

FLORIDA HAZARDOUS WEATHER BY DAY (to 1994)

OCTOBER

1 1969 - 1730 - Clay Co., Orange Park - Lightning killed a construction worker who was working on a bridge. A subtropical storm spawned one weak tornado and several waterspouts in Franklin Co. in the morning.

2 1951 - south Florida - The center of a Tropical Storm crossed Florida from near Fort Myers to Vero Beach. Rainfall totals ranged from eight to 13 inches along the track, but no strong winds occurred near the center. The strong winds of 50 to 60 mph were all in squalls along the lower east coast and Keys, causing minor property damage. Greatest damage was from rains that flooded farms and pasture lands over a broad belt extending from Naples, Fort Myers, and Punta Gorda on the west coast to Stuart, Fort Pierce, and Vero Beach on the east. Early fall crops flooded out in rich Okeechobee farming area. Many cattle had to be moved out of flooded area, and quite a few were lost by drowning or starvation. Roadways damaged and several bridges washed out.

2-4 1994 - northwest Florida - Flood/Coastal Flood - The remnants of Tropical Depression 10 moved from the northeast Gulf of Mexico, across the Florida Panhandle, and into Georgia on the 2nd. High winds produced rough seas along west central and northwest Florida coasts causing minor tidal flooding and beach erosion. Eighteen people had to be rescued from sinking boats in the northeast Gulf of Mexico. Heavy rains in the Florida Big Bend and Panhandle accompanied the system causing extensive flooding to roadways, creeks and low lying areas and minor flooding of rivers. Damage estimates to roadways was more than \$1 million. Flooding was slow to recede in Leon, Wakulla and Hernando Counties where homes and roadways remained flooded through the 15th.

3-4 1966 - south Florida and Keys - Late on the 3rd Hurricane Inez began moving southwestward from a position about 100 miles east of Miami. The eye of Inez moved from Key Largo to Key West on the 4th. The highest wind reported on the Florida mainland was a gust to 80 mph at Homestead AFB. There were no sustained winds of hurricane force on the mainland. All of the Keys reported winds of hurricane force ranging up to 100-125 mph in gusts. Rainfall totals were between 2-4 inches over the southeast portion of the peninsula and in the Keys. Three people were killed and 11 injured. Over \$5 million in damage. Two tornadoes were reported in Putnam Co. on the evening of the 4th, far from the center of Inez.

3 1992 - all day - west central & north Florida - Tornado Outbreak - A strong tropical disturbance in the eastern Gulf of Mexico spawned 10 tornadoes from the Tampa Bay area to Ocala, killing four and injuring 77. Hardest hit was Pinellas Co., where all the deaths occurred. 0940 - Pinellas Co. - A tornado heavily damaged a mobile home park in Indian Rocks. An elderly lady was killed when her mobile home was demolished. 1028 - Pinellas Co. -Tornado/ Waterspout - moved inland about 1/2 mile south of Treasure Island Causeway. It severely damaged the roof of an apartment complex and moved across the Isle of Palms, damaging roofs and uprooting trees. 1030 - Pinellas Co. - Another tornado formed near the intersection of Hwy. #693 and the Seaboard Coast Line railroad, toppling trees south of the tracks. It then moved northeast severely damaging an apartment complex, continuing north it destroyed mobile homes and damaged homes. The tornado strengthened and moved across the Point Royale Village mobile home park. Many mobile homes were blown apart. Two people were killed as their mobile

homes disintegrated. One woman was killed by falling debris as her garage roof collapsed on her. Other tornadoes were reported in Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Marion, Citrus and Levy counties without serious injury. Heavy rain with the low caused moderate to heavy flooding in northeast Florida, especially the Jacksonville area. High tides caused some minor coastal flooding and beach erosion on the Gulf coast.

3 1994 - 0950 - Orange Co., Orlando - Lightning - Six workers were hospitalized after being struck by lightning at a high-rise construction site. Only one of the six sustained serious injuries.

4 1955 - afternoon - Lake Co., Groveland - Lightning killed a man.

4 1995 - Opal developed over the south central Gulf of Mexico on the 2nd, and intensified to a category 4 hurricane during the early morning hours of the 4th, as it moved rapidly northeast across the Gulf of Mexico. Opal diminished to a marginal category 3 hurricane before making landfall near Pensacola Beach during the late afternoon of the 4th, yet was still the strongest hurricane to hit the Florida panhandle in 20 years. The center of the storm moved ashore at almost the same location as hurricane Erin about two months earlier. As Opal moved ashore, minimum central pressure was 942 mb, and estimated maximum sustained wind speeds were 115 mph. Highest observed wind speeds were 84 mph gusting to 144 mph at Hurlburt Field in Mary Esther. The storm surge reached approximately 10 feet above mean sea level (MSL), with debris lines up to 25 feet above MSL. By far the greatest amount of damage from Opal in northwest Florida occurred due to devastating storm surge and waves along the beaches of Walton, Bay and Gulf counties. Almost 300 homes were destroyed with another 1,000 homes suffering major damage. The storm surge destroyed highway 399 that runs from Pensacola Beach to Navarre Beach, and U.S. highway 98 between Fort Walton Beach and Destin. Several tornadoes were reported with one fatality near Crestview. There were no reported deaths due to storm surge flooding. The most rainfall occurred at Ellyson Field where 15.45 inches fell on the 3rd and 4th. Crop damage was estimated at \$5 million dollars. It was estimated that \$50 million in damage was done to recreational boats, with almost 1,000 boats damaged, and about 70 boats lost or sunken. Insured property damage was estimated at \$2 billion or more, ranking Opal as one of the costliest twentieth century U.S. hurricanes. The outer fringes of Opal caused tidal flooding and beach erosion as far south as the lower Florida Keys. In Key West, major beach erosion, with estimated restoration costs near \$3 million occurred, and streets in old town were inundated with sea water. Many people in Florida were without water for several days. Inland, Opal downed numerous trees and knocked out power to nearly two million people.

4-5 1933 - south Florida - A hurricane passing through the Florida Straits spawned several tornadoes. Late on the 4th a tornado unroofed four homes and injured three people in Miami. Two other tornadoes struck Broward Co. early on the morning of the 5th. One tornado unroofed a home and a lumber company.

4-5 1964 - late afternoon - northwest Florida - The remnants of Hurricane Hilda moved into Florida about 30 miles northwest of Pensacola the afternoon of the 4th, then continued to diminish in intensity and drift eastward through the western counties and along the Georgia-Florida border before moving into the Atlantic north of Jacksonville late on the 5th. Storm damage in Florida was minor. One person drowned in the surf of the Gulf of Mexico near Pensacola on the 4th. Wind gusts and squalls reached as high as 50 mph inland and up to 60 mph along the coast in the Pensacola area. Storm tides were less

than 2 feet above normal and only minor tidal flooding occurred. Rainfall in the area west of Tallahassee reached as high as six to 8" and caused some local flooding.

5 1948 - afternoon - Keys/southeast Florida - A hurricane crossing the upper keys spawned at least three tornadoes. 1600 - Broward Co., Pompano Beach - Tornadoes damaged or destroyed 29 homes and injured 27 people. 1644 - Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale - A tornado damaged five homes and a barn. A two-story house had its roof removed. Dade Co., Opa-Locka - A few homes were destroyed and others were damaged by a tornado.

6-7 1941 - south and northwest Florida - A Hurricane struck near Miami early on the 6th with peak winds of 123 mph, causing considerable property damage. Five drowned in small boats capsized by high wind. The hurricane moved out into the Gulf of Mexico and made a second landfall near Apalachicola the morning of the 7th.

6 1974 - all day - east coast - Coastal Flooding/High Wind/Heavy Rain. A low pressure system that had brought windy conditions to Florida since the 1st of the month, strengthened into a subtropical storm early on the 6th and moved northward just off the east coast causing extremely rough seas, coastal flooding, and beach erosion. Winds of 25 to 40 mph with higher gusts were reported. Locally heavy rain caused flooding along the east coast. Heaviest amounts were 14" at Boca Raton and 10" at Cocoa. No deaths or serious injuries were reported. Thousands of surfers were attracted by the extended period of rough seas and high surf along the east coast during the first week of October - some suffered cuts and bruises.

6 1976 - early afternoon - Leon Co., Tallahassee - Heavy rain caused flooding of streets, houses, and automobiles. A 60-ft concrete wall collapsed. Many snakes were driven onto lawns by high water.

7-8 1946 - west coast/northwest Florida - A hurricane made landfall near Bradenton with 80 mph winds and a 6 foot storm surge. The storm weakened to a tropical storm as it move across Tampa Bay and reached the Florida/Georgia border early on the 8th.

7 1947 -2015 - Duval Co., Jacksonville - Tornado, spawned by a tropical depression, destroyed six trailers, damaged 25 others, and unroofed homes. Ten people were injured. Another tornado hit a trailer village at Green Cove Springs in Clay County.

7 1989 - 1700 - Orange Co., Orlando - Lightning killed a ground crewman while standing near the nose of a DC-9 aircraft.

7-8 1996 - Statewide - Tropical Storm Josephine -Tracked northeast across the eastern Gulf of Mexico, with the center moving onshore over Apalachee Bay along the Florida Big Bend coast on the evening of the 7th, crossing the coast in a relatively uninhabited region of north Florida, in Taylor County, at about 2330 on the 7th. Storm surge heights were significant from the Tampa area northward to eastern Apalachee Bay. County officials estimated storm tides (storm surge plus astronomical tide) ranged from up to 9 feet in Levy county to 4 to 6 feet in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, and 3 feet as far south as Lee County. These tides produced widespread flooding of roads, dwellings, and businesses as far south as the lower Florida Keys. Josephine produced a record 22 documented tornadoes (21 F0, 1 F2, plus one waterspout) over central and northern Florida, making it the most prolific tornado producing tropical

cyclone in Florida history. These caused mostly minor damage, primarily to trees. One tornado, however, had a 7 mile long, 400 yard wide track across Edgewater in Volusia County. It severely damaged 30 homes, while 200 others had minor damage. Rainfall amount of up to 8.5 inches were reported over northern Florida in association with Josephine. Property damage in Florida are estimated to be over 49 million. There were no deaths that could be directly attributed to Josephine. A woman suffered a heart attack during a tornado in Edgewater, and a surfer suffered a broken leg in Pinellas County.

8-9 1896 - south/central Florida - A hurricane made landfall on the Gulf Coast near Punta Gorda and crossed the peninsula exiting into the Atlantic near Melbourne early on the 9th. This storm was responsible for 68 deaths.

8 - 1959 - northwest Florida - Tropical Storm Irene came ashore in the extreme western panhandle.

8 1970 - afternoon - Panama City - A fire started when Lightning struck a TV antenna and spread quickly, destroying a luxury cabin.

9 1953 - morning - west central Florida - Tropical Storm Hazel quickly crossed central Florida from Charlotte Harbor to Vero Beach with winds of 60 to 70 mph. The peak gust of 80 mph was reported by the Corp of Engineers in a squall in Okeechobee. 64mph winds were reported at Patrick AFB. Hazel spawned a tornado at landfall in Lee County that destroyed several houses on Pine Island, near Ft. Myers. Three to five inches of rain from Hazel added to previous flooding problems and the upper St. Johns River reached the highest flood stage ever known, exceeding by 1 1/2 feet the previous record and covering six miles of Highway 192 between Melbourne and Kissimmee.

9 1969 - All day and evening - Highlands Co., Sebring - Heavy rain caused flooding of citrus groves, homes, trailers and roads.

10 1888 - north Florida - A hurricane made landfall on the Gulf Coast near Cedar Key and exited into the Atlantic near Jacksonville killing nine people.

10 1989 - 0100 - 1500 - St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia, Brevard Counties - Flooding/Flash Flood - Torrential rains developed along the upper Florida east coast north of a stationary front. Rain amounts between six and 16 inches occurred along the coast. This resulted in widespread flooding of streets and structures. In St. Augustine, where the greatest rain total was recorded (16.08"), extensive flooding occurred in homes and businesses, and caused the closing of many streets that had over three feet of standing water. Flooding in northern Brevard Co. around Scottsmoor was also severe. Considerable road and property damage resulted.

10-11 1990 - 1200-1700 - west coast and Keys - Tropical Storm Marco formed in the Gulf of Mexico, just west of Key West on the afternoon of the 10th. By 1700 on the 11th Marco was downgraded to a depression just south of Cedar Key. Most of the damage was downed trees and power lines, some coastal flooding and beach erosion. There were two small tornadoes spawned by the storm on the afternoon of 11th, one north of Crystal River and one northeast of Lake City in Columbia Co. The only injury of significance occurred in Sarasota Co. Highest wind gust during the storm was 85 mph on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge across Tampa Bay.

11 1885 - 2355 - Alachua Co. - A hurricane spawned tornado destroyed four homes near Windsor, injuring eight. The storm made landfall near Tampa Bay.

11 1909 - south Florida & Keys - A Hurricane recurved over the extreme southern tip of Florida. The Weather Bureau station on Sand Key estimated winds at 100 mph around 0930. All trees were blown down and heavy seas swept over the island. The lowest barometer reading was 28.36 inches. At Key West the barometer fell to 28.50 inches and the highest wind gust was 94 mph. About 400 buildings collapsed. Fifteen people reported killed.

11-12 1947 - Keys/south Florida - A hurricane moved out of the Caribbean and passed near Key West the evening of the 11th, then crossed south Florida, exiting into the Atlantic near Ft. Lauderdale. Peak hurricane winds were 95 mph and one death was reported. Several tornadoes were spawned by the hurricane - one near Cape Sable, unroofed two homes.

11 1987 - 2115 - Monroe Co., Key Largo - Preceding Hurricane Floyd, a waterspout/tornado moved through Key Largo causing damage to several boats, mobile homes, trees and power lines.

11 1994 - 1530 - Broward Co., Coral Springs - Lightning injured three female students, ages 11, 12, and 13. The three had just gotten off a school bus and were walking home during heavy rain under a single umbrella when lightning struck a nearby tree. Two of the females were hospitalized overnight.

11-12 1994 - 0600-2200 - northeast Florida - Flood/Coastal Flood - Heavy rains across much of northeast Florida caused widespread flooding of roadways and vehicles and minor flooding of schools, businesses and homes. Strong onshore winds caused significant beach erosion and minor coastal flooding along portions of the northeast coast.

12 1987 - 0700 - 2100 - south Florida and the Keys - Hurricane Floyd moved east-northeast along the Florida Keys and passed south of Miami during the evening as a disorganized and weakening storm. Wind up to 51 knots was recorded at Duck Key, and most of the Keys reported 40 to 50 knot winds. Over south Florida, wind of 30 to 35 knots with gusts of 40 to 50 knots was reported. Rainfall of two to 4 inches was reported across southern Florida, with a band of five to 9 inches from Naples to Lake Okeechobee to Fort Pierce. Trees and power lines were downed in several areas of south Florida and the Keys. A ship off the Dade and Broward County coasts listed to 40 degrees and was abandoned.

13 1967 - morning - Broward Co., Pompano Beach - Severe thunderstorm winds blew out windows, overturned several boats, and unroofed an office building. Two waterspouts were reported off Melbourne Beach in Brevard County.

14 1964 - afternoon-evening - South Florida, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and East Coast - Hurricane Isbel spawned between nine to 12 tornadoes during the afternoon and evening of the 14th. The tornadoes accounted for all 48 of the reported storm injuries, and a considerable portion of the property damages in the populated areas. Tidal damage was minor in all areas, and limited to piers, boats, and docking facilities. Tides caused some flooding of roads and beaches on the south side of Key West. Vegetable crops in the Everglades agricultural areas over which the storm center passed sustained considerable damage from strong winds and locally intense rains. Two persons drowned when a shrimp boat was destroyed near Marquesas Keys. Some stronger tornadoes spawned by Isbel: 1724 - Palm Beach Co.,

Boynton Beach - a tornado destroyed a dozen trailers and unroofed four homes. 2020 - Brevard Co., Eau Gallie - A tornado struck the Orange Court Trailer Park on Wickham Road, injured 17 people, damaged several trailers and some nearby buildings. 2250 - Broward Co., Hollywood - a tornado damaged six airplanes and removed the clubhouse roof at the country club.

14 1994 - 1400 - St. Johns Co., Crescent Beach - A 29-year-old male tourist drowned after being caught in a rip current caused by strong northeast winds.

15-16 1956 - east coast - Coastal Storm - A low pressure center moved north from Cuba just off the east coast bringing high winds and tides, and heavy rain to the entire east coast. The heaviest rain fell in Osceola Co. where some 48 hour amounts approached 20 inches. Flooding was most severe, including some bridges and roads washed out, in Kissimmee/St. Cloud, Taft, and Fellsmere. Two persons died in heavy surf.

16-19 1968 - Keys and Peninsula - Hurricane Gladys moved northward just west of Dry Tortugas about noon on the 16th with maximum winds of minimal hurricane force. It moved slowly north-northwestwards before turning toward the northeast on the 18th about 75 miles west of St. Petersburg and made landfall near Homosassa late on the 18th. Gladys continued northeast across the peninsula, passing just south of Ocala and moved into the Atlantic near St. Augustine on the morning of the 19th. Total damage of about 6.7 million dollars was concentrated mostly in and just north of the Tampa Bay area and in the Ocala area. A tornado, spawned by Hurricane Gladys, unroofed a house and damaged several other homes near Tallevast in Manatee Co. on the evening of the 18th.

16-17 1975 evening - northwest Florida - A Tropical Depression that formed in the southwestern Gulf of Mexico on the 14th moved inland on the Louisiana coast the night of October 16th and merged with a cold front. The resultant low pressure system intensified and moved up through the Appalachian Mountains with the trailing cold front moving through Florida. Northwestern Florida received heavy rainfall, at least two small tornadoes, high winds, rough seas and high tides. Wind gusts to 45 mph and tides 4 feet above normal were reported. No deaths or injuries were reported. Heaviest rainfall amounts ranged from four to 6 inches in some sections. Widespread street flooding occurred and some state roads were closed briefly due to flooding. Most of the damage occurred in the Panama City area. Also, a tornado in Panama City Beach damaged several buildings.

17 1906 -Miami & Key West - A Hurricane moved out of the Caribbean and across the lower Keys to Miami leaving 164 dead. The storm weakened in the Atlantic and turned back to Florida, crossing the coast near Daytona Beach as tropical storm.

17-18 1910 - Keys and southwest Florida - A hurricane passed near Key West and made landfall near Ft. Myers. Winds to 125 mph were reported on Sand Key. Thirty deaths attributed to storm.

17-18 1950 - Hurricane King formed in the northwest Caribbean, made landfall near Miami and moved up the central peninsula and dissipated on the morning of the 19th. The path of principal destruction was only 7-10 miles wide through the greater Miami area and northward to West Fort Lauderdale . It was at first reported that the damage was the result of a tornado. Gusts were 150 mph at Miami and 138 mph at Ft. Lauderdale. Three people died.

17 1967 - 1630 - Palm Beach Co., Pahokee - Hail and wind destroyed 300 acres of sweet corn and 1500 acres of sugar cane was badly damaged. Winds gusted to 60 mph and hail of all sizes covered the ground.

18 1916 - panhandle - A Hurricane made landfall near Pensacola. The wind instrument tower at the Weather Bureau Office blew down at 1014 after registering a gust of 120 mph. About 200 trees throughout the city were blown down.

18-19 1944 - Peninsula - The outer fringes of a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico spawned three weak tornadoes in Polk, Hardee, and Desoto counties on the afternoon of the 18th. The hurricane then made landfall near Sarasota early on the 19th and moved across the State, exiting near Jacksonville. This storm was noteworthy for producing damaging inland winds. Dangerous winds extended fully 200 miles to the right or east of the center, about 100 miles to the left or west, thus affecting the entire peninsula of Florida. Winds of hurricane force were widespread with gusts to 100 mph at Tampa and Orlando. Tides were high from Sarasota southward on the Gulf and from Melbourne northward on the Atlantic. Naples and Jacksonville Beach both reported 12 foot tides. Citrus and other agricultural damage were extensive. Orlando suffered the most property damage, estimated at over 1 million dollars. Eighteen people were killed, 14 by drowning, and 24 were seriously injured.

18 1959 - central Florida - Tropical Storm Judith rapidly crossed central Florida on the morning of the 18th. Two tornadoes were reported in southeast Florida on the afternoon of the 17th in advance of Judith.

19 1958 - 0845 - Palm Beach&Martin Cos. - A waterspout/tornado moved in from Lake Okeechobee, striking Pahokee and ending near Indiantown. About two dozen homes were destroyed and one man was killed in his home.

19 1985 - 1500 - Dade Co., Miami - Lightning killed a 19 year old man.

20-21 1924 - south Florida - A weak hurricane made landfall near Marco Island with gusts to 90 mph on the afternoon of the 20th. The storm moved across the peninsula, exiting into the Atlantic near Ft. Lauderdale as a tropical storm early on the 21st.

20 1941 - 1300 - Marion Co., Ocala - A tornado, spawned by a tropical storm, destroyed a two- story home and killed an infant girl. Another tornado in Gainesville injured one.

20 1976 -Madison Co., Madison - A Tornado damaged a large grain elevator. Heavy rain and hail also fell.

21 1993 - 1910 - Lee Co., Cape Coral - Lightning struck a home and injured a resident.

22 1945 - 1845 - Leon Co., Miccosukee - A tornado destroyed at least 33 homes in several small rural communities. One woman was killed as her home was swept away and she was thrown 500 feet. Four others were injured and 24 families were left homeless.

- 22** 1966 - Palm Beach and Broward Counties - Heavy rains caused loss of 4300 acres of early planted vegetables. Rainfall amounts of 8-10" were reported.
- 23** 1966 -Hillsborough Co., Ybor City - Lightning killed a 10 year old boy who was playing outside his home.
- 24** 1969 - morning - Palm Beach Co., Riviera Beach - Winds - A house boat sank after being battered by high winds and lashing water. Winds reported at 40-45 mph. - 1616 - Boca Raton - Wind gusts at 42 mph caused a large crane to slip from a derrick barge.
- 25-26** 1921 - peninsula - A hurricane made landfall near Tarpon Springs with winds of 100 mph and a 10.5 foot storm surge on the evening of the 25th and crossed the peninsula, exiting near Ponce De Leon Inlet on the morning of the 26th. There was great damage in the Tampa area. Egmont and Sanibel Islands were practically covered with water. Six deaths attributed to this storm.
- 25** 1981 - 1630 - Calhoun Co., Blountstown - A Tornado damaged 75 houses and destroyed three. The high school football stadium was destroyed and trees and power lines were downed. Twelve persons were injured. The tornado did all this damage in less than five minutes.
- 26** 1968 - morning - northwest Florida - Canadian high pressure system behind a strong cold front brought an early cold spell to northwest Florida. Cross City reported and all-time October record low of 30 degrees.
- 26** 1979 - 1225 - Palm Beach Co. - A waterspout was observed 15 miles southeast of Palm Beach.
- 27-29** 1942 - north Florida - Early Cold Spell with freezing temperatures and damaging frost extending southward to north Florida border.
- 27** 1972 - 0710 - Gulf Co., near Apalachicola - A tornado destroyed five homes, two churches, and five trailers. One pickup truck was overturned and the driver sustained a shoulder injury. 1550 - Taylor Co., Cedar Island - Tornado unroofed a dozen homes and knocked six houses over on Dark Island. Two cars and six boats were also destroyed. One injury.
- 28** 1957 - north and northwest Florida - Arctic high pressure center dipped to the Gulf Coast and brought widespread unseasonably cold weather to much of north Florida.
- 28 - 31** 1985 - Panhandle and West Coast - Hurricane Juan - Persistent high winds caused high water and waves along the west coast and panhandle of Florida, resulting in minor beach erosion and flooding as Juan passed well west of Florida. Some seawalls previously weakened by Hurricane Elena were destroyed. Most of the severe weather reported on the 28th through the 31st was related to the fringes of Hurricane Juan. Four tornadoes and waterspouts on evening of the 28th in the Panhandle injured six.
- 29** 1993 - 1430 - Wakulla Co., Panacea - A waterspout/tornado ripped the roof off a vacation home and damaged a screen porch.

29 1986 - 1049 - Brevard Co., Palm Bay - A tornado damaged the roofs of 12 homes and moved a pickup truck 15 feet.

30 1967 - 1755-1850 - Escambia Co., Pensacola - A Tornado moved through west Pensacola damaging between 550 and 600 buildings. Forty-four people were injured, five required hospitalization.

31 1958 - 1730 - Manatee Co., Palmetto - A tornado damaged four homes north of the Sar-Brad Airport. A hotel was also heavily damaged. Four people were injured.

31 1960 - 1030 - Lee Co., Sanibel Island - A tornado moved across the island and demolished a small marina. An employee of the marina was killed.

31 1973 -2230 - Pinellas/Hillsborough Co., Largo -A tornado damaged about 175 homes (mostly trailers), a school, and shopping center.