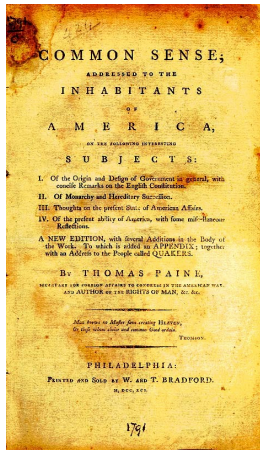


Important Events – January 10

January 10 is the 10th day of the year in the Gregorian Calendar. There are 355 days remaining (356 in leap years).

- 49 BC - Julius Caesar crosses the Rubicon which signalled civil war.
- 1072 - Robert Guiscard conquers Palermo.



- 1776 - Thomas Paine's Common Sense, which greatly influenced the authors of the Declaration of Independence, was published.
- 1806 - Dutch in Cape Town surrender to the British.
- 1810 - Marriage of Napoleon and Josephine is annulled.
- 1861 - Florida secedes from the United States.
- 1863 - The first underground passenger railway, the Metropolitan, opened in London.
- 1870 - John D. Rockefeller incorporates Standard Oil.
- 1901 - The first great Texas gusher, oil discovered at Spindletop in Beaumont, Texas.
- 1911 - Major Jimmie Erickson shot the first photograph from an airplane while flying over San Diego, California.
- 1920 - League of Nations holds its first meeting and ratifies the Treaty of Versailles ending World War I.

- 1927 - The film Metropolis by Fritz Lang premiers.
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- 1917 COLONEL WILLIAM CODY, one-time American army scout and Indian fighter and showman known as BUFFALO BILL died
- 1918 the American House of Representatives voted in favour of married women over the age of 30 being able to vote
- 1949 - The Radio Corporation of America, also known as RCA, announced a new 7-inch microgroove phonograph record which played at 45 rpm. Soon, the 45, the record with the big hole in the middle, would change the pop music business. RCA even manufactured a record player that played only 45s -- with a fat spindle that made "stacking wax" real simple and automatic for those romantic times when hands were just too busy to be flippin' records.



- 1956 - Elvis Presley recorded his first tunes as an RCA Victor artist. Recording in Nashville, Elvis sang "Heartbreak Hotel", "I Was the One", "I'm Counting On You", "I Got a Woman" and "Money Honey". "Heartbreak Hotel" was #1 by April 11, 1956 and stayed there for eight weeks. It was #1 on the pop and rhythm and blues charts and number five on the country music list.
- 1960 - Marty Robbins' hit tune, "El Paso", held the record for the longest #1 song to that time. The song ran 5 minutes and 19 seconds, giving many radio station Program Directors fits; because the average record length at that time was around 2 minutes, and formats didn't allow for records much longer than that, (e.g., 2-minute record, 3 minutes for commercials, 60 seconds for promo, 2-minute record, etc.). DJs got used to the longer length quickly, however, realizing it gave them time, before the record ended, to actually think of something to say next.



- 1969 - The final issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" appeared after 147 years of publication. It returned in limited publication years later. Norman Rockwell's art was a popular item in the "Post".
- 1996 - The third day of the 'Blizzard of '96' saw the northeastern U.S. buried under 1.5 to 3 feet of snow. The big storm caused \$1 billion in damage and killed 100 people. New York City had the heaviest snowfall in 48 years. Quick, let's go make snow angels.
- 2000 - America Online, "the company that brought the Internet to the masses," announced that it had agreed to buy Time Warner, the largest traditional media company in the U.S., for \$165 billion.
- 2004 – John Scott and Debra Stier were bound together in Holy Matrimony.

