

# David carries rain to South Carolina

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SAVANNAH, Ga. — Waning Hurricane David, counting a death of more than 1,000 and damage of \$1 billion in its rampage through the Caribbean and the Atlantic, moved through South Carolina Wednesday on a path expected to spread torrential rain to the fringe of Appalachia.

The storm swept by virtually unpopulated beaches when it roared east of Savannah Tuesday, a day after its trek along Florida's coast killed one person and left damage estimated at more than \$50 million.

At midnight EDT, weather forecasters said the storm, born only days ago in a mid-Atlantic tropical depression, was 40 miles due east of Charleston with peak winds of 75 mph — minimal hurricane strength — only where it trailed over open water. The map coordinates were latitude 32.9 north and longitude 80.9 west.

The National Hurricane Center said the storm was moving just east of north at about 10 mph, a pace taking it past Columbia, S.C., where some gale-force gusts of wind were reported late Tuesday, into the foothills of the Appalachian mountains near Charlotte, N.C.

Rainfall amounts of between 1 and 3 inches were reported late Tuesday as far inland as Augusta, but little serious flooding was reported.

The 90-mph winds that accompanied David onto the beach at

Tybee Island, 18 miles east of Savannah, hurled trees through the air like matchsticks, according to Jack Acuff of radio station WSCA.

Acuff said one 30-foot tree hurtled through the air over his station, "the most fantastic thing I ever saw." Centuries-old oak trees in the city's historic section also were toppled by the winds.

Fifteen-foot waves slammed into the seawall at Tybee Island and sprayed 30 feet into the air.

"We lost a lot of beach," said Tybee Island Mayor Mike Counihan. "I don't know what we'll do about that. It won't hurt business because our season's just about over."

Most of the people were gone except for two soldiers who remained at their lighthouse post, keeping the beacon flashing.

Spec. 4 Ralph Berry of New Straitsville, Ohio, said he was familiar with storms in his native Midwest, but he said, "This is the worst I've ever seen."

Electric power was knocked out for much of the area, including the city of Savannah, but stranded travelers at the posh DeSoto Hilton

Hotel were entertained by pianist John Engren who played waltzes on a grand piano in the lobby.

In Charleston, the storm surge sent water crashing over the battery, a long seawall where in 1861, citizens watched the firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor.

# Doctors think cancer linked to fatty diet

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NEW YORK — Dr. Ernst Wynder, an epidemiologist who first linked cigarettes and lung cancer, said Wednesday a low-fat diet might result in reducing certain kinds of cancer, including cancer of the breast.

He recommended the entire population endorse a diet with lower fat intake and research into the possibility that low-fat diets combined with current therapy might increase survival rates for

cancer victims — particularly those limited to breast cancer and nodes.

Wynder, president of the American Health Foundation, brought up low-fat diets when reporting on "risks of breast cancer" at a National Breast Cancer Teach-In sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

"It would be prudent for the entire population to endorse a diet with lower fat intake — particularly since it may lead to a reduction of certain kinds of cancer, such as cancer of the breast," he said.

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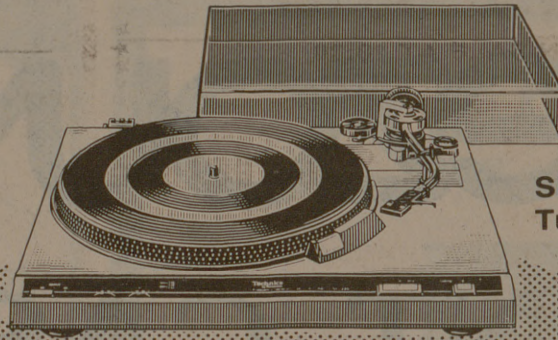
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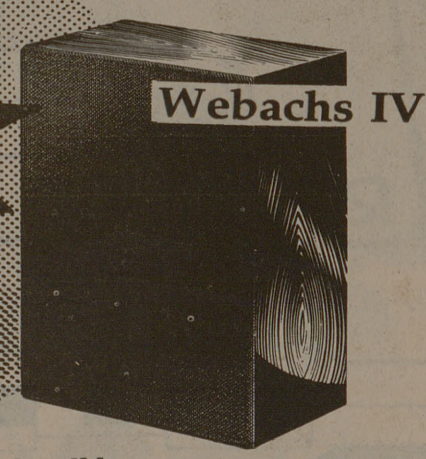
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