

# NEWS

## NEWS from the OUTSIDE WORLD

### Suspicious Taliban center searched

Osama bin Laden may have been doing research on chemical, biological or nuclear weapons at more than 40 sites inside Afghanistan, Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander, said Nov. 27.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon ordered airstrikes on an Afghan compound southeast of Kandahar after receiving information that was being used by senior leaders of the Taliban, Al-Qaeda and another alleged terrorist group, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

"We'll perform the tests that need to be performed at every possible facility," Franks said. He did not say whether any conclusive evidence had been found.

### Schools sued for displaying Ten Commandments

A civil-liberties group sued four counties Nov. 27 for posting the Ten Commandments in courthouses, extending a campaign that brought down the religious text from government buildings in other Kentucky towns.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky filed separate federal lawsuits against Garrard, Grayson, Mercer and Rowan counties.

Named as defendants are the counties and their judge-executives. The ACLU and a handful of residents in each county are plaintiffs.

The suits contend the courthouse postings represent an endorsement of religion in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Garrard County also was singled out for posting the commandments in the county-owned hospital.

In each suit, the ACLU asks for a court order to force the counties to take down the commandments in government buildings. The organization is not asking for damages but wants the defendants to pay its attorneys' fees.

### Judge dismisses Columbine suits

A judge is allowing only one Columbine High victims' lawsuit against sheriff and school officials to proceed.

U.S. District Judge Lewis Babcock dismissed the other claims Nov. 27, ruling that authorities responded reasonably to an "unprecedented and rapidly evolving violent situation."

"Holding police officers liable in hindsight for every injurious consequence of their actions would paralyze the functions of law enforcement," he wrote in another of the nine decisions.

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold shot and killed 12 students and a teacher and wounded more than two dozen others before taking their own lives April 20, 1999, at the high school near Littleton, Colo.

The remaining lawsuit was filed by relatives of teacher Dave Sanders, who bled to death before rescuers reached him several hours after the massacre.

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## Meteorology student takes a reading



Colin Barnes, a meteorology lab assistant, takes an instrument reading on an overcast day in the early afternoon.

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## Recycling

much of the computer wiring in the buildings, and Dan Millsbaugh of the art department, who salvaged 300 pounds of brass fixtures to use for casting in his sculpture classes.

"We have been trying to get something like this done for a long time, and now other institutions are contacting us to see how it was done," said Patzig.

Some of the salvaged metal will be used by UNCA art students to construct new bike racks, while art students who can't afford new metal will be able to use the brass as well, said Millsbaugh.

"The idea of recycling the dorms makes great sense," said Millsbaugh.

"Why fill the landfill with good materials when it is all reusable? In this time of non-existent budgets and shrinking resources, it only makes sense to recycle," said Millsbaugh.

The recycling saved money, fuel and landfill space, according to

Randy Williams, construction projects coordinator at UNCA.

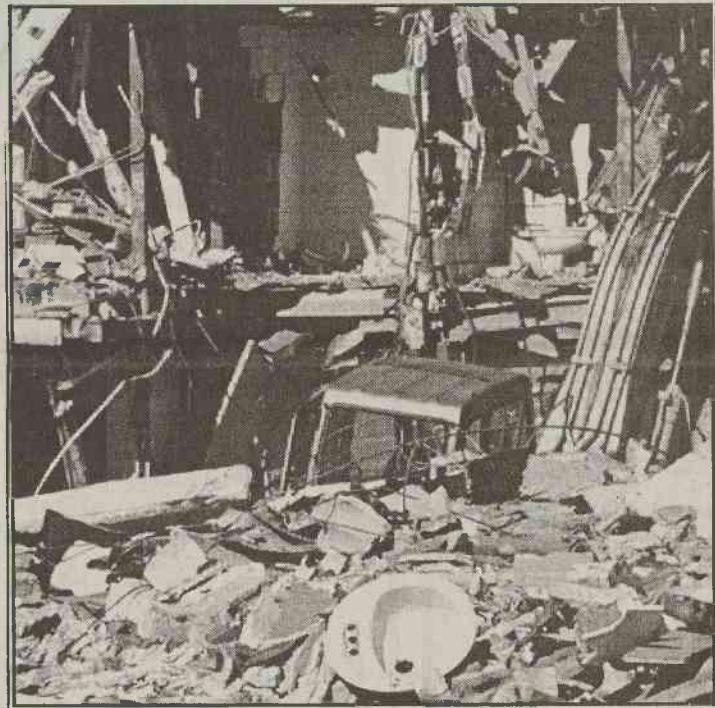
"The benefits of this project are tremendous," said Williams. "The state of North Carolina has done a good thing here."

Plants from the buildings have been moved to other campus locations, brush has been mulched for campus use, and trees that were unable to be saved were milled for lumber to be used on other campus projects, according to the news release.

"This was a real victory for students who want to make careers out of environmental change," said Starling.

The project was based, in part, on a program set forth by LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, according to Braese.

American South General Contractors, Inc. of Sanford, N.C. is the general contractor for the construction project, and their willingness to cooperate with a project like this was necessary in seeing the project to fruition, said Baxley.



All re-usable parts were removed from Craig Hall.

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## Thefts

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patrol, also. It's not like an officer hadn't come through there, it's just that we have so many buildings that we lock at night," said Adams.

The thief managed to enter and leave Owen Hall when public safety officers were elsewhere, said Adams.

"We really hadn't done anything different there, because that's just our standard procedure," said Adams.

When a theft occurs in a certain part of campus, public safety takes additional steps to make sure it does not happen again, said Adams.

There will probably not be any change in the hours that Owen stays open, but it may become more difficult for people to get access to particular areas at night, said Adams.

"The building is locked at night, but there are people who have building passes in order to go in there and work at night," said Adams. "Those people are in there and sometimes a door gets propped open, sometimes people that aren't really supposed to be in there get in."

"There are security concerns there," said Adams.

## The Blue Banner Weather

### Seven Day Forecast

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
THURSDAY				
Thursday	56	25	58/35	0.00"
Friday	60	23	57/34	0.00"
Saturday	57	34	57/34	0.71"
Sunday	62	51	57/34	0.33"
Monday	71	46	56/34	0.16"
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### Local Almanac Last Week

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### North Carolina Recreational Forecast

An area of low pressure with an associated cold front will move through the state today and early Friday, producing cloudy skies and a 70 to 80 percent chance of rain. High pressure will take control this weekend, resulting in partly cloudy skies and seasonable temperatures. A weak trough of low pressure will move through the state early next week, but no precipitation is expected. Clouds will increase by the middle of next week in advance of a cold front that will bring precipitation late next week. High temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s. Low temperatures will fall in the 30s and 40s.

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu 11/30	7:20 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	4:44 p.m.	5:54 a.m.
Fri 12/1	7:21 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	5:23 p.m.	6:57 a.m.
Sat 12/2	7:21 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	6:09 p.m.	8:02 a.m.
Sun 12/3	7:22 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	9:06 a.m.
Mon 12/4	7:23 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	10:07 a.m.
Tue 12/5	7:24 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	11:01 a.m.
Wed 12/6	7:25 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	10:19 p.m.	11:49 a.m.

### National Weather Summary This Week

A strong area of low pressure will move through the northeastern United States to end this week, bringing a combination of rain and snow. A cold front extending out of this low will bring showers and a few thunderstorms along with breezy conditions down the Atlantic seaboard. A weak cold front will move through the Great Lakes states this weekend, creating a few snow showers. A strong cold front will move into the Pacific Coast states this weekend, bringing rain in the lower elevations with snow in the higher inland elevations. A second cold front will move into the Pacific Northwest by the middle of next week, producing another round of inclement weather. This front will move into the eastern United States by the end of next week.

## Fires

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Three large fires were burning in North Carolina and Tennessee. One in Cook County, TN; one in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in Swain County, N.C. Carolina; and one in Hot Springs in Madison County, N.C.

The fires in Swain and Madison Counties were contained on Nov. 20, but not before setting several thousand acres ablaze.

The fire in Madison County burned 2,943 acres before it was contained.

These fires and many more are said to have started as a result of arson.

There is a \$5,000 reward being offered for any information that will aid in the arrest and conviction of the arsonist, according to the Asheville Citizen-Times.

The fires themselves, however, have not been the only danger that has come of this.

The smoke that choked the region posed a threat to people as well.

Smoke from the Madison fire drifted into Buncombe County on Nov. 15, and lingered for several days. Emergency workers fielded dozens of calls from residents wanting to know where the fire was, convinced that something big was burning in Buncombe, according to the Asheville Citizen-Times.

The smoke had the potential to cause many people health problems.

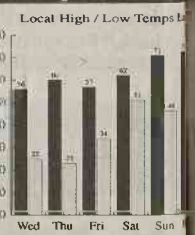
Everyone - from healthy people to those with poor lung functions - could experience some minor to more serious problems if the smoke persists, according to an article in the Citizen-Times.

"Anytime the air quality is decreased by a pollutant (not just smoke), people with decreased ability to use their lungs, such as those with emphysema, could experience problems like experiencing a tightness in the chest," said Dr. Scott Langford, who works in the Mission-St. Joseph's emergency room, in an interview with the Citizen-Times.

The weather's front that moved in during the Thanksgiving holiday dispersed the smoke from the Asheville area.

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### Temps Last Week



### Weather Trivia

Which way does air generally flow around high and low pressure systems?

Answer: Counterclockwise low; clockwise around a high.

### Weather History

Dec. 1, 1831 - The December of record commenced in the north United States. Temperatures in New York City averaged degrees with just above freezing. At Burlington, Vt., the temperature rose above the freezing point. The Erie Canal was closed the entire month of December.

Dec. 2, 1925 - A late hurricane caused damage across the peninsula of Florida then moved up Georgia and the mid-states as a tropical storm gusting up to 60 mph at Island, R.I. and reaching 64 mph at Atlantic City.