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Posted by: BriSr Oct 1 2008, 12:44 PM  
October 1

### MN History

1989 Temperatures across central and southern Minnesota were in the 80's. A cold front came through and dropped the mercury to the 40's.

### U.S. History

# 1752 - The second severe hurricane in two weeks hit the Carolinas. The Onslow County Courthouse was destroyed along with all its records, and Beacon Island disappeared. (David Ludlum)

# 1893 - The second great hurricane of the 1893 season hit the Mississippi Delta Region drowning more than 1000 persons. (David Ludlum)

# 1987 - A blast of cold arctic air hit the north central U.S. An afternoon thunderstorm slickened the streets of Duluth MN with hail and snow, and later in the afternoon, strong northerly winds reached 70 mph. Unseasonably warm weather continued in the Pacific northwest. Afternoon highs of 90 degrees at Olympia WA, 92 degrees at Portland OR, and 89 degrees at Seattle WA, were records for the month of October. For Seattle WA it marked the twenty- first daily record high for the year, a record total in itself. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather across central Oklahoma and the eastern half of Texas. Thunderstorms in Texas produced softball size hail northwest of Nocona, and baseball size hail at Troy and Park Springs. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern U.S. through the daytime and evening hours. Severe thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, with seven of those tornadoes in Georgia. A tornado southwest of Moultrie, GA, killed two persons and injured a dozen others. Tornadoes also injured one person north of Graceville, FL, and two persons at Bartow, GA. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

...and more History

# 1837 - Famed Racer's Hurricane swept from Texas to North Carolina. So named because it heavily damaged the H.M.S. Racer.

# 1976 - Hurricane Liza brings heavy rains and winds to Mexico, causing a dam to break on the Cajoncito River, killed 630 people as a wall of water rushed into the town of La Paz.

# 1980 - 97 at San Francisco CA and 107 at Phoenix were both October records.

# 1981 - Phoenix AZ received a deluge of .68 inches of rain in just 5 minutes, equaling their all-time record rainfall.

# 1989 - 9.03 inches of rain fell at Athens GA in two days as heavy rainfall plagued the Southeast.

# 1990 - One inch of rain fell at Yuma AZ in 15 minutes.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 2 2008, 12:44 PM  
October 2

**MN History**

1849 Persistent rain at Ft. Snelling leaves 4 inches in a day-and-a half.

**U.S. History**

# 1882 - An early season windstorm over Oregon and northern California blew down thousands of trees and caused great crop damage in the Sacramento Valley. (David Ludlum)

# 1898 - A hurricane struck the Georgia coast washing away Campbell Island. (David Ludlum)

# 1959 - A tornado struck the town of Ivy, VA (located near Charlottesville). Eleven persons were killed, including ten from one family. (The Weather Channel)

# 1980 - The temperature at Blue Canyon, CA, soared to 88 degrees, an October record for that location. (The Weather Channel)

# 1981 - Severe thunderstorms raked Phoenix, AZ, with heavy rain, high winds, and hail up to an inch and a half in diameter, for the second day in a row. Thunderstorms on the 1st deluged Phoenix with .68 inch of rain in five minutes, equaling their all-time record. (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - A fast moving cold front produced snow flurries from Minnesota to the Appalachian Mountains, and gale force winds behind the front ushered cold air into the Great Lakes Region. Valentine NE reported a record low of 25 degrees. Temperatures recovered rapidly in the Northern High Plains Region, reaching the lower 80s by afternoon. Jackson, WY, warmed from a morning low of 21 degrees to an afternoon high of 76 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

**# 1988 - Early morning thunderstorms in Georgia produced three inches of rain at Canton and Woodstock. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Flooding due to thunderstorm rains in the southeastern U.S. on the last day of September and the first day of October caused the Etowah River to rise seven feet above flood stage at Canton GA. Thunderstorms produced up to ten inches of rain in northeastern Georgia, with six inches reported at Athens GA in 24 hours. One man was killed, and another man was injured, when sucked by floodwaters into drainage lines. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**...and more History**

**# 1867 - Hurricane hits Galveston Texas.**

**# 1882 - Louisiana struck by major hurricane. Winds reach 100 mph and a 12-foot storm surge affects the coast and bayous. 1500 people were killed.**

**# 1963 - Hurricane Flora moves across the south coast of Haiti and then meanders across eastern Cuba for the next five days, lashing the island with winds of 100 mph or more for 100 hours or more. Rainfall amounts were astronomical, with as much as 90 inches being reported near Velasco. More rain was reported at Guantanamo Bay from Flora than was reported during the entire year of 1962. Flora is the second deadliest hurricane ever in the Atlantic, with over 7000 deaths.**

**# 1981 - A city street in Prospect CT was cratered by a lightning bolt that worked its way into buildings via a water main. Numerous water leaks resulted.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 3 2008, 09:52 AM  
October 3**

**MN History**

**1922 Hot fall day. 95 in Ada and 93 at Moorhead.**

**1999 Earliest ever single digit temperature in Minnesota for Fall. Embarrass had a low of 9 degrees.**

**U.S. History**

**# 1841 - An October gale, the worst of record for Nantucket, MA, caught the Cap Cod fishing fleet at sea. Forty ships were driven ashore on Cape Cod, and 57 men perished from the town of Truro alone. Heavy snow fell inland, with 18 inches near Middletown, CT. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1912 - The longest dry spell of record in the U.S. commenced as Bagdad, CA, went 767 days without rain. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1979 - The first killer tornado of record in October in Connecticut destroyed sixteen vintage aircraft at the Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks. The**

tornado damaged more than one hundred homes causing 200 million dollars damage. Three persons were killed, and 500 others were injured. (The Weather Channel)

# 1986 - Remnants of Hurricane Paine deluged Oklahoma and southeastern Kansas with 6 to 10 inch overnight rains. Hardy, OK, was drenched with 21.79 inches. Heavy rain between September 26th and October 4th caused 350 million dollars damage in Oklahoma. (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - Twenty-five cities in the Upper Midwest, including ten in Iowa, reported record low temperatures for the date. Duluth MN, Eau Claire, WI, and Spencer, IA, dipped to 24 degrees. Temperatures warmed into the 80s in the Northern and Central High Plains Region. At Chadron, NE, the mercury soared from a morning low of 29 degrees to an afternoon high of 88 degrees. Temperatures soared above 100 degrees in southern California. The high of 108 degrees at Downtown Los Angeles was a record for October. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Cold Canadian air invaded the north central U.S. bringing an end to the growing season across those states. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the southwestern U.S. Phoenix, AZ, reported a record high of 105 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1989 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed from the Pacific Northwest to the Upper Mississippi Valley. A dozen cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Bismarck, ND, and Williston, ND, with readings of 16 degrees above zero. An upper level weather disturbance brought snow to parts of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, with five inches reported at West Yellowstone, MT. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

...and more History

# 1780 - The hurricane season of 1780 is one of the worst in recorded history. At least eight destructive storms struck American and Caribbean shores that year. In October, three storms in three successive weeks caused unparalleled economic and military destruction. The first, named the Savanna-La-Mer hurricane for the tiny settlement on the island of Jamaica which was completely destroyed by the storm's tides and winds, struck on October 3rd.

# 1869 - Saxby's Gale, so named because it was predicted almost a year in advance by a British officer named Saxby, strikes the Bay of Fundy. The heavy rainfall accompanying the storm causes a tremendous flood in a six state area.

# 1964 - Hurricane Hilda strikes the central Louisiana coast around dark. Fortunately, the storm had weakened from peak intensity of 150 mph and 941 mb achieved on October 1, when the storm was 350 miles south of New Orleans. Winds were still measured to 135 mph at Franklin, La. A large water tower fell on the City Hall at Erath, La. where the civil defense headquarters was located. Several tornadoes occurred in spiral bands crossing southeastern Louisiana, and 22 people were killed in an F4 twister at Larose. 37 people were killed in Louisiana. Total damage was \$125 million.

# 1983 - Moisture from Pacific Tropical Storm Octave produced extreme rains of up to 12 inches in Arizona during the 5 days leading up to this date, causing the worst flash flooding in the state's history. 1300 homes were destroyed. 13 people were killed. Many major highways were closed during the flooding event.

# 1988 - Nearly eight inches of rain fell in three hours on Nimes, France, causing floods and mudslides that resulted in the deaths of 8 people.

# 1992 - Tampa area is struck by several tornadoes, caused by a low pressure system moving out of the Gulf of Mexico. One F3 tornado struck Pinellas Park, where 75 people were injured and 3 killed. The storm also brought high tides of 4-5 feet to the west coast of Florida. Heavy rains plagued north Florida and southern Georgia. 10.14 inches fell at Brunswick GA and 8.69 inches at Jacksonville FL. Major beach erosion occurred along the Hillsborough County coast and at Egmont Key. Total damage was \$32 million.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 4 2008, 01:10 PM  
October 4

#### MN History

1939 Storm dumps 2.16 inches of rain at Fairmont.

#### U.S. History

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...and more History

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Posted by: ChiWxWatcher Oct 4 2008, 07:00 PM  
QUOTE(BriSr @ Aug 23 2008, 02:12 PM)  
August 23

#### MN History

1955 Hail in Houston County, with piles to a foot deep at Rushmore.

#### U.S. History

# 1906 - Thunderstorms deluged Kansas City, MO, with six inches of rain during the early morning, including nearly three inches in thirty minutes. (The Kansas City Weather Almanac)

# 1921 - Denver, CO, was drenched with 2.20 inches of rain in one hour, a record for that location. (The Weather Channel)

# 1970 - Dry thunderstorms ignited more than one hundred fires in the Wenatchee and Okanogan National Forests of Washington State. Hot, dry, and windy weather spread the fires, a few of which burned out of control through the end of the month. More than 100,000 acres burned. (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - A cold front brought autumn-like weather to the Northern and Central Plains Region. Afternoon highs were in the 50s and 60s across parts of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska that just two days earlier were in the 90s or above 100 degrees. Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rain in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Thunderstorms produced hail an inch in diameter, wind gusts to 64 mph, and 2.62 inches of rain at Tucson AZ resulting in three million dollars damage. Cool weather prevailed in the northeastern U.S. Hartford CT reported a record low of 42 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1989 - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain with flash flooding in West Virginia. Pickens, WV, reported 4.80 inches of rain in 24 hours. Evening thunderstorms in Mississippi deluged Alta Woods with 4.25 inches of rain in less than an hour. Thunderstorms also produced heavy rain in southeastern Kentucky, and flooding was reported along Big Creek and along Stinking Creek. The Stinking Creek volunteer fire department reported water levels 12 to 14 feet above bankfull. Fort Worth TX hit the 100 degree mark for the first time all year. Strong winds ushering cool air into northwest Utah gusted to 70 mph, raising clouds of dust in the salt flats. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

...and more History

# 1851 - The Great Middle Florida Hurricane of 1851 struck the area near Apalachicola and St. Marks.

# 1933 - Chesapeake-Potomac Hurricane of 1933. The storm made landfall near Nags Head NC and tracked up the Chesapeake Bay. Norfolk VA recorded a wind gust to 88 mph. \$17 million in damage in Maryland; \$47 million total damage from the storm. 47 people also died. Flooding was severe in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. 60% of Atlantic City NJ was flooded.

# 1987 - Upwelling in Lake Ontario caused by unusually strong northwesterly winds caused quite a temperature difference across the lake. On the north shore, water temperatures were an icy 41 degrees, while along the south shore, they were a much more comfortable 70 degrees.

# 1992 - On Sunday morning, August 23rd, the warnings in South Florida were frantic. Andrew had top winds of 120 mph, making it a category 3 hurricane. Located 380 miles west of Miami that morning, moving west at 15 mph. By 330pm, it is a category 4 storm with winds of 150 mph. That afternoon, Hurricane Andrew brought a 23 foot storm surge to Current Island in the Bahamas. Damage in the islands amounted to \$250 million. Then as the night wears on, the small, distinct eye of Andrew is less than 100 miles away would draw a bead on Homestead FL.

# 1992 - Meanwhile, residents of Cut Bank, Butte and Helena MT were dealing with snow. Up to 13 inches fell across the Glacier National Park in Montana. Great Falls MT measured 5 inches of the white stuff; the first time that snow had ever occurred in August.

# 1995 - Tropical Storm Jerry brought very heavy rains to parts of Central Florida on this date (check if 23 or 24). Its winds were only 40 mph, but rains of up to a foot dumped on the area. There was so much water that walking catfish made their way onto the runways at West Palm Beach International Airport, disrupting flights there.

# 1998 - Massive flooding caused by heavy rains from the remnants of dying Tropical Storm Charley struck the town of Del Rio TX. 18 inches of rain fell from Sunday night through Monday morning. At least 13 people died in the flooding in Texas and Mexico. The town of Del Rio had been parched by seemingly endless drought before the rains started had had less than 3 inches of rainfall for the first seven months of the year.

I know this was from almost 2 months ago, but let me add something to this.

2007-Two bow echos slam into the Chicagoland area, leaving 1 million dollars in damage.

Posted by: bubbles Oct 5 2008, 04:24 AM

QUOTE(BriSr @ Oct 4 2008, 12:10 PM)

October 4

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Thank you for posting these BriSr. I really enjoy reading them.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 5 2008, 05:22 PM  
October 5

#### **MN History**

1963 Heat wave across area with 98 at Beardsley, 96 at Madison, and 94 at Elbow Lake.

#### **U.S. History**

# 1638 - The journal of John Winthrop recorded that a mighty tempest struck eastern New England. This second severe hurricane in three years blew down many trees in mile long tracks. (David Ludlum)

**# 1786 - The famous "Pumpkin Flood" occurred on the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers. Harrisburg PA reported a river stage of twenty-two feet. The heavy rains culminated a wet season. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1917 - The temperature at Sentinel, AZ, soared to 116 degrees to establish an October record for the nation. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1972 - Heavy rains, mostly the remnants of Tropical Storm Joanne, fell across much of Arizona. It was believed to be the first time in Arizona weather history that a tropical storm entered the state with its circulation still intact. The center was over Flagstaff early on the 7th. (3rd-7th) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - It was another day of scorching heat for the southwestern U.S. Afternoon highs of 102 degrees in Downtown San Francisco, and 104 degrees at Monterrey, established all-time records. The high of 101 degrees at San Jose was a record for October. Sacramento tied their record for October for the third time in the month, with a reading of 102 degrees. The high for the nation was 111 degrees at San Luis Obispo and Palm Springs. Twenty cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Knoxville TN with a reading of 34 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - Thirteen cities in the central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Duluth MN with a reading of 21 degrees. Goodland KS reported an afternoon high of 39 degrees. Showers over Upper Michigan produced an inch of snow at Marquette. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Showers and thunderstorms associated with Tropical Storm Raymond deluged southeastern Arizona with heavy rain. Up to four and a half inches of rain was reported north of Wilcox. Three- fourths of the streets in the town of Wilcox were left under eighteen inches of water, and damage exceeded a million dollars. Evening thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle. Thunderstorms produced high winds which gusted to 80 mph at White Deer TX, and resulted in one death at Pocasset OK. Thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail at Pampa TX and Lefors TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)**

**...and more History**

**# 1638 - John Winthrop recorded the passage of the second major storm of 1638, noting that it was accompanied by the highest tide the settlement had seen since their arrival in North America.**

**# 1836 - 26 inches of snow fell at Auburn NY on the 5th and 6th in one of the greatest snowstorms in New York State history. 26 inches also fell at Hollidaysburg PA.**

**# 1892 - Washington DC recorded a trace of snow, its earliest measurable snowfall on record.**

**# 1911 - Moisture from the remnants of a tropical storm cause heavy rainfall in the San Juan Mountains that cause floods on the Upper Rio Grande and other Colorado Rivers. Alamosa CO was flooded.**

**# 1954 - Infamous Hurricane Hazel, which caused tremendous destruction in the Carolinas was born on this date.**

**# 1984 - Honolulu recorded their hottest temperature ever at 94 deg F.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 6 2008, 10:05 AM  
October 6**

**MN History  
1987 Snow falls over Arrowhead region.**

**U.S. History  
# 1836 - A second early season snowstorm produced eleven inches at Wilkes Barre PA and 26 inches at Auburn NY. All the mountains in the northeastern U.S. were whitened with snow. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1985 - A tropical wave, later to become Tropical Storm Isabel, struck Puerto Rico. As much as 24 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, and the severe flooding and numerous landslides resulting from the rain claimed about 180 lives. (Storm Data)**

**# 1987 - The western U.S. continued to sizzle. Afternoon highs of 85 degrees at Astoria OR, 101 degrees at Tucson AZ, and 102 degrees at Sacramento CA, equaled October records. It marked the fourth time in the month that Sacramento tied their record for October. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - Cool Canadian air prevailed across the central and eastern U.S. Toledo OH reported a record low of 27 degrees. Limestone ME received an inch of snow. Warm weather continued in the western U.S. Boise ID reported a record high of 87 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Temperatures soared into the 90s across southern Texas. Afternoon highs of 93 degrees at Houston, and 96 degrees at Austin and Corpus Christi, were records for the date. Beeville was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 101 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

**...and more History**

**# 1941 - Strong tornado hits east side of Kansas City MO. 4 people killed, including two people in a house that was blown intact for 700 feet and then destroyed. A mother and small child were blown 500 feet and killed. 130 homes and buildings were destroyed.**

**# 1952 - The Music City of Nashville TN records its earliest snowfall ever with a trace being recorded.**

**# 1981 - An airliner flew into a tornado which had just lifted off the ground near Moerdijk, Holland, causing the wing to fall off. The resulting crash killed everyone on board.**

**# 1990 - What a difference a day makes. The day before in Rapid City SD, it was 89 degrees. On this date, freezing conditions and snow showers.**

**Posted by: wxdude1964 Oct 6 2008, 09:03 PM**

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**Huh? What in the world were they thinking?!? Surely it HAD to be visible to airport personnel and or air traffic controllers.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 7 2008, 09:51 AM**

**October 7**

### **MN History**

**1980 Summer-like heat over the state with 92 at Montevideo and 84 at the Twin Cities.**

### **U.S. History**

**# 1970 - Widespread flooding took place across Puerto Rico. Rainfall amounts for the day ranged up to seventeen inches at Aibonito. A slow moving tropical depression was responsible for six days of torrential rains across the island. Totals in the Eastern Interior Division averaged thirty inches, with 38.4 inches at Jayuya. Flooding claimed eighteen lives, and resulted in 62 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)**

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**# 1988 - Morning fog in the central U.S. reduced the visibility to near zero at some locations. Morning lows of 28 degrees at Rockford IL and 24 degrees at Waterloo IA were records for the date. Afternoon highs of 92 degrees at Hollywood FL and Miami FL were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Morning thunderstorms in central Texas drenched San Antonio with 3.10 inches of rain in six hours causing local flooding in northeastern sections of the city. Temperatures dipped below the freezing mark from the Northern Rockies to the Upper Mississippi Valley. (The National Weather Summary)**

### **...and more History**

**# 1825 - The worst fire in Canadian history rages through part of New Brunswick's Miramichi Valley. The capital town of Fredericton was destroyed. As many as 500 were killed.**

**# 1962 - Heavy flooding in New England from Hurricane Daisy. 12.10 inches of rain fell at Reading MA during a three day period.**

# 1981 - Seattle has quite a reputation for rainy weather. The interesting fact is that cities such as Atlanta and New York actually are wetter! But not on this date. Four inches of rain fell at Seattle WA in 24 hours to establish a record for that city.

# 1992 - Concordia KS records its earliest snowfall on record as 2.1 inches of the white stuff falls.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 7 2008, 10:02 AM

QUOTE(wxdude1964 @ Oct 6 2008, 10:03 PM)

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Huh? What in the world were they thinking?!? Surely it HAD to be visible to airport personnel and or air traffic controllers.

I was thinking the same thing.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 8 2008, 02:03 PM

October 8

U.S. History

# 1871 - Prolonged drought and dessicating winds led to the great Chicago fire, the Peshtigo horror, and the Michigan fire holocaust. Fire destroyed more than seventeen thousand buildings killing more than 200 persons in the city of Chicago, while a fire consumed the town of Peshtigo WI killing more than 1100 persons. In Wisconsin, a million acres of land were burned, and in Michigan, 2.5 million acres were burned killing 200 persons. "Tornadoes of fire" generated by intense heat caused houses to explode in fire, and burned to death scores of persons seeking refuge in open fields. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

# 1901 - A deluge at Galveston, TX, produced nearly twelve inches of rain in about a six hour period. The rains came precisely thirteen months after the day of the famous Galveston hurricane disaster. (David Ludlum)

# 1982 - An unusually early snowstorm hit the northern Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. The storm produced up to 54 inches of snow, and winds as high as 70 mph. The snowfall was very much dependent upon topography. Rapid City, 20 miles away, received just a trace of snow. (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed from the Upper Mississippi Valley to the southeastern U.S. Thirty cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Madison WI with a reading of 22 degrees. The low of 28 degrees at Evansville IN was the coolest of record for so early in the season. Hot weather continued in the southwestern U.S. Phoenix AZ reported a record high of 104 degrees and a record tying 116 days of 100 degree weather for the year. Tucson AZ established an all-time record with 72 days of 100 degree weather for the year. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Snow was reported across parts of northern New England. Two inches blanketed Mount Snow VT. Warm weather continued in the northwestern U.S. The afternoon high of 80 degrees at Stampede Pass WA exceeded their

previous record for October by seven degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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...and more History

# 1990 - 7.9 inches of snow fell at Cheyenne WY set an all-time record for snowfall for any 24 hours in October.

# 1994 - Flash flooding from tropical rainfalls caused 18 deaths in Houston.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 9 2008, 10:21 AM  
October 9

**MN History**

1938 Forest fires on the 9th and 10th claimed 21 lives in northern Minnesota.

**U.S. History**

# 1903 - New York City was deluged with 11.17 inches of rain 24 hours to establish a state record. Severe flooding occurred in the Passaic Valley of New Jersey where more than fifteen inches of rain was reported. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

# 1981 - The temperature at San Juan, Puerto Rico, soared to 98 degrees to establish an all-time record for that location. (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - Eighteen cities in the southeastern U.S. and the Middle Atlantic Coast Region reported record low temperatures for the date. Asheville NC dipped to 29 degrees, and the record low of 47 degrees at Jacksonville FL marked their fourth of the month. A second surge of cold air brought light snow to the Northern Plains, particularly the Black Hills of South Dakota. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Ten cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Hartford CT with a reading of 28 degrees. Snow continued in northern New England through the morning hours. Mount Washington NH reported five inches of snow. Warm weather continued in the western U.S. Los Angeles CA reported a record high of 102 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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...and more History

# 1804 - "Snow Hurricane" dumps heavy rains along the coast from mid-Atlantic northward and very heavy snows inland across New England. Up to 2 feet of snow fell in the Green Mountains of Vermont.

# 1895 - Snow fell in Philadelphia PA, the earliest occurrence of snow flakes in the city's weather records.

# 1944 - Major hailstorm in Montana causes \$7.5 million crop loss.

# 1954 - Famed Weather Bureau Hurricane Forecaster Grady Norton died of a stroke in Miami while working 12 hours days plotting the course of Hurricane Hazel. Norton ignored warnings of his medical condition in order to provide warnings about the Hurricane, which would go on to blast the North Carolina coast on October 15.

# 1967 - Over one thousand people died in a micro-cyclone that hit the Indian coast. The storm surge penetrated 16 miles inland along the low lying coast.

# 1980 - Seesaw weather in the Music City. Nashville TN records high temperature of 91 degrees, setting a record for the date. Just three days earlier, the temperature had dropped to 31, the coldest ever for so early in the season.

# 1982 - Extremely early snowstorm affects the Black Hills of South Dakota. As much as 6 feet of very wet, heavy snow fell, accompanied by winds of up to 70 mph.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 10 2008, 09:50 AM  
October 10

**MN History**

1949 Bizzare storm brings Hurricane force winds across Minnesota. This was possibly the strongest non-thunderstorm winds seen in Minnesota. Top winds were clocked at 100 mph at Rochester, with a gust of 89 mph at the Twin Cities International Airport. 4 deaths and 81 injuries were reported. Numerous store windows were broken, and large chimneys toppled. The top 10 floors of the Foshay building were evacuated with the tenants feeling seasick from the swaying building.

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**U.S. History**

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**# 1928 - The temperature at Minneapolis, MN, reached 90 degrees, their latest such reading of record. (The Weather Channel)**

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**# 1988 - Sunny and mild weather prevailed across the nation for Columbus Day. The afternoon high of 77 degrees at Kalispell MT was the warmest reading of record for so late in the autumn season. Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced wind gusts to 56 mph at Lorain OH. Snowflakes were observed at Milwaukee WI around Noon, but quickly changed to rain as temperature readings were in the lower 60s. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

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**...and more History**

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Yep, I remember this date well.

We had between 7-10 inches of heavy wet snow in my area from this storm. The trees still had fall colored leaves on them and bent and snapped under the heavy load. When I went outside that morning it sounded like a rifle range with the continuous breaking and falling of trees. I remember cutting firewood for weeks afterward! I also remember no power for close to a week too!

Posted by: BriSr Oct 11 2008, 12:58 PM

October 11

#### MN History

1909 Snowstorm hits state with temperatures dropping to 7 degrees over the north.

#### U.S. History

# 1925 - Widespread early season snows fell in the northeastern U.S., with as much as two feet in New Hampshire and Vermont. The heavy snow blocked roads and cancelled football games. (David Ludlum)

# 1954 - A deluge of 6.72 inches of rain in 48 hours flooded the Chicago River, causing ten million dollars damage in the Chicago area. (9th-11th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - More than thirty cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including Waterloo IA and Scottsbluff NE where the mercury dipped to 16 degrees. Tropical Storm Floyd brought heavy rain to southern Florida, moisture from Hurricane Ramon produced heavy rain in southern California, and heavy snow blanketed the mountains of New York State and Vermont. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Low pressure brought gale force winds to the Great Lakes Region, with snow and sleet reported in some areas. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the north central U.S. The mercury hit 84 degrees at Cutbank MT and Worland WY. The temperature at Gunnison CO soared from a morning low of 12 degrees to a high of 66 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1989 - Much of the nation enjoyed "Indian Summer" type weather. Nine cities in the central U.S. reported record highs for the date as temperatures warmed

into the 80s and 90s. Record highs included 90 degrees at Grand Island NE and 97 degrees at Waco TX. Strong winds along a cold front crossing the Northern High Plains Region gusted to 80 mph at Ames Monument WY during the early morning. (The National Weather Summary)

...and more History

# 1836 - For the third straight Wednesday, snow fell in New York State. 35 inches fell at Cornell University in Hamilton NY.

# 1846 - The Great Key West Hurricane of 1846 was one of the most significant hurricanes to strike Florida in the 19th century. Great destruction in the Florida Keys. Key West was virtually destroyed with 5 feet of water inundating the city. Two major lighthouses were destroyed by the hurricane.

# 1906 - Extremely cold weather for the all-Chicago World Series between the Cubs and White Sox. The game time temperature on this date was just 43 degrees, but the day before, snow flurries had menaced the fans and players along with freezing temperatures.

# 1918 - One of the most violent earthquakes in Puerto Rico history created a giant tsunami, or giant wave, killing 116 people.

# 1991 - Most people think of Seattle as being consistently cold and rainy, but you may be amazed to know that more rain falls each year in places like New York and Chicago. On this date, Seattle was recording its' 40th straight day without measurable rainfall.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 12 2008, 04:02 PM

October 12

**MN History**

1918 Dry fall weather set the stage for a dangerous fire threat. Several fires roared

through large area of Carlton and St. Louis County. Hardest hit were the towns of

Cloquet, Moose Lake and Brookston. The Carlton County Vidette called it a "Hurricane

of burning leaves and smoke." At least 453 people died, possibly as many as 1,000. Over

11,000 people were homeless.

**U.S. History**

# 1836 - A third early season storm produced heavy snow in the northeastern U.S. Bridgewater NY received 18 inches, a foot of snow fell at Madison NY, and for the third time all the mountains of the northeastern U.S. were whitened.

(David Ludlum)

# 1918 - Forest fires ravaged parts of Minnesota from the Duluth area northeastward, claiming the lives of 600 persons. Smoke with a smell of burnt

wood spread to Albany NY and Washington D.C. in 24 hours. Smoke was noted at Charleston SC on the 14th, and by the 15th was reported in northeastern Texas. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

# 1962 - The "Columbus Day Big Blow" occurred in the Pacific Northwest. It was probably the most damaging windstorm of record west of the Cascade Mountains. Winds reached hurricane force, with gusts above 100 mph. More than 3.5 billion board feet of timber were blown down, and communications were severely disrupted due to downed power lines. The storm claimed 48 lives, and caused 210 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

# 1987 - Floyd, the only hurricane to make landfall the entire season, moved across the Florida Keys. Floyd produced wind gusts to 59 mph at Duck Key, and up to nine inches of rain in southern Florida. Sixteen cities in the Ohio Valley and the Middle Mississippi Valley reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 27 degrees at Paducah KY, and 24 degrees at Rockford IL and Springfield IL. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1988 - Twenty cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including International Falls MN with a reading of 17 degrees. The town of Embarass MN reported a morning low of 8 degrees. Snow showers in the northeastern U.S. produced five inches at Corry PA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1989 - Temperatures again warmed into the 80s in the Central Plains Region and the Middle Mississippi Valley, with 90s in the south central U.S. Six cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Fort Smith AR with a reading of 92 degrees. Strong winds along a cold front crossing the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley gusted to 61 mph at Johnstown PA. (The National Weather Summary)

...and more History

# 1906 - Charlottee NC recorded its' earliest freezing temperature with a morning low of 31 degrees. Interestingly enough, on this same date in 1950, the Queen City would record its latest ever 90 degree reading.

# 1954 - Hurricane Hazel pounded the island of Haiti with winds of 125 mph. Many villages were reported totally destroyed and 1000 Haitians died.

# 1978 - A car in Indianapolis IN was struck by lightning, blowing out the tires and destroying all of the electrical systems. The driver was uninjured.

# 1979 - Typhoon Tip in the Northwest Pacific Ocean achieved the dubious distinction of being the strongest tropical cyclone ever measured on earth. It was measured to have a central pressure of 870 mb and estimated surface sustained winds of 190 mph.

**WOW!!**

Posted by: BriSr Oct 13 2008, 10:13 AM  
October 13

**MN History**

**1820 Snowstorm at Ft. Snelling dumps 11 inches.**

### **U.S. History**

**# 1846 - A great hurricane tracked across Cuba, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The hurricane inflicted major damage along its entire path, which was similar to the path of Hurricane Hazel 108 years later. The hurricane caused great damage at Key West FL, and at Philadelphia PA it was the most destructive storm in thirty years. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1986 - Four tornadoes struck southeastern Virginia late in the night causing three million dollars damage. Tornadoes at Falls Church VA caused a million dollars damage. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders)**

**# 1987 - Fifteen cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 34 degrees at Meridian MS, 28 degrees at Paducah KY, and 26 degrees at Beckley WV. Another surge of arctic air entered the north central U.S. bringing snow to parts of Wyoming and Colorado. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - A total of forty-three cities in the eastern U.S. and the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins WV and Marquette MI where the mercury dipped to 18 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Sixteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date as readings warmed into the 80s and low 90s from the Southern and Central Plains to the Southern and Middle Atlantic Coast. Evansville IND and North Platte NE reported record highs of 91 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

### **...and more History**

**# 1876 - New York City records earliest 32 degree temperature and 1/2 inch of snow. Snow fell from Virginia to New England. 3.5 inches of snow fell in Fall River MA.**

**# 1982 - Denver experiences a wet, early-season snow. Up to 6 inches fell in the Foothills. Extensive power outages resulted as tree limbs broke under the weight of the snow.**

**# 1986 - 13 degrees at North Platte NE was one of many record lows set on this date.**

**# 1990 - Combined remnants of Tropical Storms Klaus and Marco dumped extremely heavy rainfall over New England. More than 6 inches of rain fell in parts of Connecticut.**

**# 1994 - 14.26 inches of rain in 24 hours at Hunter GA.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 14 2008, 11:17 AM  
October 14**

## **MN History**

**1966** An enormous hailstone crashed through the windshield of a truck near Claremont in Dodge County. It was reported to be 16 inches in circumference.

## **U.S. History**

**# 1957** - Floodwaters roared through a migrant labor camp near the town of Picacho AZ flooding fifty cabins and a dozen nearby homes. 250 migrant workers lost their shelters. The month was one of the wettest Octobers in Arizona weather history. (The Weather Channel)

**# 1965** - Heavy rains hit the coastal areas of southeastern Florida. In a 24 hour period rains of twenty inches were reported from Deerfield Beach to Fort Lauderdale, with 25.28 inches on the Fort Lauderdale Bahia-Mar Yacht Basin. Flooding that resulted caused considerable damage to roads and streets. The rains inundated numerous newly planted vegetable fields, and some residences. Ten miles away just 4.51 inches of rain was reported. (14th- 15th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

**# 1981** - Four days of heavy rain across northern Texas and southern Oklahoma came to an end. The heaviest rains fell in a band from southwest of Abilene TX to McAlester OK, with up to 26 inches reported north of Gainesville, in north central Texas. The heavy rains were the result of decaying Hurricane Norma, which also spawned thirteen tornadoes across the region. Seven deaths were attributed to the flooding. (Storm Data)

**# 1984** - Dense fog contributed to a 118 vehicle accident on I-94, just south of Milwaukee WI. It was the seventh day of an eight day stretch of dense fog. At the time of the accident the visibility was reportedly close to zero. (Storm Data)

**# 1987** - Sixteen cities, mostly in the Appalachian Region, reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 43 degrees at Lake Charles LA, 35 degrees at Augusta GA, and 27 degrees at Asheville NC. Gale force winds buffeted the Carolina coast. Light snow fell across parts of Wyoming, Colorado, and western South Dakota. (The National Weather Summary)

**# 1988** - Forty cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Elkins WV was the cold spot in the nation with a record low of 18 degrees above zero. Thunderstorms in Arizona drenched Phoenix with nine inches of rain in nine hours, the fifth highest total for any given day in ninety-two years of records. Carefree AZ was soaked with two inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

**# 1989** - Thunderstorms produced severe weather over Michigan during the morning, and over New York State and Connecticut during the afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms spawned two tornadoes, and there were ninety reports of large hail or damaging winds, including seventy reports of damaging winds in New York State. A tornado at McDonough NY killed one person and injured three other people. Strong thunderstorm winds gusted to 105 mph at Somerset. Temperatures warmed into the 80s and lower 90s over much of the nation east of the Rockies, with eleven cities reporting record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 81 degrees at Beckley WV and

**Bluefield WV equaled October records. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)**

**...and more History**

**# 1909 - F3 tornado strikes Pittsburg Landing and Stantonville TN. 23 fatalities, 80 injured.**

**# 1966 - Iowa struck by devastating late season tornado outbreak. A total of 12 tornadoes touched down, including an F4 that devastated a large part of Belmont Iowa. It was the day of the homecoming parade in the town, but fortunately the threatening skies had caused the crowds to break up before the twister's arrival. 6 people died in this tornado. 75 of the 112 businesses in the town were destroyed. Damage totaled \$12 million.**

**# 1969 - Portland OR recorded its earliest freeze ever.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 15 2008, 02:01 PM  
October 15, 2008**

**MN History**

**1968 Short-sleeve weather across central and southern Minnesota. The high was 85 in the Twin Cities.**

**U.S. History**

**# 1880 - A violent early season blizzard raked Minnesota and the Dakotas. Winds gusted to 70 mph at Yankton SD, and snow drifts 10 to 15 feet high were reported in northwest Iowa and southeast South Dakota. Saint Paul MN reported a barometric pressure of 28.65 inches on the 16th. Railroads were blocked by drifts of snow which remained throughout the severe winter to follow. Gales did extensive damage to ship on the Great Lakes. (15th-16th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1954 - Hurricane Hazel struck the Carolina coastline. The hurricane demolished every pier along a 170 mile stretch from Myrtle Beach SC to Cedar Island NC, and obliterated entire lines of beach homes. Hurricane Hazel also destroyed 1500 homes as it moved inland with seventeen foot tides. Winds between Myrtle Beach SC and Cape Fear NC gusted to 150 mph. Hurricane Hazel caused 163 million dollars damage, and claimed the lives of 98 persons. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1966 - Iowa experienced its worst late season tornado of record. In just one minute a twister tore through the town of Belmont leveling 75 percent of the businesses, and 100 homes, causing more than eleven million dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - Unseasonably cold weather continued in the eastern U.S., with thirteen cities reporting record low temperatures for the date. The low of 34 degrees at Montgomery AL was their coldest reading of record for so early in the season.**

Lows of 32 degrees at Harrisburg PA and 34 degrees at Parkersburg WV marked their third straight morning of record cold. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - The cold high pressure system responsible for the record low temperatures in the eastern U.S. began to move out to sea, giving way to a trend toward "Indian Summer". Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced golf ball size hail at Altamont KS and hail two inches in diameter at Yates City IL. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

# 1989 - Hurricane Jerry made landfall at Galveston, TX, at 6:30 PM (CDT). Winds at the Galveston Airport reached 75 mph, with gusts to 100 mph. Tides along the island were six to eight feet, and rainfall totals ranged up to slightly more than six inches north of Beaumont. Three persons were killed when their vehicle was blown off the Galveston seawall into the pounding surf. Total damage along the Upper Texas Coast was estimated at fifteen million dollars. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Lower Michigan during the late morning. Two persons were injured when a tree fell on their camper at the Traverse City State park. While strong northerly winds ushered much colder air into the central U.S., unseasonably warm weather continued in the south central and eastern U.S. The afternoon high of 82 degrees at Bluefield WV was a record for October. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

...and more History

# 1608 - Evangelista Torricelli, the Italian physicist and mathematician who invented the barometer was born on this date.

# 1876 - Coastal storm brought early-season cold and snow to the east coast. New York City recorded its earliest 32 degree temperature ever along with 1/2 inch of snow.

# 1947 - People question attempts to weaken a hurricane by seeding it with dry ice after it makes an unexpected turn off the coast and makes landfall near Savannah Georgia with winds of 100 mph. One person was killed. Damage totaled \$3 million.

# 1954 - Hurricane Hazel made landfall near Cape Fear NC on the South Carolina/Georgia border as a category 4 storm with top winds of 150 mph. A record storm surge caused extreme destruction along the North Carolina Coast with an 18 foot tide at Calabash. The tide height was enhanced by highest lunar tide of the year. 300 homes vanished without a trace at Long Island NC. After the storm, no fishing pier was left standing from Myrtle Beach, SC to Cedar Island, NC. The storm quickly lost tropical characteristics after moving inland, but still brought high winds and flooding all the way into New York state and across the border into Toronto, Canada. The storm accelerated as it moved inland, crossing the entire state of Virginia in just four hours. Washington DC recorded a wind gust to 98 mph. 98 people died in the storm. Damages totaled \$251 million.

# 1965 - Fort Lauderdale in deluged with 25.28 inches of rain in 48 hours. Significant flooding occurred.

**# 1984 - Monday Night Football game in Denver played in raging blizzard. 15 inches of snow fell in the Mile High City. 34 inches fell in the nearby mountains. The Air Force Academy canceled classes for the first time in its' recorded history.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 16 2008, 01:51 PM  
October 16**

#### **MN History**

**1880 Earliest blizzard in Minnesota. Struck western Minnesota and the eastern Dakotas**

**especially hard. Over a foot of snow in western counties. Railroads were blocked.**

**Damage done to Great Lakes shipping. Huge drifts exceeding 20 ft formed in the Canby**

**area lasted until the next spring when flooding occurred across the Minnesota River Valley.**

**1937 Snowstorm leaves 10 inches at Bird Island.**

#### **U.S. History**

**# 1913 - The temperature in Downtown San Francisco soared to 101 degrees to equal their record for October. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1937 - An unlikely winter-like storm produced as much as ten inches of snow in Minnesota and Iowa.**

**# 1987 - Ten cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. The low of 34 degrees at Augusta GA marked their third straight morning of record cold. A cold front brought showers and thunderstorms to parts of the central U.S. Lightning struck a bull and six cows under a tree near Battiest OK. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - Late afternoon thunderstorms produced severe weather in southwestern Lower Michigan and northern Indiana. One thunderstorm spawned a tornado north of Nappanee IN which caused half a million dollars damage. Six cities in California reported record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 100 degrees at Red Bluff CA was the latest such reading of record for so late in the autumn season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the foothills of Colorado. Up to three inches was reported around Denver. Echo Lake was buried under nineteen inches of snow. Temperatures again warmed into the 80s and lower 90s in the eastern and south central U.S. Thirteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Atlantic City NJ with a reading of 84 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)**

### ...and more History

# 1816 - Long drought ended in northern New England as gentle rains finally arrived, extinguishing wildfires that had been very damaging during an extremely dry September.

# 1954 - Memorable Hurricane Hazel slashed into Canada with high winds and extremely heavy rainfall. Toronto recorded wind gusts to 110 mph and 8.43 inches of rain. 80 people died in Canada.

# 1990 - Temperature reached 90 for 136th day in Tampa FL.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 17 2008, 11:34 AM  
October 17

### MN History

1971 Heavy rains in NW Minnesota. 4.02" at Georgetown (20 miles N of Moorhead.)

### U.S. History

# 1781 - General Cornwallis attempted to escape encirclement by crossing York River, "but a violent storm arose" dispersing his boats causing him to ask for an armistice. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

# 1971 - Great balls of fire were observed just ahead of a tornado moving down the main street of Wray CO. However, little other electrical activity accompanied the storm. Nine persons were injured in the tornado, all at a trailer court at the edge of town. (The Weather Channel)

# 1984 - A snowstorm struck northern Utah producing a record 18 inches in 24 hours at Salt Lake City, and 40 inches at the nearby Alta Ski Resort. The town of Magna, located ten miles west of Salt Lake City, did not receive any snow at all. The storm was responsible for a fifty vehicle pile-up along Interstate 15 near Farmington UT. (Storm Data)

# 1987 - It was a great day for an Oktoberfest, or to enjoy the colors of autumn, as much of the nation enjoyed sunny and mild weather. Columbia SC dipped to 34 degrees, marking their third morning in a row of record cold. Bakersfield CA reached 80 degrees for the 143rd day in a row to break a record established in 1940. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Middle Mississippi Valley and the Lower Ohio Valley. Severe thunderstorms spawned three tornadoes in Indiana, including one which injured four persons. Strong thunderstorm winds at Connerville IND caused three million dollars damage. Thunderstorms in Illinois produced hail two inches in diameter Colfax. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1989 - Showers and thunderstorms representing the remnants of Hurricane Jerry deluged southeast Kentucky with four to six inches of rain in 18 to 24 hours, resulting in widespread flash flooding. Flooding resulted in more than

five million dollars damage. Temperatures again warmed into the 80s and lower 90s in the southeastern U.S. Lakeland FL and Orlando FL reported record highs of 95 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

...and more History

# 1910 - Hurricane makes unusual loop off the southwest coast of Florida. The storm's eye passed just west of Key West and then made landfall near Cape Romano. At Sand Key FL, the barometer dropped to 28.40 inches with winds estimated to 125 mph. Fort Myers measured winds in excess of 100 mph.

# 1935 - First of 176 days with a minimum temperature at or below 32 degrees at Langdon ND. This stands as the record for the United States.

# 1950 - Small, but powerful Hurricane King made landfall near Miami FL. Winds were sustained at 122 mph with gusts to 150 mph in Miami. Reconnaissance during the day indicated that the hurricane had winds in excess of 100 mph, but because it was so small, it weaved through the observation network of the Keys and Florida Straits, and forecasters believed its intensity had either dropped or been overestimated. It turned out they were wrong. The tornado-like hurricane caused damage totaling \$28 million.

# 1988 - Four inches of rain fell during a short time at Fort Wayne IN, causing extensive flooding.

# 1991 - Sleet fell in the Blue Ridge Mountains as a major coastal storm causing extensive coastal flooding from North Carolina to Massachusetts.

# 1998 - Torrential rains over south and southeast Texas during the weekend of the 17th and 18th led to widespread and deadly flooding. A total of 31 people died during this event, and property damage estimates approached three quarters of a billion dollars. At least 17 of the drowning victims were in vehicles which were either driven into water or were swept away by rapidly rising water. Up to 22 inches of rain fell which first resulted in deadly flash flooding from San Antonio to Austin followed by record breaking river floods along several south Texas rivers the following week. The peak flood stages that would occur following the event at 15 locations were the highest ever. The rainfall was not associated with a tropical system, but had rainfall amounts reminiscent of some of the worst hurricanes and tropical storms. 11.26 inches of rain fell in San Antonio TX to establish their all-time record for most rainfall in a single day. The amount would contribute to the monthly total of 18.07 inches of rain in the Alamo City, which made October 1998 their wettest month ever.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 18 2008, 04:59 PM  
October 18

**MN History**

1916 Blizzard over Minnesota. Hallock's temp is in the 60's. Drops to 2 above by the 20th.

**U.S. History**

**# 1910 - Northeasterly winds as high as 70 mph (from a hurricane moving northward up the Florida peninsula) carried water out of Tampa Bay and the Hillsboro River. The water level lowered to nine feet below mean low water. Forty ships were grounded. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1930 - A big early season lake effect snowburst on the lee shores of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario produced 47 inches at Gouverneur NY and 48 inches just south of Buffalo. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1987 - Thunderstorms in northeastern Texas produced golf ball size hail at Atlanta, along with wind gusts to 86 mph, and four inches of rain. Damage from the storm was estimated at more than a million dollars. Sunny and mild weather continued across much of the rest of the nation. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1988 - Eight cities in the southwestern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Red Bluff CA with a reading of 96 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Unseasonably cold air began to invade the central and eastern U.S. Light snow fell across northern Maine, and snow was also reported in the Great Lakes Region, including the Chicago area. Bismarck ND was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 9 degrees above zero. Five cities in Florida reported record high readings for the date, as temperatures warmed above 80 degrees. Miami FL reported a record high of 90 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 2005 - With the formation of Hurricane Wilma, the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season tied the record for the most named storms for any season (21 storms in 1933), and also tied the record for the most hurricanes in a single season (12 in 1969). Wilma peaked at category-5 intensity on the 19th, with a minimum central pressure falling to 882 millibars (26.05 inches of mercury), the lowest pressure ever recorded in the Atlantic Basin. Wilma also became the most rapidly-intensifying storm on record, with a maximum-sustained surface wind speed increase of 105 mph in a 24-hour period.**

**...and more History**

**# 1906 - Hurricane moves through the Florida Keys and the Miami area. 193 people were killed in the Keys, many of them workers who were building Henry Flagler's Overseas Railroad.**

**# 1916 - Hurricane eye passes over Pensacola FL with winds of 114 mph.**

**# 1948 - Birmingham AL earliest freeze.**

**# 1984 - Salt Lake City sets new 24 hour snowfall record with 18.4 inches of wet, heavy snow. Record had stood for 100 years. 40 inches fell at Alta, Utah.**

**# 1985 - Typhoon Dot slammed into the Philippines with wind gusts of over 130 mph.**

**# 1991 - Nearly four inches of snow fell at Rochester NY, the largest snowfall ever recorded so early in the season there.**

**# 1994 - Massive flooding came to a close in southeast Texas. Up to 20 inches of rain fell over a widespread area. The maximum amount recorded was over thirty inches at Liberty Texas. 18 people were killed. 13,000 people had to flee their homes and 22,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. Total damage: \$900 million.**

**# 1996 - Tropical Storm Warnings were lowered along with shutters in the Florida Keys as Hurricane Lili passed the state by heading for the Bahamas. Many places in South Florida were under water from several days of heavy rain.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 19 2008, 02:50 PM  
October 19**

#### **MN History**

**1972 Cold Snap. 1 above in Tower. 9 in St. Peter and Luverne.**

**2000 Warmest October 19th in Minnesota history. Many cities had highs in the 80's with the Twin Cities hitting 84. Appleton in Swift County reported 90 degrees.**

#### **U.S. History**

**# 1844 - The famous "Lower Great Lakes Storm" occurred. Southwesterly winds were at hurricane force for five hours, driving lake waters into downtown Buffalo NY. The storm drowned 200 persons. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1961 - Rain changed to a record early season, heavy wet snow over the southern mountains of West Virginia. Leaves were still on trees, resulting in the worst forest disaster since the fires of 1952 and 1953. One to two feet of snow fell near Summersville and Richwood. (19th-20th) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1984 - Thunderstorms deluged the town of Odem, TX (located 15 miles northwest of Corpus Christi) with 25 inches of rain in just three and a half hours. Most businesses in Odem were flooded, as were 1000 homes in nearby Sinton. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - A cold front brought rainshowers to parts of the central U.S., and ushered cool Canadian air into the Great Plains Region. Daytime highs were only in the 30s in North Dakota and eastern Montana. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - Thunderstorms produced high winds in eastern Colorado, with gusts to 63 mph reported at La Junta. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Record breaking snows fell across northern and central Indiana. Totals ranged up to 10.5 inches at Kokomo, and 9.3 inches was reported at Indianapolis. The 8.8 inch total at South Bend was a record for the month as a whole. Up to seven inches of snow fell in extreme southern Lower Michigan, and up to six inches fell in southwestern Ohio. The heavy wet snow downed**

many trees and power lines. Half the city of Cincinnati OH was without electricity during the morning hours. Temperatures dipped below freezing across much of the Great Plains Region. Twenty cities, including fourteen in Texas, reported record low temperatures for the date. North Platte NE reported a record low of 11 degrees. In Florida, four cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The record high of 92 degrees at Miami also marked a record fourteen days of 90 degree weather in October, and 116 such days for the year. (The National Weather Summary)

...and more History

# 1749 - Hurricane strikes the Virginia coast creating Willoughby Spit on the Norfolk shore. It also demolished Fort George.

# 1990 - Tornado damages apartment complex and shopping center near Baltimore MD.

# 1996 - Opening game of World Series postponed by heavy rains and high wind from a major storm system affecting the east coast. It marks the third time in history that the World Series opener has been postponed. Game One of the 1979 Series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and Baltimore Orioles and the opener of the 1918 World Series between Boston and Chicago (NL) were postponed due to rain. The last time a Series opener was postponed was 1979, when rain and snow in Baltimore made the Orioles and Pittsburgh wait a day. Overall, nine of the 22 games that have been delayed in Series history were wiped in New York or Brooklyn. The storm flooded highways and some homes and knocked out power to more than 200,000 in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. In New York, the power outages were said to be the worst since Hurricane Gloria in 1985. Three people were killed by falling trees. More than 8 inches of rain fell in parts of New Jersey and a record 4.35 inches fell in Central Park. In Boston, parts of the Head of the Charles rowing competition had to be cancelled. A Delta Airlines jet skidded off a runway at LaGuardia Airport injuring 5 people and forcing the closure of the airport for nearly 24 hours.

# 1996 - Hurricane Lili slams into the Bahamas with winds of 95 mph, hitting the village of Georgetown on the Island of Exuma.

Posted by: wxdude1964 Oct 20 2008, 08:22 AM

# 1961 - Rain changed to a record early season, heavy wet snow over the southern mountains of West Virginia. Leaves were still on trees, resulting in the worst forest disaster since the fires of 1952 and 1953. One to two feet of snow fell near Summersville and Richwood. (19th-20th) (The Weather Channel)

My father was a senior at Nicholas County HS (Summersville WV) and said he remembered that well.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 20 2008, 10:34 AM  
October 20

MN History

1835 6 inches of snow fell at Ft. Snelling.

**2002 Heavy snow across central Minnesota. It fell in a 10-20 mile wide band from southeast North Dakota to around Grantsburg Wisconsin. Little Falls picked up nine inches.**

### **U.S. History**

**# 1770 - An exceedingly great storm struck eastern New England causing extensive coastal damage from Massachusetts to Maine, and the highest tide in 47 years. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1983 - Remnants of Pacific Hurricane Tico caused extensive flooding in central and south central Oklahoma. Oklahoma City set daily rainfall records with 1.45 inch on the 19th, and 6.28 inches on the 20th. (17th-21st) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - Cold arctic air invaded the Upper Midwest, and squalls in the Lake Superior snowbelt produced heavy snow in eastern Ashland County and northern Iron County of Wisconsin. Totals ranged up to 18 inches at Mellen. In the western U.S., the record high of 69 degrees at Seattle WA was their twenty-fifth of the year, their highest number of record highs for any given year. Bakersfield CA reported a record 146 days in a row with daily highs 80 degrees or above. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1988 - Unseasonably warm weather continued in the western U.S. In California, afternoon highs of 96 degrees at Redding and Red Bluff were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Forty-nine cities reported record low temperatures for the date as readings dipped into the 20s and 30s across much of the south central and southeastern U.S. Lows of 32 degrees at Lake Charles LA and 42 degrees at Lakeland FL were records for October, and Little Rock AR reported their earliest freeze of record. Snow blanketed the higher elevations of Georgia and the Carolinas. Melbourne FL dipped to 47 degrees shortly before midnight to surpass the record low established that morning. Showers and thunderstorms brought heavy rain to parts of the northeastern U.S. Autumn leaves on the ground clogged drains and ditches causing flooding. Up to 4.10 inches of rain soaked southern Vermont in three days. Flood waters washed 600 feet of railroad track, resulting in a train derailment. (The National Weather Summary)(Storm Data)**

**...and more History**

**# 1983 - The remnants of Pacific Hurricane Tico moved over Oklahoma, dumping up to a foot of rain in some areas. Shawnee picked up 14 inches.**

**# 1991 - Major wildfires raged in central California. The Oakland CA area was hardest hit. 22 people died in the infernos, and damage totaled \$1.5 billion.**

**# 1996 - A powerful storm pounded New England from the 20th to the 22nd. After forcing postponement of the first game of the World Series in New York on Saturday the 19th, the storm produces unprecedented rainfalls over Maine. 12 to 19 inches of rain fell from Massachusetts to Maine, causing severe flooding.**

19.19 inches of rain fell at Camp Ellis ME and 19.00 inches fell at Gorham MA. These rainfall amounts were extraordinary for northern New England and was the greatest storm total since precipitation records have been kept in Maine.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 21 2008, 10:02 AM  
October 21

#### MN History

1916 Three day blizzard ends. Temp at Bird Island falls from 65 to 13.

#### U.S. History

# 1934 - A severe windstorm lashed the northern Pacific coast. In Washington State, the storm claimed the lives of 22 persons, and caused 1.7 million dollars damage, mostly to timber. Winds, gusting to 87 mph at North Head WA, produced waves twenty feet high. (David Ludlum)

# 1957 - The second in a series of unusual October storms hit southern California causing widespread thunderstorms. Santa Maria was drenched with 1.13 inches of rain in two hours. Hail drifted to 18 inches in East Los Angeles. Waterspouts were sighted off Point Mugu and Oceanside. (20th-21st) (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - Cold arctic air continued to invade the central U.S. Eleven record lows were reported in the Great Plains Region, including lows of 12 degrees at Valentine NE, and 9 degrees at Aberdeen SD. Temperatures warmed rapidly during the day in the Southern and Central Plains Region. Goodland KS warmed from a morning low of 24 degrees to an afternoon high of 75 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Joan, the last hurricane of the season, neared the coast of Nicaragua packing 125 mph winds. Joan claimed more than 200 lives as she moved over Central America, and total damage approached 1.5 billion dollars. Crossing more than 40 degrees of longitude, Hurricane Joan never strayed even one degree from the 12 degree north parallel. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1989 - Unseasonably cold weather continued to grip the south central and southeastern U.S. Twenty cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Calico AR with a reading of 26 degrees, and Daytona Beach FL with a low of 41 degrees. Squalls in the Great Lakes Region finally came to an end, but not before leaving Marquette MI buried under 12.7 inches of snow, a record 24 hour total for October. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

#### ...and more History

# 1492 - Fine weather greeted Columbus as he made landfall in the New World. His first voyage was a successful one weather-wise, completely free of hurricanes.

# 1743 - Benjamin Franklin makes the revolutionary discovery that the wind in storm systems rotate in a counter clockwise direction. Franklin was waiting in Philadelphia that night to view a lunar eclipse, but had his opportunity foiled by

a nor'easter that blocked the sky with clouds. Franklin later discovered that his brother in Boston was able to observe the eclipse clearly and that the storm did not arrive at his location until four hours later. It puzzled Franklin that the system seemed to move from southwest to northeast even though winds at his location were from the northeast. He theorized that the winds in the storm system must have been rotating around a center. A brilliant deduction considering he had no satellite to show him the big picture!

# 1780 - Spanish Admiral Solano was enroute from Havana to Pensacola in October 1780 to capture the important port city. The third major hurricane of the month swept north through the Gulf of Mexico catching and scattering the fleet of 64 warships.

# 1804 - First snow of the season seen by the Lewis and Clark Expedition near Bismark, North Dakota. The snow fell to a depth of one-half inch.

# 1975 - After three consecutive days of being postponed by rain, the sixth game of the 1975 World Series was finally played in Boston. Boston beat Cincinnati in a thrilling game that is generally regarded as the most exciting World Series game ever.

# 1984 - Hail as large as hens' eggs pounded Travis County and the city of Austin, Texas, causing over \$14 million in damage. Car dealers reported that every car on their lots was damaged by hail in some cases. The hail fell along a path 5 miles wide and 20 miles long.

# 1988 - Nicaragua was lashed by 125 mph winds from Hurricane Juan. The storm caused \$1.5 billion in damage and killed more than 200 people. The most amazing fact about Juan was that the storm traversed over 40 degrees on longitude without ever varying even one degree from 12 degrees north latitude. Another amazing fact was that the hurricane transported African locusts 2000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to islands in the Caribbean.

# 1996 - States of emergency were declared in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine after a powerful coastal storm dumped over a foot of rain causing massive flooding. Portland ME recorded 7.92 inches of rainfall in 24 hours to set their rainfall record.

# 1998 - A tropical depression formed in the southwest Caribbean Sea, about 360 miles south of Kingston, Jamaica. This disturbance would intensify over the next few days to become Hurricane Mitch, a monster storm that would eventually become the second deadliest Atlantic hurricane of record, behind "The Great Hurricane" of 1780 in the Caribbean.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 22 2008, 04:26 PM  
October 22

**MN History**

1938 Sleet and wind causes damage along Minnesota/Wisconsin border. 100 thousand

dollars in damage at La Crosse.

### U.S. History

# 1965 - The temperature soared to 104 degrees at San Diego, CA. Southern California was in the midst of a late October heat wave that year. Los Angeles had ten consecutive days with afternoon highs reaching 100 degrees. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

# 1985 - A guest on the top floor of a hotel in Seattle, WA, was seriously injured while talking on the phone when lightning struck. Several persons are killed each year when the electrical charge from a lightning bolt travels via telephone wiring. (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - Yakutat, AK, surpassed their previous all-time yearly precipitation total of 190 inches. Monthly records were set in June with 17 inches, in September with 70 inches, and in October with more than 40 inches. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987) Twenty-two cities in the eastern U.S., most of them in the southeast states, reported record low temperatures for the date. Morning lows of 30 degrees at Athens GA, 28 degrees at Birmingham AL, and 23 degrees at Pinson AL, were the coldest of record for so early in the season. (The National Weather Summary) Showers produced heavy rain in southern California, with amounts ranging up to five inches at Blue Jay. Flash flooding resulted in two deaths, ten injuries, and more than a million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1988 - A "nor'easter" swept across the coast of New England. Winds gusted to 75 mph, and large waves and high tides caused extensive shoreline flooding. A heavy wet snow blanketed much of eastern New York State, with a foot of snow reported in Lewis County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1989 - A storm system moving out of the Gulf of Alaska brought rain to the Northern and Central Pacific Coast Region, with snow in some of the mountains of Oregon, and wind gusts to 60 mph along the Oregon coast. Six cities in Florida reported record low temperatures for the date, including Tallahassee with a reading of 34 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

### ...and more History

# 1884 - Final day of a two month rainless spell at Tuscaloosa AL that lasted from August 28 through October 22nd comes to an end as Southeast suffers through terrible drought.

# 1969 - Earliest, heaviest snow since October 1925 and 1926 occurred in parts of northern New England. Twelve inches fell at Rochester, Vermont, and in some mountain areas, it was greater than a foot. There was limited skiing on some Vermont slopes on the 23rd. It set the October 24-hr record at Burlington, Vermont, with 5.1 inches, and the early season record at Portland, Maine, with 3.6 inches.

# 1988 - Hurricane Juan strikes Nicaragua, killing over 200 people.

# 1996 - Flooding from a major weekend storm continued to close schools and businesses in New England. Five people were killed during the storm, which

dumped up to 19.19 inches of rain at Camp Ellis, ME to set the state's all time rainfall record. 140,000 people in Portland ME were without water after a pipe broke. The town of Exeter NH was also without water as the state experienced its worst flooding event since 1987. People were still in shelters in New Jersey, where the flooding was reported to be the worst since Tropical Storm Doria in 1971.

# 1996 - Wichita Kansas picked up 0.2 inch of snow for its earliest measurable snowfall on record. Snow also fell in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. As much as 8 inches fell at Boise City, Oklahoma, with 15 inches at the Cloudcroft Ski resort in the mountains of northern New Mexico.

# 1997 - World Series game in Cleveland between the home-standing Indians and Florida Marlins featured snow showers and the coldest temperatures in World Series history.

# 1998 - Mitch christened as the 13th named storm of the 1998 Atlantic Hurricane season. 13 would indeed be an unlucky number for many Central American countries as Mitch would become the fourth strongest Atlantic Hurricane on record over the extremely warm waters of the western Caribbean. Mitch would eventually be one of the biggest natural disasters ever in the Western Hemisphere.

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October 23

#### MN History

1899 Warm day in the Twin Cities with a high of 82.

#### U.S. History

# 1761 - A hurricane struck southeastern New England. It was the most violent in thirty years. Thousands of trees blocked roads in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. (David Ludlum)

# 1843 - "Indian Summer" was routed by cold and snow that brought sleighing from the Poconos to Vermont. A foot of snow blanketed Haverhill NH and Newberry VT, and 18 to 24 inches were reported in some of the higher elevations. Snow stayed on the ground until the next spring. (22nd-23rd) (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987) (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - Thirteen cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. It marked the sixth record low of the month for Greer SC and Columbia SC, and the ninth of the month for Montgomery AL. Showers and thunderstorms deluged Corpus Christi TX with five inches of rain. Winnemucca NV reported their first measurable rain in ninety-two days, while Yakima WA reported a record 96 days in a row without measurable rainfall. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

# 1988 - Denver, CO, reported their first freeze of the autumn, and Chicago, IL, reported their first snow. In Texas, afternoon highs of 93 degrees at Austin and San Antonio were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

# 1989 - A storm moving out of the Gulf of Alaska brought rain and high winds to the Central Pacific Coast Region. High winds in Nevada gusted to 67 mph at Reno, and thunderstorms around Redding CA produced wind gusts to 66 mph. Locally heavy rains in the San Francisco area caused numerous mudslides, adding insult to injury for earthquake victims. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

...and more History

# 1947 - Fish fell from the sky in Marksville, Louisiana. Thousands of fish fell from the sky in an area 1,000 feet long by 80 feet wide.

# 1989 - Pacific storm brought heavy rains to northern California and heavy snows to the area around Lake Tahoe. 21 inches fell at Donner Summit with 3 feet of snow in the mountains near Lake Tahoe.

Must have been a strong waterspout somewhere that sucked a school of fish up. What a freak out that would be.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 24 2008, 10:19 AM  
October 24

MN History

1922 Storm over Minnesota brings 55 mph winds at Collegeville.

U.S. History

# 1785 - A four day rain swelled the Merrimack River in New Hampshire and Massachusetts to the greatest height of record causing extensive damage to bridges and mills. (David Ludlum)

# 1878 - A hurricane produced widespread damage across North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. At Philadelphia PA, the hurricane was the worst of record. (David Ludlum)

# 1937 - A snow squall in Buffalo NY tied up traffic in six inches of slush. (David Ludlum)

# 1947 - The Bar Harbor holocaust occurred in Maine when forest fires consumed homes and a medical research institute. The fires claimed 17 lives, and caused thirty million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

# 1951 - Sacramento, CA, reported a barometric pressure of 29.42 inches, to establish a record for October. (The Weather Channel)

# 1969 - Unseasonably cold air gripped the northeastern U.S. Lows of 10 degrees at Concord, NH, and 6 degrees at Albany NY established October records. (The Weather Channel)

**# 1987 - Snow fell across northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin overnight, with five inches reported at Poplar Lake MN and Gunflint Trail MN. Thunderstorm rains caused flash flooding in south central Arizona, with street flooding reported around Las Vegas NV. Strong northwesterly winds gusting to 50 mph downed some trees and power lines in western Pennsylvania and the northern panhandle of West Virginia. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1988 - Strong winds circulating around a deep low pressure centered produced snow squalls in the Great Lakes Region, with six inches reported at Ironwood MI. Wind gusts to 80 mph were reported at State College PA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1989 - A storm in the western U.S. produced up to three feet of snow in the mountains around Lake Tahoe, with 21 inches reported at Donner Summit. Thunderstorms in northern California produced 3.36 inches of rain at Redding to establish a 24 hour record for October, and bring their rainfall total for the month to a record 5.11 inches. Chiefly "Indian Summer" type weather prevailed across the rest of the nation. Fifteen cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the 70s and 80s. Record highs included 74 degrees at International Falls MN, and 86 degrees at Yankton SD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 2005 - Hurricane Wilma reached the U.S. coastline near Everglades City in Florida with maximum sustained winds near 120 mph. The hurricane accelerated across south Florida and the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area, exiting the coast later the same day. There were 10 fatalities in Florida, and nearly 6 million people lost power, the most widespread power outage in Florida history. Preliminary estimates of insured losses in Florida were over \$6 billion, while uninsured losses were over \$12 billion.**

**...and more History**

**# 1975 - 33 inches of snow fell during a two day period at Mesa Lake CA reservoir.**

**# 1992 - 3 tornadoes touchdown in the Flagstaff AZ area. 260 acres of Ponderosa Pine was destroyed as one twister tracked across the Crater National Monument.**

**# 1997 - A tremendous early season snowstorm pounded Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska from the 24th to the 26th with blizzard conditions, high winds and very heavy snowfalls. 21.9 inches of snow in Denver was the second-highest storm total in the city's history. 2-4 foot snowfall totals were common, particularly in the foothills west of Denver. 51 inches fell at Coal Creek Canyon. 20-30 inches fell around Boulder. 28 inches fell in Estes Park. The 17.4 inches at Hastings KS was more than it had ever snowed in any month of October. At least nine people died in the storm. Hundreds of miles of roads and interstates were closed and thousands of travelers were stranded at Denver International Airport. The storm damaged or destroyed 85% of the trees in Omaha NE. Scientists discovered a massive "blowdown" of 20,000 acres of spruce trees in north-central Colorado. Some 31-square miles of old-growth forests high in the**

Rockies were destroyed by unusual "mountain wave" clouds that blew 120-mph winds along the western side of the Continental Divide.

# 1998 - Mitch becomes a hurricane in the Caribbean south of Jamaica and begins to intensify rapidly. During a 24 hour period beginning on the afternoon of the 24th, its central pressure dropped 52 mb, to 924 mb.

Posted by: BriSr Oct 25 2008, 04:06 PM  
October 25

#### MN History

1830 Heat wave at Ft. Snelling. Temperature reached 80.

#### U.S. History

# 1977 - Dutch Harbor in Alaska reported a barometric pressure reading of 27.31 inches (925 millibars) to establish an all-time record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

# 1981 - A northbound tornado caused two million dollars damage to Bountstown, FL, in less than five minutes. Fortunately no deaths occurred along its six mile path, which was 30 to 100 yards in width. Radar at Apalachicola had no indication of a tornado or severe weather. (The Weather Channel)

# 1987 - A storm system moving across the Saint Lawrence Valley produced 40 to 50 mph winds east of Lake Ontario. High winds downed some trees around Watertown NY, and produced waves seven feet high between Henderson Harbor and Alexandria Bay. Mason City IA and Waterloo IA tied for honors as cold spot in the nation with record lows for the date of 19 degrees. Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma and northern Texas produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 65 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1988 - Severe thunderstorms erupted over northeastern Texas during the late evening producing softball size hail at Newcastle and Jonesboro. Low pressure over James Bay in Canada continued to produced showers and gale force winds in the Great Lakes Region. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

# 1989 - Low pressure over Nevada produced high winds in the southwestern U.S., and spread heavy snow into Utah. Winds gusted to 63 mph at the Mojave Airport in southern California. Snowfall totals in Utah ranged up to 12 inches at Snowbird, with 11 inches at Alta. "Indian Summer" type weather continued in the central and eastern U.S. Twenty cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 77 degrees at Alpena MI and 81 degrees at Saint Cloud MN were the warmest of record for so late in the season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

#### ...and more History

# 1768 - Violent hurricane struck Havana, Cuba. Over 1000 people perished.

# 1919 - Bismarck ND records its earliest subzero temperature reading ever as the mercury falls to -10 degrees.

**# 1921 - Worst hurricane in 70 years strikes the Tampa FL area with winds to nearly 100 mph. The barometer fell to 28.81 inches at the Weather Bureau Station in Tampa. The observer reported that 8.53 inches of rain fell, but that much more than that was blown out of the gauge by the strong winds. At least 8 people died on the west coast of Florida.**

**# 1925 - Woburn and Stoneham MA struck by F2 tornado. 1 person was killed. Strongest tornado of record for so late in year in New England.**

**# 1965 - Once again, Fort Lauderdale is deluged with heavy rain for the second time in two weeks. 13.81 inches of rain falls in a 48 hour period. Many places were flooded for the second time.**

**# 1982 - Major coastal storm brought high winds to the Mid Atlantic, where winds gusted to 82 mph at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Mt. Pisgah NC picked up 11 inches of snow.**

**# 1990 - Mt. Mitchell NC records 11 inches of snow in an early season storm.**

**# 1990 - Precipitation falls on 19 straight days at Caribou ME.**

**# 1997 - Major snowstorm pounded Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska on the 25th and 26th. 51 inches of snow fell at Coal Creek CO. Four feet of snow fell over a wide area. Denver picked up 21.9 inches of snow for the second highest amount in the city's history. 19.3 inches of snow fell at Goodland KS to establish a new 24 hour snowfall record for that location.**

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October 26**

#### **MN History**

**1985 Indian Summer across the state. Twin Cities hits 70.**

#### **U.S. History**

**# 1859 - New York City had their earliest substantial snow of record as four inches blanketed the city. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1919 - The temperature at Bismarck, ND, plunged to ten degrees below zero, the earliest subzero reading of record for the city, and a record for the month of October. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1926 - Barrow, AK, received a record fifteen inches of snow, and also established a 24 hour precipitation record of 1.00 inch which lasted until the 21st of July in 1987. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1962 - A storm brought five to six inches of snow to Vermont and New Hampshire, with up to ten inches reported in the mountains. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1983 - A heat wave was in progress over the Northern Rockies, with record highs of 81 degrees at Sheridan WY and Billings MT.(Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)**

**# 1987 - Five cities in south central Texas reported record high temperatures for the date, including Corpus Christi and Del Rio with readings of 93 degrees. Laredo TX was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 98 degrees. Thunderstorms moving over the Lower Mississippi Valley deluged Lake Charles LA with 2.70 inches of rain in one hour resulting in severe local flooding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1988 - Thunderstorms moving out of northern Texas spawned five tornadoes in Louisiana during the morning hours. The thunderstorms also produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jennings LA, and the driver of a vehicle was killed by a falling tree near Coushatta LA. Snow squalls in the Lower Great Lakes Region produced heavy snow in western New York State, with 12 inches reported at Colden. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1989 - Unseasonably warm weather continued in the north central U.S. Afternoon highs of 78 degrees at Alpena MI, 75 degrees at Duluth MN, 79 degrees at Fargo ND, 77 degrees at International Falls MN, 76 degrees at Marquette MI, 75 degrees at Sault Ste Marie MI, and 80 degrees at Saint Cloud MN, were all the warmest of record for so late in the season. Morning lows of 63 degrees at Concordia KS and Omaha NE were the warmest of record for the date. (The National Weather Summary)**

**...and more History**

**# 1886 - New York City ends it longest dry streak at 40 days.**

**# 1962 - Parts of Maine and Massachusetts record their heaviest early season snows of record. 13.9 inches fell at Greenville, ME.**

**# 1990 - Coastal storm produces wind gusts to 90 mph along the North Carolina coast. Thousands were stranded on Hatteras Island as a breakaway barge destroyed a 369 foot section of the Bonner Bridge, the only link between the island and the mainland.**

**# 1993 - 87 at Eureka CA was enough to set an all-time record high for the city.**

**# 1998 - Hurricane Mitch ties Hurricane Camille (1969) as the fourth strongest Atlantic Hurricane of record when Air Force Reconnaissance found a central pressure of 905 mb, a Category 5 hurricane. Mitch would stay a Category 5 longer than any other Atlantic Hurricane on record: 33 hours. The central pressure of 905 mb is also the lowest pressure ever observed in an October hurricane in the Atlantic basin. Prior to Mitch, the strongest measured hurricane in the northwest Caribbean was Hurricane Haiti in 1961 with a central pressure of 924 mb. Maximum sustained winds in Mitch reached 180 mph.**

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October 27**

## **MN History**

**1931 Storm hits the Duluth area. Barometer falls to 29.02.**

**1943 Said to be one of the worst fogs in the Twin Cities in memory. A very dense area of fog, with an average of 75 feet in thickness, blanketed the area. At the worst, street lights could not be seen 25 yards away. Drivers refused to cross unmarked railroad crossings and traffic was brought to a standstill.**

## **U.S. History**

**# 1764 - A "very remarkable storm of snow with high winds" produced 22 inches at Rutland in central Massachusetts. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1929 - A snowstorm dumped 27 inches upon Ishpeming, MI, in 24 hours to establish a state record. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1962 - An early season winter storm over New England blanketed northern Maine with 7 to 16 inches of snow, and southeastern New England with up to 3 inches of snow. Worcester MA received a record 4.7 inches of snow. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - Showers and thunderstorms produced locally heavy rain from Virginia to New York State. Fallen leaves made roads and sidewalks slick, and also clogged sewers. Rainfall totals of 1.55 inches at Newark NJ, 1.54 inches at Harrisburg PA, 1.27 inches at Scranton PA, and 1.22 inches at Atlantic City NJ, were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - Low pressure brought snow and gale force winds to the Great Lakes Region, and snow and high winds to the north central U.S. Winds gusted to 47 mph at Lansing MI, and reached 55 mph at Pierre SD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1989 - Wintry weather invaded the northwestern U.S. A storm crossing the Central Rockies produced up to 23 inches of snow in the mountains east of Salt Lake City UT. "Indian Summer" continued in the Lower Ohio Valley and the Upper Great Lakes Region. Afternoon highs of 71 degrees at Marquette MI and 72 degrees at Sault Ste Marie MI were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

## **...and more History**

**# 1843 - Freak early season winter storm strikes Mississippi with snow, sleet and freezing temperatures. A hard freeze followed the storm.**

**# 1972 - A man and his wife were awakened from a sound sleep by rain beating down on them. A tornado had just removed the roof from their house near Crestview, Florida. They ran, uninjured, from their house moments before it was removed from its foundation. Talk about a rude awakening. I wouldn't complain about my alarm clock after that.**

**# 1996 - Thousands of homes in southern and central Texas were without power after strong storms dumped as much as a foot of rain. Hundreds of flights were canceled or diverted at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, and the Frio, Guadalupe, and Llano rivers spilled their banks, making roads impassable and stranding some motorists. The Llano crested at 30 feet -- 18 feet above flood stage -- and Llano County sheriff's deputies were evacuating homes downriver.**

**# 1998 - Hurricane Mitch passed over Swan Island and turned southwestward toward the Bay Islands off of the Honduran coast. Mitch passed near the island of Guanaja as still a category 4 hurricane. As the hurricane interacted with the landmass of Honduras, it weakened, its central pressure rising almost 59 mb in two days. The center of the slow-moving hurricane meandered near the north coast of Honduras from late on the 27th through the 28th, before making landfall during the morning of the 29th. 50-75 inches of rain fell across parts of Honduras and Nicaragua, causing tremendous flooding and mudslides. Over 11,000 people would die in the aftermath and the economy of the two countries were shattered. Another 1000 people were never found. Mitch ranks as the second most deadly Atlantic Hurricane on record, behind the "Great Hurricane of 1780" which affected the Lesser Antilles.**

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October 28**

#### **U.S. History**

**# 1936 - The temperature at Layton, NJ, dipped to 9 above zero to establish a state record for the month of October. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1971 - A severe early season blizzard raged across the Plateau Region and Rocky Mountain Region. Heavy snow blocked railroads and interstate highways, and record cold accompanied the storm. Lander WY received 27 inches of snow, and the temperature at Big Piney WY plunged to 15 degrees below zero. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1987 - Thunderstorms over the San Joaquin Valley of California produced three-quarters of an inch of rain in thirty minutes at Placerville, and caused numerous power outages due to lightning. Rain began to diminish in the northeastern U.S., but some flooding continued in Vermont, eastern New York and northern New Jersey. One inch rains in Vermont clogged culverts and sewers with fallen leaves, resulting in erosion of dirt roads. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - Arctic cold invaded the north central U.S. Valentine, NE, dipped to 8 degrees, and Cutbank, MT, reported a morning low of one degree above zero. The temperature at Estes Park CO dipped to 15 degrees, but then soared thirty degrees in less than thirty minutes. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - A storm crossing the western U.S. produced 10 to 20 inches of snow across northern and central Wyoming, with 22 inches reported at Burgess**

**Junction. Seven cities in the Lower Ohio Valley and the Upper Great Lakes Region reported record high temperatures for the date as readings again warmed into the 70s. Alpena MI reported a record high of 75 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**...and more History**

**# 1846 - A group of inexperienced travelers is caught unawares by a major storm which dumped five feet of snow on the Donner Pass in California. Their wagons and cattle are trapped along with them and only 45 of the 79 people in the party survived the winter. The group came to be known as the Donner Party, apart of western folklore.**

**# 1973 - Several inches of snow fell in the Georgia mountains.**

**# 1982 - A severe thunderstorm struck Al-Khafqi in Saudi Arabia, producing hail to the size of teacups and flooding rains for nearly 4 hours. 11 people were killed as vehicle and buildings were destroyed.**

**# 1991 - 2.4 inches of snow at Yakima WA was enough to tie the record for most ever snowfall in the entire month of October.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 29 2008, 03:51 PM  
October 29**

**MN History**

**1955 Early snow with 2.2 inches in the Twin Cities.**

**2004 Exceptionally muggy for October. Dew points surged into the middle to upper 60's over central and southern Minnesota. Ladybugs are extremely active.**

**U.S. History**

**# 1917 - The temperature at Denver, CO, dipped to zero, and at Soda Butte, WY, the mercury plunged to 33 degrees below zero, a U.S. record for the month of October. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1942 - A tornado struck the town of Berryville in northwest Arkansas killing 20 persons and causing half a million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)**

**# 1956 - A violent tornado, or series of tornadoes, moved along a path more than 100 miles in length from south of North Platte NE into Rock County NE. It was an unusually late occurrence so far north and west in the U.S. for such a storm. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - Severe thunderstorms in Arizona produced wind gusts to 86 mph at the Glendale Airport near Phoenix, baseball size hail and 70 mph winds at Wickenburg, and up to an inch of rain in fifteen minutes in Yavapai County and northwest Maricopa County. Arizona Public Service alone reported 2.5 million dollars damage from the storms. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1988 - Wintry weather prevailed in the Upper Midwest. South Bend, IN, equaled their record for October with a morning low of 23 degrees. International Falls MN reported a record low of 11 degrees in the morning, then dipped down to 8 degrees above zero late in the evening. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in Oklahoma and north central Texas during the late afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced weak tornadoes near Snyder and Davidson, and produced hail two inches in diameter at Altus. Large hail damaged 60 to 80 percent of the cotton crop in Tillman County OK. Nine cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date as readings warmed into the 70s. For Marquette MI it marked their fifth straight day of record warmth. Arctic cold invaded the western U.S. Lows of 7 degrees at Alamosa CO and 9 degrees at Elko NV were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)**

**...and more History**

**# 1959 - 800 villagers in the tiny town of Minatitlan Mexico are buried by a massive mudslide. Many others died from snakebites and scorpions that were unearthed the slide.**

**# 1965 - Southern California Heat Waves comes to an end. Los Angeles had suffered through 90 degrees readings each day during the Heat Wave and horrible smog.**

**# 1991 - Bismarck ND sets its October snowfall record on this date as 15.9 inches of snow falls on the 28th and 29th, bringing the total for the month to 23.5 inches.**

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October 30**

**MN History**

**1936 Gale dust storm causes damage in Central MN. Heavy wind damage in Stearns County.**

**U.S. History**

**# 1925 - Nashville, TN, was blanketed with an inch of snow, their earliest measurable snow of record. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1947 - The Donora, PA, smog disaster finally came to an end. For five days an inversion trapped impurities in the lower atmosphere over the Monongahela Valley killing 20 persons, and leaving more than 2000 others sick. (26th-30th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 74 mph near the town of Gould. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the central U.S. Temperatures warmed into the 80s from Texas to the Lower Missouri Valley. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1988 - Ten cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date. The morning low of 20 degrees at South Bend IND was a record for October, and lows of 18 degrees at Grand Rapids MI and 20 degrees at Fort Wayne IND equalled records for October. The low of 2 degrees at International Falls MN smashed their previous record for the date by 11 degrees. Syracuse NY received 2.9 inches of snow to establish a record for October with 5.7 inches for the month. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1989 - Temperatures soared into the 70s in the northeastern U.S. The record high of 73 degrees at Alpena MI marked their sixth straight day of record warmth. In the western U.S., Klamath Falls OR reported a record low of 19 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)**

**...and more History**

**# 1844 - 30 inches of snow fell during a three day storm at Buffalo Barracks NY.**

**# 1991 - Major low pressure system batters New England with high winds and tides of 4-7 feet above normal. Winds had been gusting to 50 mph along the coast for a couple of days and tides were already high when the storm moved in from the east. Major coastal flooding and beach erosion resulted. Over 1000 homes were damaged or destroyed. Winds reached hurricane force at Chatham and Gloucester MA. Waves offshore were reported to be as high as 63 feet! Damage totaled \$200 million.**

**# 1993 - Early winter in south Texas. San Antonio saw its earliest snowflakes ever and Amarillo recorded a low temperature of 12 degrees, its lowest ever in October. Cincinnati OH picked up 5.9 inches of snow to establish an October record there. The 18 degrees at Laramie WY was the coldest October reading on record there.**

**Posted by: BriSr Oct 31 2008, 11:41 AM  
October 31**

**MN History**

**1971 Snowstorm with 8 inches in Caribou.**

**1991 Great Halloween Blizzard begins. Trick or Treating was memorable for the few who ventured out.**

**U.S. History**

**# 1846 - Eighty-seven pioneers were trapped by early snows in the Sierra Nevada Mountains that piled five feet deep, with 30 to 40 foot drifts. Just 47 persons survived the "Donner Pass Tragedy". (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1950 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the central U.S. for Halloween. The temperature soared to 83 degrees at Minneapolis MN, their warmest reading of record for so late in the season. (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1965 - Fort Lauderdale, FL, was deluged with 13.81 inches of rain, which brought their rainfall total for the month of October to an all-time record of 42.43 inches. (30th-31st) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)**

**# 1987 - Halloween was a wet one in the southwestern U.S. Heavy rain in southern California resulted in numerous mudslides. Weather-related auto accidents resulted in three deaths and twenty-five injuries. Mount Wilson CA received 3.14 inches of rain in 24 hours. Yakima WA reported measurable rainfall for the first time since the 18th of July. The 103 day long dry spell was their longest of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**# 1988 - Twenty-two cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. The low of 19 degrees at Cleveland OH was a record for October, and morning lows of 21 degrees at Allentown PA and Bridgeport CT tied October records. Nine cities in the southwestern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Phoenix AZ with a reading of 96 degrees. Showers made Halloween a soggy one in the southeastern U.S. (The National Weather Summary)**

**# 1989 - Halloween night was a soggy one in New England. Showers in the northeastern U.S. produced more than an inch and a half of rain in six hours at some locations. An invasion of cold arctic air brought an abrupt end to a week of "Indian Summer" type weather in the Great Lakes Region, and brought snow and subzero wind chill readings to the Northern Plains. In Colorado, Alamosa was the cold spot in the nation with a record low of two degrees above zero, and a Halloween night storm brought 3 to 6 inches of snow to the Front Range, and 5 to 10 inches to the nearby foothills. Icy streets around Denver the next morning made for a rather spooky commute. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)**

**...and more History**

**# 1884 - Brownsville TX reported 15.71 inches of rain for the month, nearly five times normal.**

**# 1887 - Weather records have been kept at Charlotte NC since 1878. The only snow ever to occur there in October happened on this date.**

**# 1925 - Record Halloween temperatures in the Northeast. Van Buren ME dropped to 1 degree.**

**# 1963 - 28 day dry streak comes to an end at Philadelphia PA. The streak still stands as the longest in their history.**

**# 1984 - According to Tom Grazulis of the Tornado Project, there has only been one fatal aircraft accident involving a tornado. A tornado was nearby when a single-engine plane crashed south of Topeka, KS., on this date, killing all three people on board. The tornado killed two people on the ground. The airplane was about 10 miles south of the Topeka airport, and probably about a mile from the tornado as the pilot talked by radio with to air traffic control. A minute later people in a house heard a crash in a nearby field, but thought it was debris from trailers they had seen the tornado hitting. They didn't investigate. The next morning the wreckage of the airplane was found in the field.**

**# 1991 - Pueblo CO reported 16.5 inches of snow during the month to set a record for October.**

**# 1993 - Southern Plains cold wave continues. 43 record lows set. 28 degrees in Corpus Christi Texas was the coldest ever in October or November at that location. Brownsville recorded 35 degrees to also set a monthly record.**

**# 1991 - "Halloween Mega Storm" strikes the Upper Midwest. Minnesota endured full blizzard conditions with winds gusting as high as 50 mph. Duluth picked up 37 inches of snow, Minneapolis 28 inches and International Falls had 18 inches. Duluth and Minneapolis set new single storm records and picked up half their normal annual snowfall from this one storm. 35 inches of snow was recorded at Superior WI.**

**I remember this 3 days of heck. The storm would ease during the day, giving time to clean up before the next wave. This storm was a by-product of the "Perfect Storm". As that system intensified, and retrograded back toward the East Coast, it created a blocking that set up a stationary front right through the region. Cold air to the N & NW, with warm moist air to the S & SE. Colorado lows kept riding the front right into the area for 3 days. I've been through 2 day hits, but never this. Exceptional storminess with plenty of wind.**