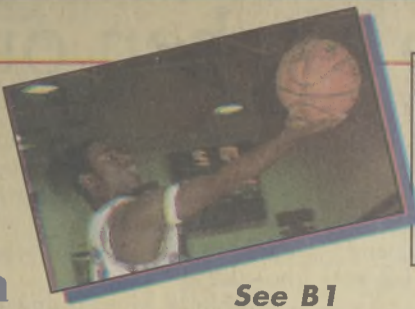


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**SPORTS WEEK**

Leads Titans to journey title

Green, Spartans freshman crown



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Angels give bikes to kids in Happy Hill

Actor to host new BET show

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**Touchy issue**

rights comes after charity

WALKER

The Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) have led and infamy by the nation's top chefs and the manufacturer products. PETA's protest tactics are legal and sometimes law enforcement

PETA officials admit that their latest public relations

planned a protest in the downtown of the March of Dimes offices up East Coast.

which is based out of the March of Dimes nonprofit that has little against birth defects "old fashion" experiments on animals about its goal of effects.

coordinator for the March of Dimes camped to lead it. He said he will have several local PETA demonstration clothesline with dolls hanging from

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## A Look Back



Thousands protest against the Confederate flag in Columbia, S.C., in January. The NAACP spearheaded the demonstration.



A man tries to sell a shirt at October's Million Family March in Washington, D.C. The event drew hundreds of thousands of families from across the nation.



Carl Matthews and other sit-in participants pose in front of a permanent monument downtown.

## Family says man gone without a trace

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Thanksgiving and Christmas haven't been the same this year for a local family. There has been an empty place in their hearts and at the dinner table this holiday season.

Gregory Frazier disappeared Nov. 4. He left his job as a cook at the Ramada Inn got into his '88 Lincoln and has not been seen since.

"No one has seen him since he left that night," said Estelle Frazier, Gregory's mother.

Estelle Frazier said there have been short periods of time in the past when Gregory would seemingly vanish without a trace, but, she said, he has never been missing for such an extended period of time.

"He used to come by and see me on his days off" and he always used to call. This time I didn't get a call," she said.

Estelle Frazier said she and the rest of the family are keeping the faith. She has nine living children.

All her children, even those who live outside of the city, came together for Christmas. Estelle Frazier said the closeness and love they shared have been bittersweet. Frazier said it's almost unbearable not knowing the whereabouts of her son—whether he is hurt or in danger.

The family has placed signs around the East Third Street area, where Gregory Frazier roomed with a relative. They have also placed ads in local publications.

So far, their efforts have been fruitless, though.

Estelle Frazier said the police have had no leads. At one point, officers thought they had discovered her son's car, but it turned out to be someone else's vehicle.

Estelle Frazier said her son got paid the night he disappeared, which leads her to believe that he may have been targeted.

"He had a lot of money on him that night," she said.

She also said that her son sometimes used drugs. She stopped short of saying that he had a drug problem, but she said he would sometimes use when he had money.

She is unsure of the circumstances surrounding her son's disappearance, but sure about one thing—somebody, somewhere knows something or saw something.

"We just want people to come forward and tell us what they know," she said.

She still believes that her son is alive. Until she finds out otherwise,

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## Last 12 months had its share of local drama and highlights

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

To many, the year 2000's bark was much worse than its bite.

Millennium bug hype dominated the headlines and conversations around company water coolers for much of 1999, but when the clock struck midnight last year, ushering in a new millennium, it all turned out to be just that—hype.

Instead of catastrophic disaster or Armageddon, 2000 will mostly be remembered for the strangest and most protracted presidential contest in history. It was a year in which Elian Gonzalez became a household name. And a year in which Firestone and Napster became infamous.

The past year hasn't been kind to Charlotte's professional sports teams. The murder trial of Rae Carruth dominated headlines; the city mourned the loss of two sports heroes: Hornets star Bobby Phillips and Panther Fred Lane.

There were no high profile murders or contested ballots in Winston-Salem this year, but the Twin City did, as always, have its share of drama, intrigue and Board of AZIdermen antics.

Here's a look back at just a few of the stories The Chronicle covered heavily over the last year.



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**To Go or Not To Go**

The Adam's Mark chain started 2000 with a public relations disaster on its

hands. The St. Louis based hotel chain was slapped with a discrimination suit by the U.S. Justice Department in the last days of '99. The NAACP also had a major bone to pick with the hotel

See 2000 wrap on A8

## Dozens of people observe solar eclipse at SciWorks

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

Dozens of people turned out on Christmas Day at SciWorks to see the last Dec. 25 eclipse that will be visible from this area for more than 300 years.

Forsyth Astronomical Society and SciWorks Science Center provided telescopes with special filters that allowed the eclipse to be viewed safely. Sunspots were also visible at dark patches on the sun's surface—each larger than the Earth. Those attending also got to see the sun's image projected, visible through pinhole viewers, and visible through a #14 welders glass.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, blocking part or the sun's entire disk from view. Solar eclipses are much more rare than lunar eclipses and cover a much smaller area of the Earth. The last solar eclipse in Winston-Salem was in 1993.

This year's Christmas day eclipse took place from 10:26 a.m. to 2:43 p.m., with the greatest eclipse about 12:30. At the time of greatest eclipse, the moon

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## Dowdy, former A&T president dead at 83

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO — Dr. Lewis Carnegie Dowdy, an outstanding educator and administrator who served as the sixth president of N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University, died Sunday, Dec. 17. He was 83.

A native of Eastover, S.C., Dowdy became president of N.C. A&T, then known as A&T College, in 1964 and served until his retirement in 1981.

"Many of the programs and buildings on our campus today are due to the contributions made by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy," said Dr. James C. Renick, chancellor of A&T. "He was truly a student-focused chancellor who under-

stood that students and quality academic programs were the core of the university. We are beneficiaries of his visionary leadership."

Dowdy's educational career began in South Carolina, where he served eight years as a school principal. In 1951, he joined the A&T faculty as an instructor of education and director of student teaching. After four years, he was elected dean of the School of Education and General Studies. He later was named dean of instruction, served as acting president, and was elected president in April 1964.

During his 17-year tenure as president, Dowdy gained respect

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Members of the Forsyth Astronomical Society look at the solar eclipse through a telescope.