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**Chunks of ice floated in the Charles River on a warm January day as Sarah Coughlin of Dorchester practiced her yoga routine on a dock off the Esplanade.**

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It's been a wild year so far temperature-wise.

Already, Boston has experienced record-setting temperatures on five out of the first 67 days of 2017.

Only one other year on record, 1950, holds more days of record-setting temperatures this early into the calendar year. There were four days of record cold plus two days of record warmth that year between Jan. 1 and March 8.

Each of the record temperatures this year have been all-time highs.



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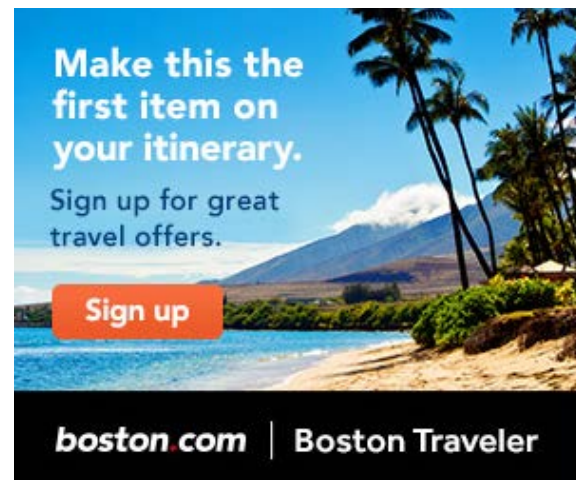
There was a 61-degree day way back before we changed presidents on Jan. 12, while the rest all came within a more recent span — Feb. 23, 24, and 25, and March 1.

And as we can all attest, there have been plenty of unusually hot and cold days mixed in between that haven't quite set records.

Just when it seemed like an early spring might be settling in, forecasters are calling for another batch of [frigid weather this weekend](#).

Though, [many locals predicted](#) that it was only a matter of time before there would be payback for the recent warmth.

The chart below shows that, in any given year, temperatures vary from the historical norm, but this year seems to be bouncing around more than previous ones.



The red line on the chart below shows the high temperatures recorded each day this year since mid-February and also includes the forecasted high temperatures for the next few days.

The gray lines on the chart show the high temperatures on the same dates for each of the past few years. The blue line shows the historical average for each date.

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Lynn Roy says she is seeking damages “caused by the defendant’s negligence and wanton and reckless conduct.” [MORE...](#)

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Daniel Redmond, one of four Teamsters on trial, posted an article on the Facebook page, “Support the Teamster 4,” violating a court order to not speak publicly about the case. [MORE...](#)

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## Thousands of cyclists are pedaling during the 38th Pan-Mass Challenge

More than 5,300 cyclists took off Saturday morning in the 2017 Pan-Mass Challenge, raising money for patient care and cancer research. [MORE...](#)

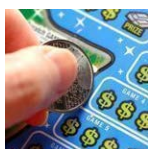
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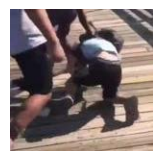
State Police spokesman David Procopio said Boston police requested Massachusetts State Police assistance with

dispersing between 500 and 1,000 youths. [MORE...](#)



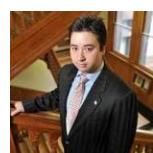
## A cross-country bicycle trip of a lifetime — delayed 40 years

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Cambridge city councilor Leland Cheung, the first Asian-American on the council, announced this week that he intends to leave politics. [MORE...](#)



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You might want to just stay home this weekend. [MORE...](#)



## Michelle Carter receives 15 months in jail; will remain free pending appeal

A judge sentenced Michelle Carter to two and a half years, with 15 months to serve and 15 months probation, for goading her boyfriend to kill himself in a high-profile texting suicide case. However, he allowed Carter to remain free while awaiting appeal. [MORE...](#)



## 'Dukes of Hazzard' actor arrested in Waltham

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