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A Strange Weekend in Rockville

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The town of Rockville has had a lot of unusual weather this year. However, last weekend's weather may have been the strangest of all.

"Clearly, it was the wildest weather Rockville has ever had," said Mayor Kiki Smith. "There is no question about that."

Saturday started out sunny and warm, a pleasant morning in June. About 10 A.M., the air turned chilly and foggy. "In fifteen minutes, the temperature on Main Street dropped from 73 to 28," said Elmer Pickle, owner of the hardware store.

By noon, twelve inches of snow had fallen. Police Chief Isabel Garcia said, "We were busily calling for tow trucks to help the cars stuck on the highway, when, bingo, the snow stopped and the heat wave started."

Archie Jones, who is in charge of the town school buses, said, "The snow

melted so quickly that I was sure school would be able to start on time on Monday. Was I ever wrong!"

Lily Sanchez described what happened next. "My cat Otis and I were on the sofa quietly reading a book. Suddenly, thunder shook the walls. Hail pounded loudly on the roof. Then the power went out. It has been out ever since. I haven't been able to heat up any milk for Otis," she added, unhappily.

Sam Li, president of the Rockville Power Company, said that, even though the terrible weather has ended, hundreds of homes are still without power. "We fixed many problems easily. Others will take longer. We will not rest until everyone has power again."

Mayor Smith has invited weather experts from around the country to visit Rockville. "There must be someone who can explain what happened," she said.

Until then, last weekend's weather will remain a mystery.

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