

Heat bomb pounces on Glasgow

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A temperature inversion and thunderstorm combined Friday morning to give Glasgow residents a rare hot flash, with temperatures jumping up 26 degrees within 15 minutes.

And — just as bizarre — the unusual conditions boosted the mercury to a sizzling 93 degrees at 5:17 a.m. That early morning heat was the high temperature for the day and tied the record high for the date, a National Weather Service spokesman said.

“That was very strange because normally your low temperature for the day, not the high, occurs about that time,” said Jonathan Voss, me-

teorologist in Great Falls.

“It’s not something that happens very often, but it can cause abnormally high temperatures to occur at odd hours,” he said.

Voss said the unique fluctuations began with a temperature inversion, in which cool overnight temperatures pushed warmer air to a higher level. Then a dry thunderstorm moved into the area, pushing the hot air downward but only temporarily.

Glasgow recorded a temperature of 67 degrees at 5:02 a.m.

By 5:17, the temperature shot to 93.

And at 5:40 a.m. — just 23 minutes later — the official temperature recording was back to a comfortable 68 degrees, Voss said.