

## Feeling the heat

2003 European heat-wave deaths,  
35,000 across the Continent

France  
**14,802**



Germany  
**7,000**



Spain  
**4,200**



Italy  
**4,000**



UK  
**2,000\***



# 2003

The hottest August on record  
in the northern hemisphere

# 38.5°C

Highest ever temperature in  
UK, recorded in Kent on  
August 10, 2003

# 0.6°C

The average that global  
temperature has risen in the  
past 25 years

World Meteorological  
Organisation estimates  
number of heat-related  
deaths could double in  
20 years

\*85% of which were people aged 75 and over

Source: Health Protection Agency, NHS, New Scientist,  
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Times research

