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Weather

Unexpected Summer Rain Touches Down

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A sultry afternoon turned into a wet Monday night as a storm forecast for Northeastern California unexpectedly dropped some rain on Santa Cruz and around the Bay Area.

And though the rain may have been unexpected, it should have come as no surprise to long-time residents here. Santa Cruz weatherman Ron McDonald reports only six Junes in the last 20 years that passed by without bringing rain.

In 1974, he said, a summer storm dropped .28 inches here, and nearly 100 years ago, in 1884, a record 2.48 inches of rain fell during the first month of summer.

Monday's storm brought some .20 inches of rain, and cool breezes to break up a warm, muggy day.

A low-pressure area has been sitting off the coast for several days, said Phil Swain, lead forecaster for the National Weather Service in Redwood City. Typically, such areas stay well to north, he said, but this one has brought its cold unstable air and light rains across the Bay Area.

No injury accidents were reported in Santa Cruz as a result of the rain. An injury accident was reported this morning at the summit on Highway 17, and radio reports advised traffic to

take the Old Santa Cruz Highway over the hill. Responding Highway Patrol units, however, found no accident.

Showers may continue through this evening, dropping off as the day wears

on. By tomorrow, skies should clear, weathermen say.

Winds will reach 15 miles an hour; highs will be in the 60s, with lows only down to the mid-50s.

RAINFALL TOTALS

	24 Hrs.	Season	Last Year
Aptos	.16	44.53	19.10
Bonny Doon	.11	84.58	32.19
B o u l d e r			
Creek	.10	97.11	38.19
Capitola	.08	50.19	20.44
Corralitos	.17	52.02	21.43
Graham Hill	.10	64.75	28.85
Lompico	.10	99.30	35.55
Rio Del Mar	.19	45.06	19.33
Santa Cruz	.13	46.97	21.74
Soquel	.16	50.65	20.63
Summit	.20	76.30	33.95
Scotts Valley	.10	73.61	30.74
Swanton	.08	50.65	26.90
Watsonville	.21	39.23	18.95