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(AUSTIN) — Texas families still have time to lock in costs at Texas public colleges and universities at today's prices and avoid future increases in tuition and required fees. Comptroller Susan Combs reminds families they can do so by enrolling their children in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund®, the state's prepaid college tuition program. The current annual enrollment period ends on Feb. 28.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund allows participants to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on current prices.

"Families can purchase a Promise Fund account and ease their concern about rising college costs," Combs said. "The program also gives parents the flexibility of choosing how much prepaid tuition they want to buy and what payment options to use as they plan ahead for their children's education."

Under the plan, families can prepay tuition and required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

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Jacksonville youth show "Sunday Best" talents



Pictured Left to Right - Tyesha High singer and writer, Devadrian church ursher, Ro Chaftney Jackson singer, Gloria Parson Kahareem, musician of the Ibneiah Missionary Baptist Church.

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EDITORIAL



Maxine Session

Pearl Bailey once said, "Many people worry, but they don't do anything about it." That's right, many of us are worriers. We worry about doing all the things we promised to do for family, volunteer chores to finish at church, income taxes to prepare. We worry about our health, our sanity, our jobs, our safety and the safety of our family. What does all this worry accomplish? A few more frown ines, loss of sleep, a few

lmore strands of gray hair and a train of thought that causes inner agitation and

Let me leads to forgetting see? those important details that you really need to What Canremember.

I find to Worry About Now?

Addressing our worries with positive action is our only solution. Make a list of things to do in priority and solicit help if necessary. Keep those

doctor appointments and the checkups going. Learn to say no to requests to take on new responsibilities, if you really don't have the time. It might take some time to overcome our difficulties, but each step taken in that direction helps to slow the worry.

"Each day I will take five minutes to focus on an issue that is troubling me and devise a simple plan toward fixing it.

The Texas Declaration of Independence.

Texas Declaration of was the formal Independence declaration of independence of the Republic of Texas from Mexico in the Texas Revolution. It was adopted at the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 2, 1836, and formally signed the following day after errors were noted in the text. In October 1835, settlers in Mexican Texas launched the Texas Revolution. However, within Texas, many struggled with understanding what was the ultimate goal of the Revolution. Some believed that the goal should be total independence from Mexico, while others sought the reimplementation of theMexican Constitution of 1824 (which offered greater freedoms than the centralist government declared in Mexico the prior year). To settle the issue, a convention was called for March 1836. This convention differed from the previous Texas councils of 1832. 1833, and the 1835 Consultation. Many of the delegates to the 1836 convention

were young men who had only recently arrived in Texas, although many of them had participated in one of the battles in 1835. Most of the delegates were members of the War Party and were adamant that Texas must declare. Some believe that one of the reasons for the secession was Mexico's abolition of slavery. In 1829 Mexico abolished slavery, but it granted an exception until 1830 to Texas. That year Mexico made the importation of slaves illegal. Anglo-American immigration to the province slowed at this point, with settlers angry about the changing rules. To circumvent the law, numerous Anglo-American colonists converted their slaves to indentured servants, but with life terms. Others simply called their slaves indentured servants without legally changing their statuses independence from Mexico. Slaveholders trying to enter Mexico would force their slaves to sign contracts claiming that the slaves

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Sunday Best

~by Rev. Milton R. Parsons, Pastor Ibeneiah Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday Best is a reality television Gospel singing competition series which airs on BET.

Each season the show and its judges set out to find the best undiscovered gospel talent in America. Finalist compete each week until a winner is crowned. Current judges of the competition are Gospel singers Yolanda Adams CeCe Winans and Donnie McClurkin, former host include Mary Mary & Bebe Winans. Gospel singer Kim Burrell serves as the contestants mentor, and the program is hosted by Kirk Franklin.

The Sunday Best winner receives a national recording contract, a new automobile, and an undisclosed cash prize benefiting his or her community as well as the title of 'Sunday Best'. Season one runner up Shari Addison also scored a recording contract, as well as season two runner up Jessica Reedy although her contract was not rewarded from the show.

On the season 4 finale, host Kirk Franklin announced that the series would be returning for a 5th season next year. The 6th season will premiered July, 2013. Season 5 ended with a 2 hour special on September 2, 2012. The winner of the 5th season is Joshua Rogers from Greeleyville, South Carolina. He made history as the first male contestant to win the Sunday Best title. Kirk Franklin announced at the close of Sunday Best 5 that there will be a season 6.

Throughout history world renoun singers like Gladys Knight, Aretha Franklin, Kirk Franklin and many, many others began singing in Church as small children.

For more years than we can remember, on Sunday morning throughout East Texas local churches are filled with young people giving praise and worship to the Lord through song.

Here in recent years Sunday Best has helped inspire these youn people to share their talents and work toward achieving higher goals.

Also, encouragement from elders in the church goes a long way with these young people.



These young people bring "Sunday Best" to Ibneiah Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

In one local Jacksonville church, Ibneiah Missionary Baptist church, the boys and girls are encouraged to achieve prestigeous levels of skill and talent to represent the future of God's anointed people and the future of the church.

Tyesha High, Rochaftney "Peaches" Jackson, Gloria "Little G" Parsons Khareem and Devadrian are their names. These young people bring the presence of "Sunday Best" to Jacksonville.

Tyesha is a ninth grade student at Jacksonville High School who sings and writes her own songs. Rochafney sings with the voice of a nightengale. Gloria is currently the musician for the church. She has been self-taught since the age of twelve. and has composed songs to glorify God.

Devadrian is a most faithful church ursher and a baseball player. We hope his talents will take him to the level of "Major League" star.

The dedication and the will to serve God with their talents assures the future of the church.

Genesis 16:4 and Luke 1:25 the scripture tells us that to the Hebrews, children were considered gifts from God. Jesus clearly expressed His love and respect for children. (Mark 9:36-37) He used the innocence and openess of children to illustrate the attitude necessary for entering the Kingdom of God. (Matthews 18:2-30.

Children are like gardens when planted, they need to be cultivated. As parents, church families and communites we must remember this and handle them with care, then the fruit they bear will be the best as with Tyesha, Rochaftney, Gloria and Devadrian.

Children Learn What They Live

By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be
apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

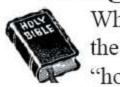
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, t

hey learn to feel envy.

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Religion



What does the word "holy"

mean?

Holy means moral and ethical wholeness or perfection; freedom from moral evil. Holiness is one of the essential elements of God's nature required of His people. Holiness may also be rendered "sanctification" or "Godliness". The Hebrew word for "holy" denotes that which is "sanctified" or "set apart" for devine service.

God instructed Moses to "consecrate Aaraon and his sons" (Exodus 29:9) to the priesthood. The children of Israel were admonished to "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). The "Holy of Holies" (or Holiest of All")was the most sacred place in the dessert tabernacle and in the Temple at Jerusalem (Exodus 26:33); Hebrews 9:1-9; (Most Holy Place), Elisha was called a "holy man of God" (2nd King 4:9). Herod feared John The Baptist, "knowing that he was a just holy man. (Mark 6:20).

While "holy" is sometimes used in a ceremonial sense, the main use is to describe God's righteous nature or the ethical righteousness demanded of His followers(Isaiah 1:10-14 Matthew 12:7). Originating in God's nature, holiness is a unique quality of His character. The Bible emphasizes this devine attribute. "Who shall not fear yo, O Lord for you alone are holy" (Revelation 15:4) God's high expectations of His people flow out of His own holy nature. You

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shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2)

Jesus was the personification of holiness by insisting that His disciples have a higher quality and degree of righteousness than that of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20). Like Amos and Hosea, Jesus appealed for more than ceremonial holiness.

The theme of sanctification or growing into God's likeness and being consecrated for Hisuse, is prominent throughout the Bible. Like Jesus, the disciples taught that sanctification or true holiness, expressed itselfin patience and loving service while awaiting the LORD's return. Peter urges the suffering Christians of the Roman Empire to follow God's example holiness in their trials: As He has called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1:15).

Paul's Prayer for the saints Thessalonica is timeless in application to the church and individual believers: and may the Lord make you increase in love and abound in love....so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints" (Thessalonians 3:12-13).

Sodom ans Gomorrah Genesis 18-19

The twinn cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, on the fertile plains of the Jordon River were awful places. Awash with sin, the people led wicked lives, satisfying ever desire. The Lord saw it all and made up His mind to destroy it by wiping it from the face of the earth. Abraham's nephew Lot was a righteous man so the Lord sent two angels disguised as men, to the

city of Sodom. Lot was kind to them. The angels led Lot and his wife and two daughters to safety on the edge of the plain, called Zoar. They warned them not to look back. By the time they reached Zoar the Lord had put His plan into action . It was a terrifying sight as burning sulfur rained down from the heavens on the two cities, turning them into one gigantic inferno. Lots wife forgot what the angels had told them and looked back as they ran from the flames. She was rooted to the

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah demonstrates the power of God's justice. Lot's kindness and hospitality were his salvation. He didn't know that the men who came to sodom were angels but he risked his life to save them. However, Lot's wife becomes a pillar of salt as a permanent reminder of what happens when God's word is disobeyed.

ground and turned to a pillar of salt.

Today this distinctive salt rock column is called "Lot's wife" and can be seen on Mount Sodom, standing over the salty waters of the Dead Sea.

Children

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IIf children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence. If children live with tolerance, they

learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal. If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.



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Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude.

Dr. Martin Luther King, gr.



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paid \$491 and Hispanic women got paid \$410 per week. Women mostly work low-paying jobs and are mostly paid less than their

jobs and are mostly paid less than their male colleagues. In the year 2000, White women (27.7%), African American women (36.5%), and Hispanic women (49.3%) were low-wage earners as compared to white men (15.2%).

Nearly three-quarters of working women are mothers, including most women with small children.

There have been improvements in the arena of employed women but most women work low-wage jobs that predominately female-oriented. One way to fix this problem is to vote for governmental candidates who are women-friendly. Read and understand what a candidate's thoughts on women employment discrimination and only vote for those candidates who want to change legislation for women in the employment area. Write your congressman on the state and federal level and encourage him or her to introduce bills that discourage women employment discrimination. Finally, keep applying for jobs that you believe are not open to you. You might be the trailblazer that receives the job and opens the workplace to other women.

Your Body Belongs To the Lord

Focus your thoughts on what is really important - For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17)

Your body belongs to the Lord, therefore don't violate His standards for it - Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Therefore glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Edify yourself, not gratify yourself! - All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify". (1 Corinthians 10:23

Always ask is my eating glorifying God or how can I honor God through my eating?

"Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Bite by bite, give God control of your food intake and appetite - "But the fruit of the Spirit isself-control" (Galations 5:22



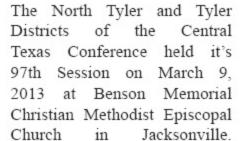
97th Session of the North Tyler and Tyler Districts Conference held at Benson



The district choir sang and Elder D. R. Madlock was the speaker bringing the communion message.



REv. Tommy Starks and fellow minister take a break between services.



The service began with praise and worship service lead by the district musicians. The election of secretaries, presidents and vice presidents and auxiliary meetings were conducted by department heads.

Newly elected officers were installed, finance reports were given by the Joint Boards of Staff.

Rev. Kenneth Cain, pastor of Benson was the host pastor and Elder D. R. Madlock was the host Presiding Elder. Dinner was hosted by Benson.



Rev. Orenthia Mason, Rev. Wooduronn Holman and others waith for Communion service to begin.



Rev. Redwine, pastor of Mt. Haven CME and other ministers in planning session. Below Ms. Franklin and Kay Holsome check on the food.



Signing Day at Rusk High School



Front row 1 to r- Maxine Session, Darren Franklin, Terri Franklin. Back row 1 to r - Walter Session and Floyd Franklin.



Rusk High Schol Senior football players and coaches on signing day.

Darren Franklin will be attending Henderson State University of Arkadelphia, Arkansas on both an academic scholarship and an athletic scholarship. He also received the J. W. Carter Legacy Scholarship from the Dallas Chapter of the G. W. Bradford Alumni Association and the Lauretta Colston Stewart

Memorial Scholarship.

Darren ranked number twelve in his class finishing in the top ten per cent. He is the son of Terri and Floyd Anthony Franklin and the grandson of Walter and Maxine Sesion of Rusk and Floyd Franklin

and Lula Perry of Jacksonville.

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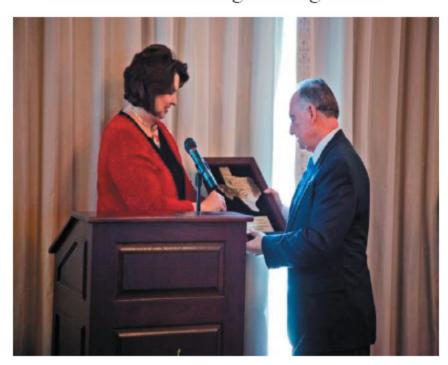
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Kilgore, TX - Approximately 200 legislators, elected officials, business and civic leaders joined in Austin on Tuesday for the second bi-annual East Texas Reception hosted by ETCOG on behalf of the County Judges and Commissioners Association. The reception, held at the Mansion at Judges Hill from 12-2, was to honor legislators while they are in session, share priorities important to the region, and honor a legislator of the year.

ETCOG Executive Committee chairman, Judge Thomas Cravey of Camp County, shared the top three regional priorities during his welcome speech: 1) Community & Economic Development, 2) Health and Human Services with an added emphasis on Mental Health, and 3) Workforce Training & Education. The regional priorities were nominated by the ETCOG Chief Elected Officials board, and voted on by the board, ETCOG Executive Committee and general public by an emailed electronic survey. See the full list of regional priorities here.

OBITUARIES

Ms. Loyal Barron

Funeral services were held for Ms. Loyal (Galboy) Barron on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with the Rev. Mertis Bartley officiating. She was born on November 15, 1921 to Ward and Lily Foreman in Rusk, Texas. Galboy attended G. W. Bradford Schools. She joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until her death.

She loved her family and friends. She had a vbibrant, colorful personality and always spoke her mind. She enjoyed time spent going to Houston to visit her family and their many trips to see the Globe Trotters and Astros. She loved to hear her grandchildren call her "Moma Galboy". She was a loyal employee to J. L. and Mary Hassell and helped themraise their four children, working for them over thirty-six years. She helped babysit the grandchildren of the Hassells as they were growing up.Galboy was a wonderful cook. She loved cooking for large groups. If there was a way to cook chicken, she knew about it as the Hassells had a chicken farm and chicken for her to cook several times a week. She was an avid Houston Astros

and Harlem Globe Trotter fan. A special bond her and Mr. Hassell shared was sitting and listening to the Astros on the TV or radio.

On Saturday morning, February 16, the Lord called Galboy home and her brave fight was finally over. She entered the heavenly gates to eternity, and was finally complete with the Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Barron, her father mother and seven syblings.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Son: John "Wardell" Gonzales, two grand-daughters; Regina Gonzales HArper-Harper, and Vernetta "Jojo" Gonzales-Douglas, two grandsons; Juan and Jonathan Gonzales, her two great grandchildren; Paige and Joseph Hatch, her special friend; Mary B. Hassell, her second family; Mary Ann and Ron Perry, Weida and Danny Woodruff; Anita ns Jerry Oaker, Sonny Hassell and their children; aleigh Ann and Kyle Dawson,; Shelby and Will, Clint and Meg Perry, J. D., Emily and Josiah Woodruff; Josh, Jennifer, Macy, Madalynn and Miles Woodruff: Luke Oaker, Jake Oaker: Kimberly, Chad and Nolan Linder; Tracy Gore and Caleb Hassell.

Support

I could draw a circle on a piece of paper and my mother made me feel like Van Gogh.

~Damon Wayans

When we have been raised in a supportive environment, we start life with one leg up. But what do we do if we did not receive that reinforcement? It's up to us to make ourselves feel good, strong, valuable, significant. We must find the "stuff" inside us that makes us feel proud and we must surround ourselves with people who support and affirm us.

Job and wage descrimination for women still exist

Once upon a time women's job ads from were separate men's job ads. Even it is discrimination in the workplace for women such as the specific types of jobs available to them, their salary amounts, and the promotions granted to them. Other discrimination against women include unwanted sexual attention, salaries based on gender, and attitudes toward pregnancy while working or attitudes toward certain ethnic or racial communities. Finally, disabilities may limit women's abilities to be hired in a position that they are qualified. Most women are unaware of their rights or a or what action to take when discrimination in the workplace occurs. considerations mentioned important to consider for low income women who are trying to move from welfare to work and others who economically disadvantaged who want and need to earn a salary.

In 2003, women were 47% of the labor forces with 59.5% of women 16 years or older seeking employmentorwere employed. White women were 38% of the labor force while women of color were 14%. Women of color are becoming more employed than white women and tend to slightly have more employment participation than white women.

The top five jobs for women in 2003 were secretaries and administrative assistants (96.3%), elementary a nd middle school teachers (80.6%), registered nurses (90.2%) nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides (89%) and cashiers (75.5%). The top job for African American women included nursing and residential facilities. For Hispanic women it was crop production. For Asian women it was computer and electronic manufacturing and for American Indian/Alaskan Indian it was gas stations.

The glass ceiling still exists for women in the employment area. Women cannot get beyond a certain level in some jobs. Women who are top executives increased from 8.7% in 1995 to 12.5% in 2000. But women of color's percentage remain consistent at 1.3% since 1999. Women leaders in the private sector increased from above 29% in 1990 to 36.4% in 2002.

Asian women are most likely to be leaders in the private sector realm with 41.4% holding such jobs. Hispanic women (22.9%) were least likely to hold such jobs along with African American women (29.7%), American Indian/Alaskan Native women (30%) and White women (38.7%).

In 2003, White men got paid \$715 per week. Asian women were paid \$598, White women were paid \$567. African American women were

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Slipping through the Cracks

by Michael Guinn

Great Grandpa, a magician, dissappeared at 60 Grandpa plays the field no responsibilities at 50 Daddy likes children touching his favorite game Grandpa and Daddy one and the same

We say go ahead be productive become positive impacts But they just cry because with blind eyes they keep slipping through the cracks

Cousins become brothers Uncle momma's friend Little sister hides her feelings in secret closets of sin High school sophomores at 20 chillin having fun while flippin burgers, 2 counts of murder twice convicted at 21 Go to school? Be successful? Now how can our kids dream that?

When the only examples they
have to follow
keep slippin through the cracks.

Comets of despair Asteroids of destruction meteors of Hate create black holes of dysfunction What can we do, me and you to turn their lives around? Break this cycle, stop society from cultural melt down

The Grim reaper their brother's keeper,

death's train is on their tracks Growing up is just pure luck when a child is raised between the cracks

(Michael Guinn is a local Jacksonville, Texas poet who now lives in Dallas, Texas. He is the son of Everlene Brown Guinn and Charles Guinn.)

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30 Locations Throughout East Texas

Texas Independence from page 2 owed money and would work to pay the debt. The low wages the slave would receive made repayment impossible, and the debt would be inherited, even though no slave would receive wages until age eighteen. In 1832 the state passed legislation prohibiting worker contracts from lasting more than ten years. The abolition of slavery created tensions between the Mexican government slave-holding settlers from the United States. These tensions came to a head in the Anahuac Disturbances. In August 1831, Juan Davis Bradburn the military commander of the custom station on Upper Galveston Bay gave asylum to two men who had escaped from slavery in Louisiana. The slaveowner hired William Barret Travis, a local lawyer, in an attempt to retrieve the men. When Bradburn arrestedTravis suspicion of plotting

settlers insurrection. rebelled. The disturbances were resolved through a combination of arms and political maneuvering. One result was the Turtle Bayou Resolutions which were an explanation of the grievances that had led to the disturbances. One of the resolutions challenged Bradburn for "advising and procuring servants to quit the service of their masters, and offering them protection; causing them to labor for his benefits, and refusing to compensate them for the same.

Others dispute this contention and argue that there is little evidence to support this assertion. Only three contemporary references have been found that indicate a potential connection between slavery and the revolution. [8] On the other hand, many other motivations for revolution have been documented, including taxation, tariffs, and lack of protection of rights that settlers had become accustomed to in the United States.

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Tuition

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Thanks very much for your support. H R Waggoner

Private Applicator Training/ Testing-March 26th

Area agricultural producers and will have the opportunity to complete training and testing to meet the requirements for obtaining a private applicator license on Tuesday, March 26th at the Extension Office in Rusk, Cherokee County Extension Office is located in the Courthouse Annex Building at 165 East 6th Street in Rusk. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., and the training will begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be a \$10 fee for the training. Class participants must purchase Private Applicator Training Packet; the packets and study worksheets are available at the County Extension office for \$40. Those interested in the program should call the Cherokee County Extension office at (903)683-5416 as soon as possible to RSVP as registration numbers are limited. To become a licensed private applicator, a producer must attend a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service private applicator training,

make a passing score on a Texas Department of Agriculture (T. D. A.) Private Applicator examination and submit an application to T. D. A. along with a required \$60 fee. The T. D. A. private applicator license is valid for 5 years. In an effort to aid in "Homeland Security" TDA requires license candidates to provide proof of identification before examinations will be administered. Acceptable forms of ID are valid Driver's License, official military identification, or state ID cards. For further information about the program, contact the Cherokee County Extension Office at (903)683-5416 Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion,

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Speaker: Elder D. R. Madlock

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