

# Southeast affected by record heat

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Temperatures over 100 degrees scalded the Southeast, setting records in 30 cities and an all-time record in North Carolina, where a motorcyclist passed out from the heat, ran off the road and died.

In Texas, the death toll from Hurricane Alicia reached 18 Sunday and the Coast Guard suspended its search for two men reported missing from boats caught in the storm.

Thunderstorms spawned by remnants of Hurricane Alicia and a Western cold front spun tornados and dumped heavy rain and hail from Utah to the Great Lakes. Severe thunderstorm watches were posted for early today in Utah.

North Carolina State Highway Patrol officials said Arthur Walter Peck, 66, of Clinton, died after he passed out from the heat and drove his motorcycle into a ditch. Over 200 people have died from the heat this summer.

The latest victims of Hurricane Alicia included a 19-year-old man and his 10-year-old sister. They apparently died of smoke inhalation after candles ignited a fire in their home, which lost electricity in the hurricane.

Tar Heels sweltered through the hottest day in their history as the mercury crested at 110 degrees in Fayetteville, N.C. The previous mark of 109 was set Sept. 6, 1954, at Weldon, and equaled July 28 at Albemarle.

All-time record highs also were set at Augusta, Ga., with a 108, Roanoke, Va., 105, and Asheville, N.C., 100, and tied at Columbia, S.C. with 107. Huntsville, Ala., broke the August record with a 102, and August records were tied at Athens, Ga., with 107, and Raleigh, N.C., with 101. "

Thunderstorms in the Great Lakes area dumped almost seven inches of rain on Thief River Falls, Minn. Tornadoes were sighted at Otsego, Mich., and Waupun, Wis. Green Bay, Wis. had an inch and a third of rain. Golf ball-sized hail fell near Kearney and Roseland, Neb., and Royal, Iowa.