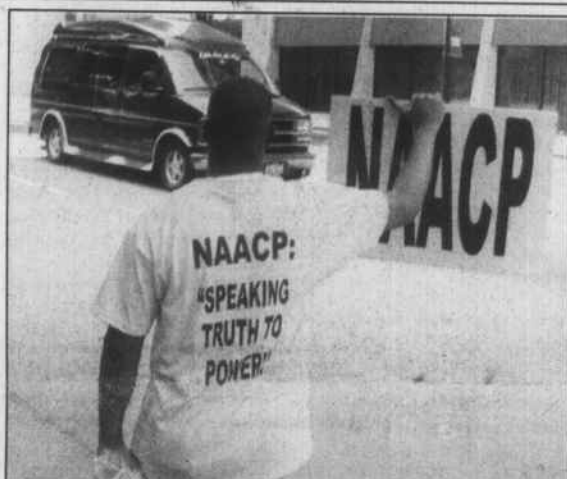
Tim Hopkins speaks during a press conference last week.

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File Photo

A woman takes advantage of a \$1 a gallon gas sale at Jones Chevron over the summer.



A protester joins several others outside of the Winston-Salem Adam's Mark to protest alleged discrimination.



Allen Joiner stops to chat with two residents on the day he officially announced his candidacy for mayor.



Larry Leon Hamlin and his wife, Sylvia, don matching outfits for the closing ceremonies for the 2001 NBTF.

Memories

2001 had its highs and lows

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A popular song claims, "What's too painful to remember, we simply choose to forget."

If that's so, many Americans may come down with sudden amnesia when they reflect on the year that was.

2001 will forever be associated with infamy because of Sept. 11, a date that needs no explanation. The images from that day dance around the minds of many Americans like a continuous news loop.

Although it's hard to believe, there was other news this year — headlines that did not contain the words "Taliban," "World Trade Center," "bin Laden," or "anthrax."

Locally, 2001 was like most

years. It had its highs and its low, its political brawls and petty fights, its share of good times and spells of sadness. Here's a look back at some of the stories that had people in the Twin City talking.

January

During one of his last acts as governor, Jim Hunt appointed three judges to the N.C. Court of Appeals. One of them was a local



Biggs

legal icon, Loretta Biggs, who had just wrapped up a seven-year stint at the Winston-Salem-based U.S. Attorney's Office.

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Agency trying to prevent further fire deaths in area

Free smoke detectors are being made available to the poor through the Red Cross

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE



Tape is being used to seal off the house where two girls died.

Does your smoke alarm work? When is the last time you changed the batteries in your smoke alarm? Are you a part of the population most at risk for fire?

The Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross can answer the above questions about fire and safety prevention, but can you?

After the deaths of two young girls in a house fire on Jackson Avenue last week, the ARC pledged to not only inform the community about fire safety but give them the tools to protect themselves. Every year the ARC, with the help of Lowe's Home Improvement and the Winston-Salem Fire Department, distributes a supply of smoke detectors to low-income families in Forsyth County.

population because they are most at risk for being victims of fire due to lack of knowledge about fire prevention and many other factors, officials say. The fire on Jackson started after heater ignited nearby items. Sisters Amalia and Roxana Ramirez died in the blaze. Their

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American flags, like this one on the car of a city resident, became hot sellers after the Sept. 11 attacks.