

probable at times today and rain likely tomorrow; little temperature change; south wind increasing this afternoon to 15 to 25 knots.

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First Rain In Six Weeks

The first rain in six weeks fell on Santa Cruz today, preserving two precipitation records in the process.

This morning's light drizzle followed a 41-day dry spell, which began on December 10, 1966. The December-January record is 42 days, set from December 18, 1962, to January 29, 1963.

Remaining intact is a January record that has not been broken since records were first kept in 1881. Weatherman Robert Burton said there never has been a January in Santa Cruz without some rain.

The lack of rain dropped the city total below normal levels for this time of year, but it still is above the comparable period of last year.

Normally, Burton said, the rainfall total to mid-January is 14.88 inches. This year it is 13.66 inches, while last year at about the same time it was 12.14 inches.

The yearly average, from July 1 to June 30, is 32.25 inches. Burton noted that the 1962-63 season which included the 42-day dry spell ended with 33.86 inches of rain.

Temperatures this month, said Burton, have ranged from a low of 31 degrees on January 9 to a high of 74 degrees on January 14. The average maximum temperature has been 63.8 degrees, 4 degrees above the long time January average, while the average minimum has been 37 degrees, about a degree below the long time average.

Much of northern California was inundated by heavy rain and snow last night and today, as result of an intense storm blowing out of the Pacific Northwest.

By mid-morning the storm was spreading southward from the San Francisco Bay and Stockton areas and was expected to hit southern California.

Travelers' warnings were issued for mountain areas Saturday, with temperatures expected to drop and the snow level decrease to from 4000 to 6000 feet in the Sierra. Strong winds are expected.

Gale warnings were up on the coast from the Oregon border to Fort Bragg, and small craft warnings were posted south of Fort Bragg to Point Reyes.