



October 22nd



On this day in...

2007: Very strong Santa Ana winds developed on 10/21 and continued through 10/23. A gust of 85 mph was recorded at Fremont Canyon, 79 mph at San Bernardino, 75 mph at Descanso and Mira Loma, 74 mph at Fallbrook and Rancho Cucamonga. Some locations experienced winds at least 45 mph for more than 36 consecutive hours. Winds caused at least \$60 million in damage and destruction to buildings, fences, vehicles, etc. The devastating wildfires of 2007 were fanned by these winds. These fires caused one million Californians to evacuate, the largest mass evacuation in California history.



Satellite images captured the extensive smoke plumes generated by the numerous wildfires of October 21-23, 2007.

1987: Heavy rain fell with amounts ranging up to five inches at Blue Jay. Heavy rain also occurred in northern San Diego County with 0.95 inch in Palomar Mountain. Flash flooding resulted in two deaths, ten injuries, and more than a million dollars damage in Blue Jay. Flash flooding and debris/mud flows hit Pauma Valley (exacerbated by a previous fire on southwest slopes of Palomar Mountain). A building was destroyed and four homes were evacuated.

1976: An isolated and powerful thunderstorm dropped torrential rain on Jamul. 3.84 inches was recorded in four hours from 2 to 6 pm, 1.85 of which occurred between 3 and 4 pm. High runoff produced local flooding.

1974: A tornado in Yucca Valley caused property damage.

1965: A very long heat wave began on 10/20 and ended on 10/29. A peak temperature of 104° was reached at San Diego on this day, and 100° in Los Angeles. LA had ten consecutive days with afternoon highs reaching at least 90°.

1964: Santa Ana conditions produced a high temperature of 104° at San Diego.

1929: It was 102° in Escondido, the latest date in the season to record 100° or higher.