

Valley to sizzle this week as high pressure pushes inland

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The weekend's windy and cool weather will blow over into a sizzling week with temperatures expected to hit the triple digits for the first time this year.

A high pressure system building up from the coast will move into the region Monday bringing with it a warming trend, said Hanford meteorologist David Spector.

The forecast high in Fresno on Monday is 89 degrees. By Thursday, the temperature is expected to hit 101 degrees, just shy of the record high of 102 set in 1972, according to the weather service.

The normal daytime temperature this time of year is in the mid-80s, but it isn't unusual to see triple-digits already, Spector said.

"We've had this frequently in the last 15 years that I've been here," he said.

Last year, the temperature on Mother's Day in Fresno soared past the century mark, hitting 102 degrees also for the first time that year.

So far, this month got off to a hot start with daytime highs in the 90s before hitting a cold streak with temperatures falling into the 70s.

The next round of heat, however, isn't expected to last.

"We should get some low level marine air by Saturday," Spector said, and "cool down to near normal by Sunday."

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