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October welcomed by warm weather

■ Daniel Bushman

People on the Prairies have been treated to some remarkably nice weather this fall. While precipitation would be welcome, the hot summer days have flowed past their usual time period, allowing for a beautiful fall. Noting how nice it has been over the past few months, Environment and Climate Change Canada's David Phillips explained while there has been a touch of frost getting down to -0.9°C on the last day of September and the early part of October, he said,

"We are seeing temperatures a dozen degrees warmer than it should be for this time of year. The normal high should be around 14°C not 26°C."

Those above normal values are nothing new for Saskatchewan this year as the warmth of the summer has made its presence felt. Normally experiencing 10 or 11 days of 30°C or hotter, this year Phillips said the local area has had 30 days that have hit 30°C or above.

The warmer weather has also held off the snow which is not always the case around

Thanksgiving including in 1998 when a massive storm arrived. "People on the Prairies think if they can keep the lasting permanent snow until after Halloween you feel you've won one."

30 days at 30 or above

Those who prefer a hot summer certainly took advantage of the 2021 version as a prolonged heat wave swept across Saskatchewan. Normally experiencing 10 or 11 days of 30°C weather, Phillips said locally there were 30 days where it reached at least 30°C.

Not only was that a remarkable number but the Senior Climatologist said the other thing that was quite evident was temperatures also hit above 30°C in September. While there has been a prior instance where September was the warmest month of summer, what was unique for this year was that there were two days where the temperature got above 30°C and up to 33°C. "You've lost about five hours of daylight from the longest day of the year, the sun is lower in the sky by about 30 degrees so it is very hard for nature to produce these kind of temperatures when you've got more nighttime than daytime. So when the average temperature is more like 14°C and for it to ramp up to 30°C or above, that is almost unprecedented."

While Phillips suggested the number of days above



As Thanksgiving weekend approached, people were treated to a warm and beautiful start to the fall season. Along with the 2021 version of fall which has included above normal daytime temperatures for this time of year, those above normal values were also evident in summer as well. Environment and Climate Change Senior Climatologist David Phillips said this year the local area has had 30 days where the temperature reached at least 30°C where normally there would be 10 or 11 of those in a year. Meanwhile, during Thanksgiving in 1998, instead of enjoying the sunshine, people were bringing out their snow shovels and making snowmen (pictured left).

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30°C in 2021 might rival 1988 where there were a lot of similar days, this year was different due to the fact that there were a number that hit 33°C, 34°C, 35°C and even higher.

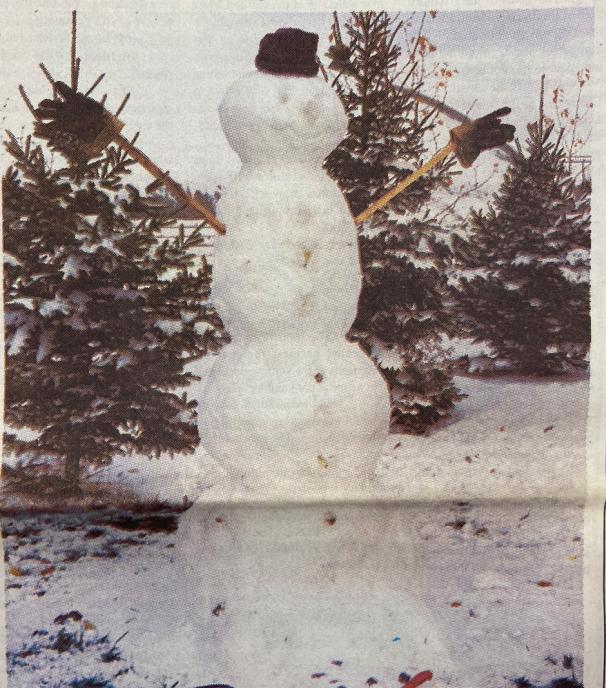
"These weren't just little marginal kind of 30°C and 30.1°C, these were solidly in the mid-30°C range which shows you that not only was the frequency of those hot

days, if not record breaking close to it, but the intensity was clearly that way too."

Thanksgiving storm of 1998

While snow, shovels and (see back page: **WEATHER**)

Thanksgiving or Christmas?



Well, maybe not last Christmas... but none the less, the snow which fell over the Thanksgiving weekend had people wondering if we really are in for an early winter. Families made the best of the snowfall, building snowmen such as this one which appeared in the front yard of the Knaus family on Shannon Street. ADVISOR photo by Linda Mallett



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Community land harvest project a success

■ **Daniel Bushman**

It was all systems go Sept. 24 as volunteers fired up their combines and began harvest operations as part of this year's Jansen & District Kin community land harvest project. With the project near Jansen approaching 30 years of serving the communities greatest needs, local farmers along with corporate members got together once again to see it to completion.

Jansen & District Kin member Brandon Arnst said despite the very dry conditions early on, this year's project ended up being very successful. "The money we received from the project will allow us to support many projects and individuals in and around our community."

What was pretty special this year was volunteers were able to celebrate the completion of harvest with Frances Schroeder, the land-owner who has allowed the local Kin to use

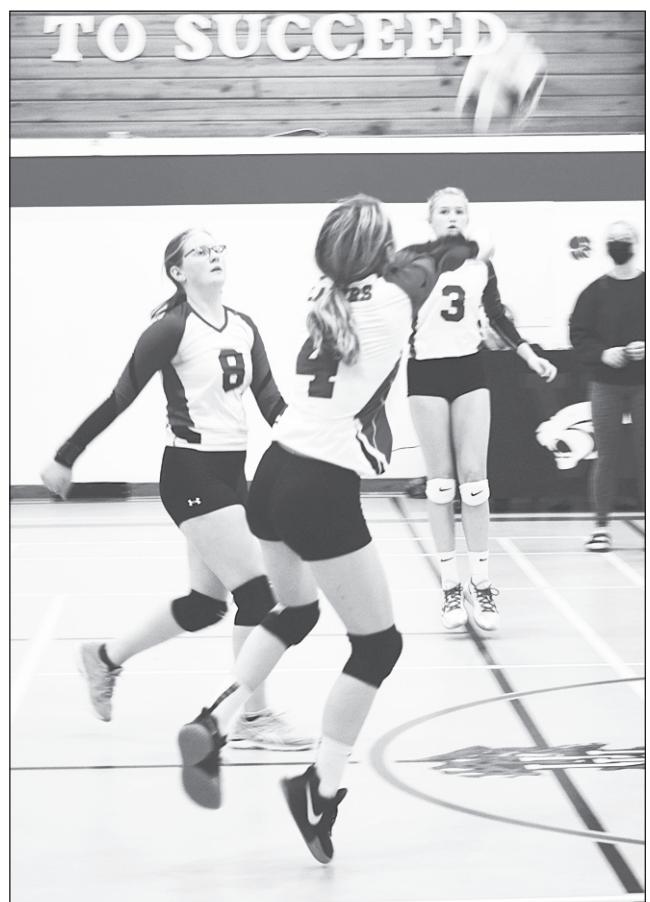
his land. "We really appreciated Frances and Lorelei for their support of our project for the past 26 years!"

Arnst said when it came time to harvest, with such nice weather heading into the day, volunteers were able to get on the fields and get to work. "We farmed two quarters of canola and like in previous years, we had many sponsors and volunteers support us and we sincerely appreciated their kind donations. In addition to the volunteers, we extend our sincere gratitude to Advantage Crop Protection, BASF, Crop Pro Consulting, Bayer Crop Science, Timac Agro, Synergy Ag, Kammer Ag services, AMHI/SMHI and Blair's Fertilizer for their kind donations over the past years of the project."

After navigating through the pandemic for the past year and a half, Arnst added it was great to see everyone come together and help complete the project which will benefit the local area now and in the future.



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RCMP Report

Complaints of reckless driver lead to arrest

On Sept. 29, 2021, shortly after 9 p.m., Moosomin RCMP received multiple complaints of an adult male driving a truck around the town of Moosomin in a reckless manner. As officers were en route to respond, they were flagged down by an individual who reported to have been assaulted by the same adult male. The individual indicated the male had rammed their vehicle with his truck before leaving the scene.

As officers drove through town, they located the truck outside of a business. The male exited the business and pointed a weapon in the direction of police.

The male walked across the street towards a residence, verbalized threats towards police and an adult male who had exited the house. The male with the weapon then discharged it in the direction of the other adult male; he was not struck or injured.

The male suspect got back into his truck, left and then drove back again to the same residence, damaging multiple vehicles and other property. The male drove towards one of the officers on scene. The officer was able to avoid being struck by the truck. The truck then crashed into a boulevard, disabling it.

The male exited the truck and was arrested. One of the officers and the male suspect received what were described

as minor injuries. A crossbow was seized at the scene.

As a result of the investigation, 44-year-old Donald Bleau of Moosomin has been charged with the following: Attempt murder, Section 239(1)(b), CC; Assault, Section 266, Criminal Code of Canada (CC); Commit assault by using or threatening to use a weapon, Section 267(a), CC; Assault peace officer, Section 270(2), CC; Utter threat to cause bodily harm, Section 264.1(1)(a), CC; Resist arrest, Section 129(a), CC; Operate a conveyance in a manner dangerous to the public, Section 320.13(1), CC; Operate a conveyance while impaired by alcohol, Section 320.14(1)(a), CC;

Possess weapon for a purpose dangerous to the public, Section 88(2), CC; six counts, Commit mischief exceeding \$5,000, Section 430(3), CC; Commit assault by pointing a weapon, Section 267(a), CC; and Possess firearm without a licence to possess it, Section 91(1), CC.

The investigation is ongoing.

Moosomin RCMP are requesting anyone with information or anyone who may have witnessed this incident to contact the Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at

www.saskcrimestoppers.com.
Charges laid after vehicle drives through building

One man was arrested in Saskatoon after a vehicle drove into a building on Thursday night.

Just before midnight Sept. 30, 2021, police were called to a motor vehicle accident in the 800 block of Confederation Drive. Upon arrival, officers discovered a white Chevrolet sedan that had crashed into the north side wall of the building. Police found the sole occupant of the vehicle, a 28-year-old man, was still in the driver seat.

Officers observed signs of impairment and drug paraphernalia in the car and the 28-year-old was arrested. He is charged with Impaired

Driving and Refusing to Comply with a Demand.

No one was injured as a result of the collision.

Rollover west of Girvin

On Oct. 5, 2021 at approximately 1:50 p.m., Craik RCMP were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover on Hwy. 749, approximately seven kilometres west of Girvin.

Investigation has determined that a cement truck left the roadway and rolled. The driver, a 67-year-old male from Davidson passed away on scene.

The highway was closed during initial investigation by Craik RCMP and Saskatchewan RCMP Collision Reconstruction and has since reopened.

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■ by Arlene Martin

The October sky flaunted amazing brush strokes of brilliant pink, purple, yellow and gold against a dark blue evening sky. I felt elated rambling beneath the canopy of tall trees shading our paved driveway. I'd just skirted the ample peaceful perimeter of our farm yard, every step softly lined and crunching with auburn and gold leaves. For the past two days our son helped trim the thick unkempt overgrown caragana, weeping birch and

tall pine trees embracing that road into our yard. It was a huge undertaking but the results were amazing. Randy maneuvering our skid steer (a noisy relative of the Bobcat family) hoisting the huge bucket containing our son, a skilled chain-saw operator, up to the caragana tree tops. As the branches dropped, I picked them up and threw them into the big box of our old grain dump truck. Part of a two-year yard maintenance project finally we could pop the champagne cork.

"Mew." A white cat was asking permission to tag along and I laughed noticing four more trailed and traipsed blithely beside me. The arthritis in my lower back throbbed with each step as other joints joined the complaining cacophony. Two days of bending, turning, reaching, grasping and tossing trimmed and also dry dead branches and stumps incited protest in my worn out aging frame.

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The window I sat beneath reflected the cheery warmth of home and I mused how delicious those burgers waiting to be tossed on the grill would taste. Though I ached miserably from two tiring days it was worth it just to be outside and know exhaustion from a good day's hard - though, rewarding work. My spirit had also been starved for Nature's grandeur and quiet AND for taking stock of everyday beauty and blessings. I glanced in the big kitchen window, like a peeping tom, of sorts, only with an agenda of love and thankfulness. As our happy outdoor cats played around my feet, I picked up soft purring, Max and memorized the satiating gentle view - the lights of home.

Happy Thanksgiving my friend.
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Louise Shannon

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Sorry to have to lose long-time people Dean and Gail

Schroeder who left Jansen to live closer to Trina and the grandchildren.

Harvesting has wound down and I hope it turned out okay.

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving weekend. We

have a lot to be thankful for.

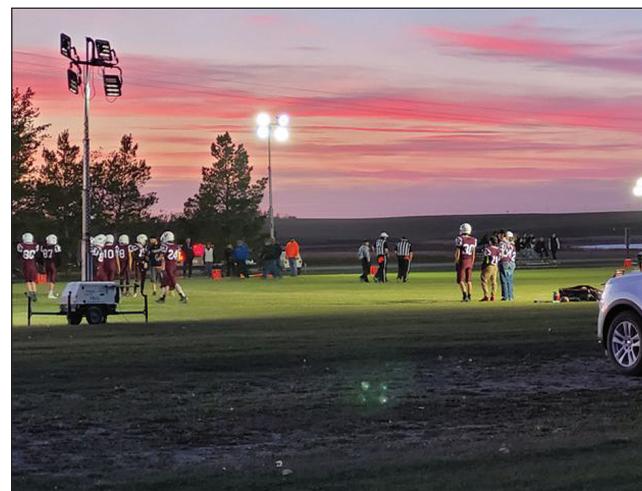
Get well wishes to Garnet Zerbin who was recently in the hospital.

Happy birthday to Janelle Montreuil Schindel, Mardelle Craven Robson and Lois Krieger.



This picture was taken of the sun with a very smoky sky in Viscount Oct. 4, 2021.

- photos submitted by Sandra Reid



were able to come out and attend the sales or just browse and visit. It was an awesome day.

This weather just makes everything so much better that people do not mind getting out and enjoying whatever they can.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week and enjoy the weather, stay safe and watch for those pesky wasps. I just got bit by one the other day, ouch!

It was a fun evening at the Lanigan Library as a group of about 10 ladies had the opportunity to spend some time utilizing their creative skills. Before the provincial COVID-19 guidelines were changed to include mandatory mask wearing while in public facilities, Kylie McClenaghan put on a craft night at the local library. Lanigan resident

Jaymie Peters who was in attendance during the Sept. 16 event said Kylie and her husband who live in Lanigan run McClenaghan Made (search McClenaghan Made on Facebook), creating signs, shirts, furniture, mugs, and essentially any type of personalized gifts. Judging by the smiles on those in attendance, a good time was had by all.

- information and photos courtesy Jaymie Peters



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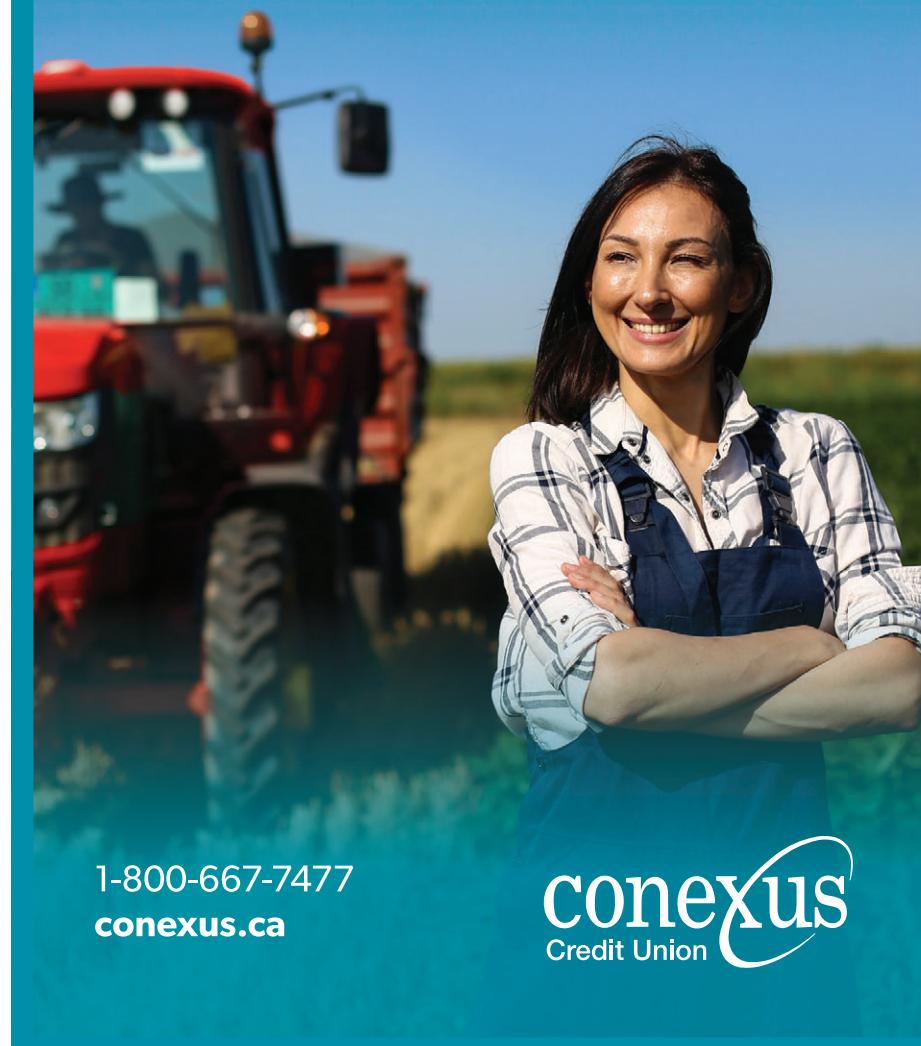
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1935 - 2021

Gloria Alcantara Mirza, chemist, mother, wife, friend and honorary Ninang to many, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. She was 85.

Gloria was the second child of Isabelle and Maria Alcantara of Bolbok, Batangas

City Philippines. A trailblazer of her generation, she completed a double degree in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at Mapua Institute of Technology. Her first job was at the RECCO television company where she developed process protocols for large scale television manufacturing. In search of adventure she immigrated to Canada in the early 1970s and eventually found her way to Lanigan, Sask. where she worked for over 20 years as a laboratory technician for the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. Although she was very happy with her job, the local ladies auxiliary sensed she could benefit from a companion and introduced her to Irshad Mirza whom she married in 1975 and together they cultivated a house full of love where she was mom to Akhtar, Qanta, Ishaq and Ahmad. Ever hospitable, the family home was a welcome landing pad for countless siblings, nephews, nieces and friends from the Philippines and Pakistan looking to start a new life in Canada. Always graceful, she will be remembered for her love of song, her Filipino-Pakistani fusion cuisine, a work ethic that somehow put 30 hours of work into a 24 hour day and above all an unshakable dedication to her faith.

Gloria was predeceased by her brothers Reynaldo and Armando as well as younger sister Norma.

She is survived by her sister Consuelo and brother Carlos.

Prayers and visitation was held at Speers Funeral Chapel, 2136 College Avenue, Sunday, October 3, 2021. Funeral Mass was held at Holy Child Roman Catholic Church, 2636 7th Avenue East, Regina, Sask. on Monday, October 4, 2021 followed by a virtual meet and greet early in the afternoon. To view the livestream of the service and to leave an online message of condolence, please visit Gloria's Tribute page at www.speersfuneralchapel.com

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winter attire were probably some of the last things on people's minds over this Thanksgiving weekend, turning back the clock 23 years ago, people in Saskatchewan were forced to dig out of a massive storm while eating turkey in the dark.

In 1998, Phillips said the province was buried under a blanket of snow with places receiving anywhere from 25 to 70 cm of snow. With the heavy and wet snow falling, trees were brought down and power outages occurred to around 30,000 homes. "In some places that high end of 70 cm would be almost a

year's worth of snow which fell in two or three days. It looked more like Christmas than Thanksgiving."

According to the Oct. 19, 1998 edition of The Watrous Manitou, the local area was not immune to the Thanksgiving storm. With power outages taking place, in Watrous crews responded to a downed 4,160 volt power line. To make matters worse, local emergency crews experienced a small electrical failure in their responding truck. However, with quick thinking, Watrous resident Dwight Kornelsen who was the deputy fire chief at the time utilized his ham radio skills to communicate during the storm. With the

outages, downed power line and being able to use the ham radio operations, members of the volunteer fire department were able to stay in communication with Sask Power. Radio signals were relayed through an I.M. Repeater which was located at the home of experienced ham radio operator W. D. Wilson in Watrous. With the ham radios in operation, the hookup allowed the crew to stay in touch with Sask Power workers while keeping them updated during the dangerous situation. A short time later communications were restored and the emergency crew's regular cellphone equipment was back on line.

Along with the downed

line and power outages, in the article, publisher at that time, Frank Wilson noted people witnessed flashes of lightning and heard thunder during the storm. "One farmer said it lit up the area 'like an arc welder' reflecting brightly upon the snow covered ground."

Wilson also included an account of a large elm tree falling after accumulating heavy and wet snow. Grandkids of a local resident had been playing near the tree just seconds beforehand then ran into the house leaving the door open. "At this precise moment, the tree let go and fell towards the house. Since the door was open, the branches came inside without damaging anything, including the grandchildren!"

In total, during that Saturday and Sunday storm over Thanksgiving weekend, the area received close to one foot of snow. Other areas, specifically north of Prince Albert had power outages lasting for a few days. Wilson said the Emma Lake area reportedly had three feet of snow.

In addition to the Watrous area, Lanigan also received a large helping of snow. On the front page of the Oct. 19, 1998 edition of the Lanigan Advisor was a photo taken by former publisher Linda Mallett of a snowman with the headline: Thanksgiving or Christmas?

The large amount of snow

was enough that families headed outdoors to make the best of the situation including the Knaus family who created a big snowman.

While Phillips indicated Saskatchewan had some of the worst power outages experienced during that Thanksgiving weekend, 10 days later "people traded their snow shovels for golf clubs because it was just the very nature of October. It can punish you but then can come back and give you a taste of summer-like weather."

Outlook

With many probably preferring not to experience a pre-winter storm like the one back in 1998, the reality is recent values reminiscent of summer may not be here for much longer. But even with lower values forecast heading into the middle of October, Phillips said the drop will not be like going from tropical air to arctic air. The Senior Climatologist said models are showing for mid-October to mid-November a little warmer than normal.

One thing that Phillips stressed heading into the middle part of October is the need for precipitation. With harvest operations either wrapped up or nearly finished, with no real rains over the past two months, he said now is when precipitation is welcome.

"This is time you need to recharge that soil, the dugouts, the sloughs and the potholes. We are in desperate need and the deficit is still way down. Even if it comes in the form of wet snow with lots of moisture in it, I think most people would take it."

Precipitation wise, Phillips said over the next month the forecast is calling for a little wetter than normal, specifically in northern portions of the province.

He also noted that this winter will once again be a La Niña type season. Normally meaning it will be a colder than normal winter, Phillips said last year was also forecast as the same and it ended up being one of the balmiest on record with exception for a pair of weeks in February.

Last winter was rather tame by most Prairie standards so it is hard to know what winter will be like. My sense is to enjoy the fall. We still think there is a lot more summer left in the air and when it does turn it doesn't seem to drop suddenly into something else."

As for what to expect for the rest of this month, Phillips said, "October is very fickle and fitful and can change on a dime. One degree can make the difference between whether you are carrying an umbrella or shovelling the snow."



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