October 1ˢᵗ

On this day in...

2001: Thunderstorms developed in mountains and inland valleys each day starting on 9/30 and ending on this day. Flooding was reported in Beaumont. One was killed by lightning at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

Lightning, a cloudburst and a rainbow added drama to the skies over Brea on this day in 2010.

1980: It was 109° in Riverside and 105° in Ramona, each the highest temperature on record for October. It was 103° in Alpine and 93° in Idyllwild, each tying the highest temperature on record for October. This also occurred in Idyllwild on 10/12/1950 and in Alpine on several other October dates.

1971: Caribbean Sea Hurricane Irene crossed Nicaragua and reformed in the eastern Pacific as Hurricane Olivia. Olivia recurved to the northeast and made landfall in central Baja California with rainfall of up to one inch in the southern deserts on 9/30 and on this day. This occurred during the La Niña of 1970-71.

1946: A tropical storm moved northward into northern Baja California and dissipated with rainfall of up to four inches in the mountains on 9/30 and exceeding four inches in the mountains on this day. This occurred during the El Niño of 1946-47.

1932: Heavy rains starting on 9/28 and ending on this day came from a dying tropical cyclone. It brought flooding to parts of the mountains and deserts of Southern California. 4.38 inches of rain fell at Tehachapi in seven hours on 9/30, and the four day storm total was 7.10 inches. The resulting flash flooding in Tehachapi Creek caused widespread damage. Multiple trains were caught in the flooding, including a Santa Fe steam engine that was buried under ten feet of mud and sand. A gas station, café and several cabins were destroyed by a wall of water when a culvert clogged with debris suddenly gave way. At least 15 people perished in floods and monetary damages exceeded $1 million dollars in 1932 dollars. An exact death toll is unknown, as many people were "riding the rails" during the Great Depression.