

Santa Maria rainfall

To the Editor:

This letter is written in support of David C. Swann's letter of March 20. In his letter he questions the accuracy of the rainfall totals published in the Santa Maria Times. He reports precipitation readings made within three miles of the Santa Maria Public Airport. From October 1, 2000 through March 5, 2001 his readings totaled 19.25 inches as compared to 10.70 inches reported in the Santa Maria Times.

I record daily readings on a rain gauge that is positioned well away from trees, the ground, and objects that might spatter droplets into the gauge. The gauge location is one-

half mile south of City Hall. Over the same time period as used by Mr. Swann, my measurement of total rainfall was 15.17 inches, which is well above the 10.70 inches reported in the Santa Maria Times.

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