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140-year-old Globe account of warmth sounds like yesterday

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March 9th weather was spring-like as a jogger passed under the Zakim Bridge on Wednesday.

By Matt Rocheleau

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The recent warm weather has been the talk of the town, but it's not the first time that Boston has seen balmy weather so early in the year.

After digging through our archives, we found another account of recordbreaking warmth in a Hub winter.

The mercury rose to 70 on Jan. 1, 1876. And the scribes at the Globe toiled to produce a vivid account of the day in the Monday morning edition of the Boston Globe published on Jan. 3, 1876. (No paper was printed on Jan. 2 because the company didn't put out a Sunday edition back then, according to Globe historical experts.)

Here's how the Globe described that warm New Year's Day. It sounds, literally, like yesterday.

"Remarkable Weather in This City.

The weather on New Year's Day was so extraordinary, that even the hardiest of old inhabitants has refrained from evolving a parallel in some year far back in the good old times. It was, in short, a day of Santa Barbara weather, mysteriously vouchsafed to this latitude, which afforded a fine opportunity for the potentially inclined to remark on the appropriateness of such a genial climate at the opening of the centennial year. The early morning was most delightful; but the thermometer steadily rose until at noon it reached sixty-eight in the shade. It was a summer's day in point of temperature; and spring overcoats were only a shade less burdensome than the Ulsters which a few people, fearful of a sudden change in the weather, persisted in carrying about. The boys, cheated out of the skating and sledding which they had hoped the vacation week would bring them, resorted to baseball and other sports which had been laid aside at the first fall of snow. The streets were crowded with people up the early hours Sunday morning; and everybody went to bed feeling sure that the warm weather would give place to colder in the morning. But, yesterday, although the sky was overcast with clouds until noon, was the most genial in point of temperature; and nothing but the omnipresent mud was found to deter the comfort of pedestrians. The unusual warmth of the sun's rays caused the latent life of some of the trees on the common and along some of the streets to manifest itself; and twenty-four hours more of such weather would begin the work which should be



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How it Showed Itself Yesterday and Saturday—Remarkable Weather.

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NEW YORK, January 2.—The weather in this vicinity continues changeable. The temperature is mild and spring-like. From early morning until sundown the day was beautiful and balmy with a clear sky and bright sun. This evening, however, a storm set in and rain has continued falling throughout the evening. The thermometer is about seventy-five degrees above.

MANCHESTER, N. H., January 2.—Today and yesterday were the warmest January days ever experienced in these parts. The thermometer yesterday showed eighty-eight degrees, or eighty degrees warmer than the corresponding day in 1875.

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An account of the record-setting warm weather on Jan. 1, 1876.

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