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**It Is Fall**

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It was a little over a week ago that we got our first glimpse of the Vernal Equinox: Fall fell upon us with a vengeance on September 23rd! We in the southwest were treated to a heat-wave with Phoenix and Yuma experiencing temperatures as high as 113 degrees and Las Vegas topping out in the low hundred-teens as September left us. The Inland Empire of California had routine temperatures in the low hundreds.

Climatological prognosticators at the Arizona State Climate Office are saying it’ll cool down some by mid-month. They tell us the average temperature for October is 74.5, some 19.0 degrees cooler than July. Daytime highs usually begin at 94 but cool off to 82 by Halloween. Nighttime low temps drop from 67 to 54. Temperature extremes in October have ranged from 107 degrees in 1980 to 34 way back in 1971.

The Farmer’s Almanac is predicting some showers across the Southwest Deserts for Halloween, but AccuWeather says the Southwest will experience unseasonably warm conditions and dry weather. The National Weather Service Long-Range Forecast is also calling for it to be warmer and drier than normal.

Farmer’s Almanac Zone 7 (The Southwest, including California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona) is calling for Mixed sun, clouds and dry for Thanksgiving. According to The Old Farmer’s Almanac, Dry weather and sunshine should help keep holiday travel moving in the Southwest, including hubs like Los Angeles and Phoenix. Californianos can expect sun-shiny days from San Diego to San Francisco, with warmer-than-normal temperatures.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch … expect the political atmosphere to warm up some. The Mainstream Media appears to be slowly changing its tune about Kamala Harris’ inability to answer questions directly and speak off-the-cuff - two reasons they say she will not be appearing at the AlfredE. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner benefiting Catholic charities this year. The Annual Al Smith Dinner is usually a funny event featuring hilarious comedians and leading political characters. While Harris claims she’s not going to attend because she’ll be out campaigning that evening … former President Donald Trump has accepted the invitation and more than likely will be the featured speaker. Memorable Al Smith speakers include Presidents John F Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Barak Obama and George Bush, whose wife Laura, you may remember, knocked ‘em dead at the Whitehouse Correspondent’s Dinner in 2005.

Harris fans are wondering if she’s afraid of Catholics or … perhaps serving up too much of a word salad! At any rate … the Al Smith Dinner this year is Thursday, October 17th. Expect to be able to watch it on YouTube or C-SPAN with highlights scattered all over Cable News Networks across the World.

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