On September 14, 1988 at 0000 GMT, hurricane Gilbert’s central pressure dropped to 26.13 inches of mercury—the lowest pressure ever recorded in a western hemisphere hurricane. Winds around the storm gusted in excess of 200 mph as it moved through the Caribbean Sea; it impacted Cozumel, on the Yucatan Peninsula, after having devastated Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. The storm eventually slammed into Mexico and entered the United States through western Texas; it then moved northeast through the central states where it brought much needed rain.

NOTES AND REFERENCES
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