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Donation and Pictures

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To: sinnott4@gmail.com

Wed, May 24, 2023 at 1:55 PM

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Sat, Jun 10, 2023 at 11:15 AM

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Take care, 'till next time!

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Cc: Jim St George <StGeorgeCorner@aol.com>

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