

Valley cities shatter heat records, but cooler days are ahead

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Heat hit the Valley Sunday, melting temperature records in Fresno, Hanford and Madera.

Fresno's high temperature topped out at 91 degrees, shattering the March 15 record of 87 that was set back in 1947.

Hanford broke its 2007 record high of 81 degrees, reaching 92. Madera's record of 80 degrees, also set in 2007, was melted away by Sunday's high of 91.

Sunday was the second day in a row with record-breaking temperatures throughout the Valley.

Valley residents can expect temperatures to moderate a bit the rest of the week. Monday's high in Fresno is expected to reach only 82 — well below the record of 88 for the date. The rest of the week daytime temperatures will remain in the mid to upper 70s, according to the National Weather Service in Hanford. Nightly temperatures are predicted to be in the low to mid 50s.

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