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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
70°/47°



Saturday
Sunny
68°/47°



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
68°/52°



Deena Lee is the First Female Battalion Chief in the South Bay



The many faces of a Battalion Chief (left to right): Battalion Chief Lee addressing the City Council; in front of Battalion 31 Command Vehicle; and in her turnouts, her structural firefighter gear, which includes helmet, jacket, pants, boots and gloves. To read about Battalion Chief Deena Lee's story, go to page 3.

Walker Takes Over the Leadership Reins at the Chevron El Segundo Refinery

By Duane Plank

Soon-to-be El Segundo resident Frederick Walker has once again ascended the corporate company ladder at the Chevron Corporation; he recently was selected as the new general manager at the El Segundo plant, replacing the retired Henry Kusch, at the sprawling facility that is bordered on the north by El Segundo Boulevard and has been an El Segundo institution for more than 100 years.

Walker, who began tackling his new job duties in October, and his wife Selena are currently living in Playa Vista, but Walker is confident that he will be relocating to El Segundo in the next month.

The refinery that Walker oversees blankets more than 1,000 acres of land, employs more than 1,100 workers, interfaces within the neighborhood of 500 contractors, and is touted as the largest producing oil refinery on

the west coast, processing more than 276,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

The 46-year-old Walker, born and raised in Central Mississippi, lived in the Magnolia State until his mid-30's. As he was navigating through his high school years, he said that one day his father brought home a copy of the U.S. News and World Report magazine, and counseled his son to take a look at the paper, and start thinking about a career pathway, post-high school. Walker said that, at that time, chemical engineering rated highly on the job pay scale, so Walker thought "that is a good place to start." He eventually learned more about chemical engineering, noting that "I was always a math and science kind of person."

Walker attended Mississippi State University, where he grasped the opportunity to participate in the Chevron Co-op program, which, he said, was "a way for me to get some actual work experience, and see what I was getting myself into." He interviewed

for the program as a freshman and spent four semesters working at the Pascagoula Refinery while he was pursuing his undergraduate degree, gaining knowledge about what chemical engineers' duties entailed in the fields of oil and energy. Basically, a paid internship. "It allowed me to get some experience and earn some money," he said, as he worked his way through college.

Walker landed a job with Chevron at the Pascagoula refinery, post-graduation, as a process engineer. He would continue to gain experience in the industry, working as an oil planning analyst, process engineering lead, operations assistant, and operations section head, and continued on the education pathway, notching an MBA from Tulane University in 2006.

In 2009, Walker's career landed him in the Golden State, where he worked as Chevron's business planning analyst for downstream manufacturing in No Cal's San Ramon. He

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Fredrick Walker

Love Thy Neighbor

Dear El Segundoians,

The Herald staff and I only know so many El Segundoians, but we want to learn about more of you. With 8,000 residents, we're sure there are some gems we may have overlooked or not been aware of them. Do you have an interesting friend, neighbor or student? With most of El Segundo sports and events

on hold, we are looking to do more El Segundo residents' profiles. All you have to do is ask their permission and send us their contact information. Send your suggestions in to letters@heraldpublications.com

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— Best to you all. HM.



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Council Joins Growing Resistance to Restaurant Dining Ban

By Rob McCarthy

Add El Segundo to the growing list of local governments fighting the latest lockdown on restaurant dining right before the start of the holidays. On Tuesday, mayor Drew Boyles detailed a flurry of behind-the-scenes discussions to persuade Los Angeles County public health officials that locking down restaurants and breweries is unfair to food and beverage businesses that already have taken extraordinary precautions.

The County Public Health Department on November 22 announced that restaurants would be limited to take-out service only starting on the night before Thanksgiving and lasting until December 17. The restriction included breweries, wineries and bars to prevent crowding and transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. The County targeted the businesses, it said, because customers don't wear face coverings while they dine and drink.

El Segundo immediately objected with a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking them to overrule the COVID-19 order. Left in place, the new temporary restrictions "will further devastate businesses in our community to the point of no return," Mayor Boyles wrote on November 24. "Our business community has expressed concern that these restrictions will hurt already struggling businesses, who

have made extraordinary efforts to invest in personal protective equipment to comply with all the Health Officer Orders to keep their customers and employees safe."

The city's plea for relief didn't fall on deaf ears. Supervisor Janice Hahn agreed with El Segundo's position that the data doesn't support the restaurant-dining prohibition. And she's worried about the employees who will lose hours or be laid off, without a safety net right before the holidays. "The proposed policy to arbitrarily close outdoor dining abandons our restaurant workers who will be laid off right before the holidays. Without a new Federal stimulus package, the County will not be able to get them the support they need," Hahn wrote in an op-ed article.

A small fraction of the known cases of COVID-19 - 3.1 percent - were contracted at a food or drink establishment, according to figures from the County Public Health Department. After hearing from El Segundo and other cities, Hahn voted to overturn the on-site dining ban. However, the majority of supervisors backed the public-health order.

COVID-19 cases traced back to restaurants and bars countywide accounted for 70 of 2,257 confirmed cases found from 204 "outbreak" locations, Boyles stressed to the supervisors and county public health officer Barbara Ferrer. "We understand the need to find the right path to reducing exposure and that difficult sacrifices must be made, but let's not put this on the backs of our restaurants, breweries and bars that have shown compliance to remain open," the mayor added.

Though lobbying the county supervisors last week, El Segundo's mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Pimentel turned their efforts to a collective effort by South Bay cities to persuade the region's public-health officials either to lift their order early or not renew it come December 17. Boyles and Pimentel participated in a video link meeting Monday night hosted by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the restaurant and brewery dining ban and read what the different cities thought about the prohibition. The consensus was unanimous, even from Inglewood, where COVID-19 cases and deaths are disproportionately higher, that the food and beverage businesses aren't the cause of the surge in new cases and hospitalizations.

Randy Collins, emergency management coordinator for El Segundo, told the council on Tuesday, "this might be the worst day of the pandemic so far." State, county and federal health officials predict the spike in COVID-19-related hospitalizations could overwhelm intensive care units and local hospitals by Christmas week. The case count in Los Angeles shot up on Tuesday by 7,593, and there were more people hospitalized, and in intensive care than the week before, county figures showed. El Segundo showed four new cases, bringing the city's active cases to 30, heading into December. Active cases include people in quarantine after testing positive in the past two weeks.

Los Angeles County health officials relied on a study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, which Collins questioned as a reliable basis for imposing outdoor dining restrictions countywide. CDC researchers in September analyzed adults with COVID-19 symptoms and concluded those who dined at restaurants were twice as likely to develop symptoms as people who didn't venture out to restaurants, bars, breweries, or wineries. However, the study did not drill down into whether those who caught COVID-19 had eaten indoors or outdoors, Collins explained. The study neglected to consider other activities besides public dining that could have led to the virus transmission.

Individual council members sent a message for support to the owners of local food and beverage establishments. Councilman Scot Nicol reminded residents they don't have to

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In Sound of Metal, a Musician Loses His Hearing and, In Turn, His Identity

Morgan Rojas for cinemacy.com

As a musician, the most important instrument you have is your hearing. *Sound of Metal*, written and directed by Darius Marder and story by Derek Cianfrance (*Blue Valentine*), is a dramatic exploration of lost identity, and the challenge to accept a new normal.

Riz Ahmed plays Ruben, a heavy metal drummer who unexpectedly starts to go deaf before playing a show with his bandmate and partner, Lou (Olivia Cooke). Terrified and

varied throughout the years, and *Sound of Metal* really puts you into the mindset of a character who never got to choose. But the takeaway here is that being deaf isn't a weakness or a handicap when viewed with the right perspective. When one sense is obstructed, it allows the others to expand and grow, leading to appreciating moments that, otherwise, may have gone unnoticed.

How hard would it be to accept the "new you" after a tragedy? Cinemacy writer Ryan Rojas explores this thought-provoking question



Sound of Metal, courtesy of Amazon Studios.

confused, Ruben learns that with only 20% of his hearing capacity left, his lifestyle as a touring musician is forced to stop. Ruben is stubborn at first to accept his new reality, which includes a residency at a hearing impaired rehabilitation facility of sorts. Lead by a well-intentioned man named Joe, (Paul Raci), Ruben's struggles eventually turn into small victories as he begins to welcome the beauty in the unknown.

The way director Darius Marder works with sound, which includes the piercing ring of tinnitus and the strain of trying to understand muffled conversations, is eerily gripping. Combined with a phenomenal performance from lead Riz Ahmed (one that will certainly be discussed come awards season), *Sound of Metal* is an emotional film that will be hard to shake.

When I was younger, I used to wonder if living without sight or sound would be harder on me (as a film critic, this question is like *Sophie's Choice*). My answer has

in the latest Reflection article, now up on cinemacy.com.

Sound of Metal is being distributed by Amazon Studios and will be available to stream on Amazon Prime Video on December 4, 2020. •



Morgan Rojas

Your Neighborhood Therapist

Dear Neighborhood Therapist:

My friend is a kind, funny, thoughtful human who seems increasingly captured by conspiracy theories. This has led to a lot of problems for my friend at work, and though I have tried to be patient and debunk these theories with facts, I haven't had any luck. Our relationship is good, but I am extremely worried about the effect that these beliefs are going to have on my friend's relationships with other people. Should I be as worried as I am?

– *Pretty Darn Concerned in El Segundo..*

Dear Pretty Darn Concerned,

Some of the most gratifying work I do is helping people stand up for their beliefs and their preferred way of living, especially when it goes against what might be considered "normal." The pursuit of "normal" is catnip for anxiety. Living up to standards that we do not set ourselves is exhausting.

Many people want to play by their own rules, and often they have good reason to do so: many of the written and unwritten rules that our society has set up are deeply unjust.

Ask Rosa Parks. Rule breakers and holders of unpopular opinions make disproportionate amounts of history.

Most of us do have an unpopular opinion about something. If your friend insisted that Godfather Part 3 was the best of the series, I would urge you to be respectful even if you disagree. We are all entitled to wish the world would be certain ways.

I wish everyone accepted and celebrated the different and the unfamiliar. I wish popular kids would not be mean to unpopular kids. I wish that bullies did not exist. I wish that our government valued freelancers as much as nine-to-fivers. I wish that our culture did a better job of recognizing that a college degree is not always in everyone's best interest. I wish that our tax system valued committed partnerships as much as legal marriages.

The problem, of course, is that none of those things are true. Bullies exist from kindergarten to nursing homes. Freelancers have more trouble accessing unemployment and other benefits. Many employers prefer

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ESFD Battalion Chief Deena Lee Shatters the Glass Ceiling

By Duane Plank

Ask colleagues, bosses, and anyone that she has mentored why the El Segundo Fire Department's (ESFD) Deena Lee has become the first female battalion chief in the South Bay, and their impassioned responses tell the story.

Emailed ESFD Fire Chief Chris Donovan: "The El Segundo Fire Department has a Motto of *"Courtesy and Service"* which emphasizes our commitment to serving others and doing so with professionalism and courtesy. And interestingly, this has been a personal theme for Deena for decades," he wrote. "Deena began her formal quest to become a firefighter, and in 2003, after 13 entry-level tests over 3 1/2 years, she was hired by El Segundo Fire Department. Her work ethic, determination, and a quest for life-long learning continued to propel her drive for excellence. Once off probation, she began to take classes, obtained fire officer certification, and became Urban Search and Rescue Certified. In 2007 Deena took the fire captain exam and was promoted. Her journey of learning all aspects of the job and the experience she gained along the way has led her to today. Her drive, determination, grit, compassion, and willingness to work harder than anyone else, along with the sacrifices she has made over the years, has paid off. If you are going to select someone to be the South Bay's first female chief officer, that person would be El Segundo Fire Department battalion chief Deena Lee."

Catherine Galanti is an intern with the ESFD, who Lee took under her wing a few years ago. "I first met Chief Lee (then Captain Lee) in 2017 when I was a freshman in high school, and I took a station tour with my American Heritage Girls scout troop," she emailed. "I consider that the turning point in my decision to become a firefighter because, for the first time, I saw a woman who was successful and respected in the fire service. Over the past four years, Chief Lee has taken me in and shown me so much about what it means to be a firefighter."

"In observing how Chief Lee interacts with others in the department," Galanti said, "as well as people interested in joining the fire service, I have always been impressed. It is truly no surprise that she is the first female battalion chief in the South Bay. She is always

supportive and willing to do what she can to help - for anyone. It is evident how well respected she is in the community."

"She is also very committed to bringing up the next generation of firefighters. Whether it's by sitting in on promotion interviews for other local fire departments, helping to pioneer the Women's Fire Alliance, heading the wildland task force, or always being willing to do what she can for people trying to get into the field, I know I'm not the only one to benefit from Chief Lee's mentorship. One example that stands out to me was when Chief Lee took the time to accompany me to a Girls' Camp put on by the LA County Fire Department on her day off. She didn't have to do that, but I appreciated having her there to support me."

Melissa Hillis, engineer and firefighter in the Beverly Hills Fire Department, piles on the accolades for Lee, "I first met Deena at El Camino Fire Academy in the fall of 2008," she emailed. "I was a fresh firefighter candidate enrolled at the academy, and she was part of the training cadre. As Captain, the highest-ranking female firefighter I had ever seen, she was exactly what I wanted to be - successful, competent, and respected. It is so rare in the fire service to have a woman in command that the other male candidates would accidentally respond to her, in para-military style loud voices, with "YES SIR, I MEAN YES MA'AM!" Which would inevitably result in the whole academy having to get on the ground and give what I called at the time "yes ma'am push-ups"... in between each one, we would have to yell "ONE, MA'AM;" (push-up) "TWO, MA'AM" (push-up) "THREE MA'AM"... well you get the idea. I loved those push-ups."

Continued Hollis: "After the Academy, Deena and I kept in touch. She would check in from time to time to make sure things were good and that I was being treated well at my fire department. Deena is a caregiver, which is so unique and so effective for a leader. Our society's cultural norms say that men should achieve and that women should take care of others when in truth, we all should achieve and we all should take care of others. Deena has this gift of being ultra-determined to succeed, but while caring and supporting others on her path to success. Our paths would

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Police Reports

Monday, November 23rd

One female adult was arrested at 0629 hours from the 900 block of Main Street for grand theft, conspiracy, and one LASD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0629 hours from the 900 block of Main Street for grand theft, conspiracy, and one LASD felony probation warrant.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1254 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole personal items from the victim's carport.

One female adult was arrested at 2337 hours from East Mariposa Avenue and North Nash Street for identity theft, conspiracy, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving on a suspended license.

One female adult was arrested at 2336 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Nash Street

for identity theft and conspiracy

Two males and one female adults were arrested at 0326 hours from Center Street and East Maple Avenue for grand theft and conspiracy. One male and one female adults were additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. One male adult was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, November 24th

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 0800 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue. The suspect broke into the victim's vehicle and stole her property.

One male adult was arrested at 1041 hours from the 100 block of North Continental Boulevard for grand theft auto.

One female adult was arrested at 1041 hours from the 100 block of North Continental Boulevard for resisting arrest.

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Therapist

college graduates. I wish it wasn’t this way, but it is.

I would love it if things were different, but I’d have to change an entire economic and cultural system. I’m just not strong enough. Very few of us are (except, of course, for the Rosa Parks’ of this world).

Can your friend change reality? If yes, great - do it, problem solved. Is your friend especially skilled at finding like-minded individuals and keeping the facts at bay for years or decades? Maybe they’ll get lucky! On the other hand, if your friend is like the vast majority of us, then reality will eventually come crashing in one way or another. Ignoring the facts of the world only works if you can get away with it forever. It’s a very low-percentage shot.

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So yes, worry. It is going to be costly to your friend, and that stinks. But also do your best to be kind when reality does come knocking. Recognize that it’s much easier than it seems to fall victim to misinformation, especially when that misinformation lines up with the values we already have. It might be tempting, but do your best not to rub it in.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

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Across

- Country Western lady
- Law firm assistant, for short
- Sedan or coupe
- Bring onto the stage
- Start
- Think about, with on
- European subway
- Not working
- Better ___ he could do
- Many desserts
- Santa's conveyance
- For some purpose
- Censure
- Moved to Sousa music
- One not in uniform
- "I don't think so"
- Dwelling
- Repeated, it's a Carrey flick
- Shoe box designation
- Touch down time perhaps
- Fairfolk
- Geological time span
- Well-made
- Ad headline
- Insightful
- Fib
- Strewn
- Most "hip"

Down

- Jewels
- Fresh
- Behind
- Pea container
- King Kong, and others
- Bailiwick
- Of a great range
- Listerine rival
- Right.... (2 words)
- Ride
- Possessed
- Attribute to
- Out-and-out
- Wear a grin

Across

- Stalemate
- Manicurist's concern
- Cubs' home (abbr.)
- Billiard sticks
- Put ___ words
- Small glass container
- Military ship related
- Piece of history
- Doe or buck
- Shade provider
- Full house, e.g.
- Deceptive scheme
- "___ be seeing you"
- Fades away
- Corn type
- Property
- Stretch of land
- Ear part
- The Barber of Seville, for one
- ___ out (declined)
- Coy
- Boxing locale
- Look after
- Move carefully
- Didn't stand pat
- Pronounce
- Color

Last Week's Answers

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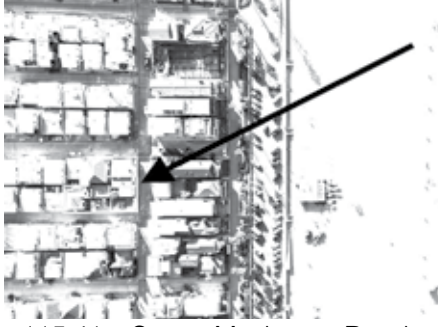
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Walker

also held posts as the operations section head and oils planning manager at the first-in-the-nation for Standard Oil Richmond refinery. He then sojourned to El Segundo to take on the job as refinery business manager.

Walker continued to strengthen his knowledge base about the intricacies of the daily operations of the Chevron Corporation, later working as a manufacturing and supply chain manager in Belle Chase, Louisiana, responsible for the company’s management and manufacturing of assets in Oak Point, Louisiana, as well as Maua, Brazil.

Next on Walker’s rising timeline, in 2019, he became vice-president of strategy, planning and technology for the corporation, with responsibilities including leading “downstream and chemicals strategy formation,” and delving into and devising planning options for refining and marketing, lubricants, and the companies petrochemical business, as well as process and information technology.

Walker’s background of successfully filling multiple roles made him an obvious candidate to fill the general manager slot in El Segundo once Kusch decided to retire.

Lily Craig, Chevron’s external affairs manager, feels that the company made a great selection when tabbing Walker. “Well you know, I hated to see Henry Kusch retire,” she emailed. “He was such an awesome general manager and a great guy, too! But I cannot imagine a better new general manager than

Fredrick Walker. He is wicked smart, thoughtful, empathetic, and just plain cares about people. And if that were not enough, he’s got a great sense of humor and an engaging smile.”

Jeff Wilson, the El Segundo refinery manager of corporate affairs, emailed “I have known Fredrick since he first worked in El Segundo and despite his many significant strategic leadership roles within Chevron since that time, he remains one of the most humble, thoughtful, accessible and engaging individuals I have worked with. In these challenging and uncertain times, we are truly blessed to have Fredrick at the helm.”

Continued Wilson: “Upon his return as General Manager, Fredrick made it an absolute priority to introduce himself to our refinery family conducting weekly “Ask Fredrick” web calls that averaged 500-600 employees. I know he also took great delight in spending time recently with our Community Advisory Panel (CAP) where nearly our entire virtual CAP meeting was centered around getting to know Fredrick, his family, his work history and vision for the future.”

Walker said that working his way up the ranks has well prepared him for his new job. He said that over the years working for Chevron, “you get a chance to talk about the jobs that interest you, not only the next job, but where you are targeting...so I had been looking to do a job like this for several years, had it on my radar...and other people had me

on their radar to become a general manager. Through dialogue and feedback from others,” he said, “I was offered the opportunity...a great opportunity for me, a big challenge, but one that I am looking forward to.”

Walker said that, because he was a long-time employee of Chevron, the interview process was different from the one that another external job seeker would partake in. He said that the interview process was more tilted towards “the evaluations that you go through year-to-year,” calling it “a multi-year interview” that embodied the totality of the work Walker had done for the company. He said that top executives, as they look to develop future general managers, “are constantly looking in the pipeline” for promotable candidates.

Said Walker: “I am “very excited and humbled by the opportunity.”

No story in the fall of 2020 would be complete without a thought on the scourge of COVID-19 and its effects on the workplace and employee safety. If Walker had taken his new job a year ago, his responsibilities would have been much different. “The way we have had to adjust to keep a 24-7-hour facility operating safely, reliably, and in an environmentally sound way,” Walker said, is paramount. “While you are also having to protect the health of those essential workers” who must show-up on the job site, unable to telecommute because of their job requirements. If COVID-19 wasn’t raging, Walker

said normally he would be canvassing the campus, shaking hands, rallying the troops, greeting people he hadn’t seen since his prior stint in El Segundo, or introducing himself to employees that he hadn’t met.

But in today’s pandemic atmosphere, Walker is leveraging the WebEx video platform to communicate with his charges, with sometimes 400-500 employees per session in the refinery and working from home, “engaging and talking. “You have to keep people engaged and informed,” he said, especially during times of uncertainty or unusual circumstances. It is a great way for employees, both working from home and at the facility, to ask questions of leadership, he said, mitigating somewhat the uncertainty of what the future may hold and the certainty of “constant change.”

When Walker is not tending to his responsibilities at Chevron, he and his wife Selena like to get out-and-about, with both being avid runners who have participated in several half marathons. Walker is a big fan of the New Orleans Saints and is looking forward to, when allowed, attending a Ram or Charger game at Inglewood’s SoFi Stadium. When asked about other outside interests, Walker paused, chuckled, and said he had recently asked his wife, who are very recent empty nesters, “what are our hobbies?”

I guess running the local Chevron refinery, a key cog in the Chevron empire, does not leave a lot of “hobby time,” right? •

from front page

Chief Lee

from page 3

cross here and there at joint training exercises throughout the county. Often, we would be the only two women amongst hundreds of men at these training exercises. We began to exchange ideas and stories and would lean on each other for support. “

“In March of 2018,” Hollis said, “we were both invited to the ARISE (A Reason to Include and Support Everyone) Summit hosted by the LA County Fire Department addressing gender bias and discrimination in the fire service. We realized that so many women were experiencing cultural issues, social isolation, unequal training and mentorship opportunities, and even inadequate facilities that were causing them to be less successful than they could be. We realized that the women needed to come together and make a change, which eventually gave birth to The Women’s Fire Alliance. The Mission of the WFA is to support and empower women in all aspects of the fire service by promoting an equitable work environment. As we were accomplishing the work of the WFA, Deena was also studying for Battalion Chief. So driven, so smart, she lived

and breathed leadership training, department policy, incident command systems, and more. She had studied and planned for so many emergency scenarios that she was having dreams of tsunamis and farfetched mass casualty incidents that she would command all night long in her sleep. Well, that is how you come out number one on the Battalion Chiefs examination! Now women have an example of fire department leadership in the South Bay, and the Women’s Fire Alliance is one step closer to promoting an equitable work environment for all.”

“Deena is the Vice President of the WFA; I am the Treasurer, continued Hollis. “We work together with our LA City Fire Department and LA County Fire Department Board of Directors to find ways to dramatically improve recruitment, retention, and promotion of women firefighters through advocacy, mentoring, and training, thereby ensuring critical mass representation is achieved at all levels of fire service. Our current project includes securing funds for consulting services of a subject matter expert to study and assess the needs of female firefighters

in the Los Angeles region, propose an optimal organizational structure for our 501c3, identify viable and continuous funding sources to ensure long-term sustainability, and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a regional resource and training facility that can support the specific needs of the WFA with the ultimate goal of increasing the number of women in fire service.”

You can certainly learn a lot about a person’s character and accomplishments by listening to and reading thoughts from those in that person’s inner circle, right?

Lee, who grew up in La Mirada and attended high school in Whittier, said she had her interest in following a career in fire science that was piqued while she was attending Long Beach City College, contemplating a career pathway in nursing. While working at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, she had multiple interactions with paramedics, who would bring patients to the hospital. She was urged to “try the fire department” by colleagues who took note of her skill set.

She then went on ten or so ride-a-longs

with local fire department personnel, and her ride-along buddies noticed that Lee had an obvious affinity for their work. One told her, “Deena, you are glowing; this is your calling.” Lee switched her major to fire science, and scored a job with the ESFD in 2003, and has been a rising star in the department ever since.

Lee lives in Santa Clarita, and when she is not on-the-job, enjoys hanging out with her dogs, snowboarding in Mammoth, peddling her Peloton, and, when the weather warms-up, taking advantage of the charms that the Pacific Ocean and adjacent sand offers.

So now that Lee has become the first female battalion chief in the South Bay, what is next on her upward job spiral, she was asked? Maybe fire chief? Lee chuckled, politely parrying that inquiry away, branding it a “trick question.” She said that she is “open to the possibility” but noted she probably needs “a little more time, a little more mentoring.”

If the past is prologue, do not bet against battalion chief Lee breaking through another fire department glass ceiling. •

Police Reports

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One male adult was arrested at 1224 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Douglas Street for driving a stolen vehicle, identity theft, resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and one LASD felony parole violation warrant

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 1829 hours from the 700 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim’s vehicle and stole her property.

A petty theft report was taken at 2354 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue. The suspect stole the victim’s property.

One male juvenile was detained at 0223 hours from Concord Street and Grand Avenue for one LASD misdemeanor warrant.

Wednesday, November 25th

One male adult was arrested at 0600 hours from the 200 block of Virginia Street for one Culver City PD felony warrant and one Burbank PD misdemeanor warrant.

An attempt grand theft auto and a burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0743 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and East Grand Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 1053 hours from the 200 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for criminal threats, assault with a deadly weapon, and vandalism.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 1151 hours from the 600 block of East Holly Avenue. Taken was a 2000 Honda CRV.

An identity theft and petty theft report were taken at 1354 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway.

A found property report was taken at 1740 hours from Center Street and Palm Avenue.

A set of keys was found

A found property report was taken at 1740 hours from Grand Avenue and Vista Del Mar. A wallet was found.

One female and one male adult were arrested at 2021 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for petty theft.

Stolen vehicle was recovered at 2225 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Recovered was a 2018 Toyota Sienna stolen out of HPD.

One male adult was arrested at 2225 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue for one outstanding parole warrant.

Two female adults were arrested at 2225 hours from the 2000 block of East Mariposa Avenue for identity theft. One female adult was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 0033 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and East Sycamore Avenue for criminal threats and resisting arrest.

Thursday, November 26th

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 0856 hours from the 800 block of Bungalow Drive. Unknown suspect(s) enter the victim’s vehicle and stole miscellaneous property.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1638 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s bicycle.

A found property report was taken at 1652 hours from the 100 block of East Pine Avenue. Found was a wallet. •

PUBLIC NOTICES

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 20SMCP00373

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
Petition of: ALISON LEIGH MOONEY & RAHUL RAMU LINGAM
for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner ALISON LEIGH MOONEY & RAHUL RAMU LINGAM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ALISON LEIGH MOONEY to
ALISON LEIGH RAMAKRISHNAN
RAHUL RAMU LINGAM to
RAHUL RAMAKRISHNAN

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
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1725 MAIN STREET
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Current File #2017295251

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: NET DRIVEN, 909 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. 11TH FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 12, 2017. Registrants: MH SUB I, LLC, 909 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. 11TH FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Signed: MH SUB I,LLC, B. LYNN WALSH, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 4, 2020. EL SEGUNDO HERALD: Pub. 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10/20
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2020179768

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GREEN MEADOWS ACUPUNCTURE, 813 MCCARTHY COURT, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): STEPHANIE A WYNBRANDT, 813 MCCARTHY COURT, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: STEPHANIE A WYNBRANDT, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 4, 2020.

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City Council

from page 2

rush home with take-out meals. Eating on a public street or at a city park is allowed. Councilman Lance Giroux urged residents to keep supporting the local food-and-beverage businesses through the next three weeks, and possibly longer. At least one business, the El Segundo Beach Cafe, has closed its doors since the dining ban was reinstated. On November 23, the cafe, which featured ocean views along with a breakfast and lunch menu, announced that it was closing. The owners, who alerted customers on the cafe’s Facebook page, did not give a reason for their decision to close the restaurant at the end of Grand Avenue.

Los Angeles County threw a lifeline to small, struggling food and beverage businesses with 25 or fewer employees, announcing grants of up to \$30,000 available for a short time. The financial assistance through the “Keep LA County Dining” program is available to businesses with five or fewer locations. Corporate-owned franchises are not eligible. The application period starts Thursday and ends at midnight Sunday. The grant money is limited. Information can be found at the web site keeplacountydining.lacda.org or by contacting the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce or the city manager’s office.

The council on Tuesday also agreed to modify the development agreement for The Plaza El Segundo and The Point at the owner’s request. The change will permit up to 40 percent of the leased space to be occupied by businesses that don’t collect sales taxes. Representatives of Federal Realty Investment Trust, which owns the retail properties, said they need more flexibility to lease vacant stores and pads to professional businesses in the current retail environment. Online sales and the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders have shifted consumer buying habits, and several retailers at the centers on Pacific Coast Highway and Rosecrans Avenue have declared bankruptcy in 2020.

In a unanimous vote, the council decided to move forward on a “unique” pension-funding opportunity recommended by members Nicol and Pimentel. With interest rates at historic low levels, El Segundo owes the CalPERS state retirement system \$151 million in unfunded liabilities and is paying seven percent interest on the debt. The city paid \$11 million this year to service the pension-system debt, and that figure could rise to \$17 million by the end of the decade.

By issuing pension obligation bonds carrying an interest of four percent or less, El Segundo stands to save up to \$55 million over 20 years in interest payments, the council learned. Another benefit of prepaying the \$151.3 million debt is the city will level its annual payment to CalPERS. The council approved the report detailing the pros and cons of selling municipal bonds to pay down its unfunded liability for police, fire, and other employees’ future pensions. The proceeds from the bond sale - which could cover between 95 and 100 percent of the city’s debt to CalPERS - does not include medical benefits, and if CalPERS investment portfolio falls short of earnings expectations, member cities and local governments would need to make up the difference.

The process of getting a credit rating and issuing the pension obligation bonds could take up to seven months to complete, the council was told. If the city saved \$55 million by prepping its unfunded obligations, that amount would equal one year’s worth of city-funded services in the General Fund.

Councilman Nicol and Mayor Pro Tem Pimentel, as part of the city’s Ad Hoc Pension Committee, both support financing El Segundo’s CalPERS debt with municipal bonds. Several South Bay cities, including Manhattan Beach and Inglewood, have either issued pension obligation bonds or are considering it because interest rates have fallen below four percent this year.

Nicol said the pension-funding opportunity is one of the most important issues to come before the council in this tumultuous year. The council approved the report and could revisit the pension obligation bonds proposal at the December 15 meeting. •

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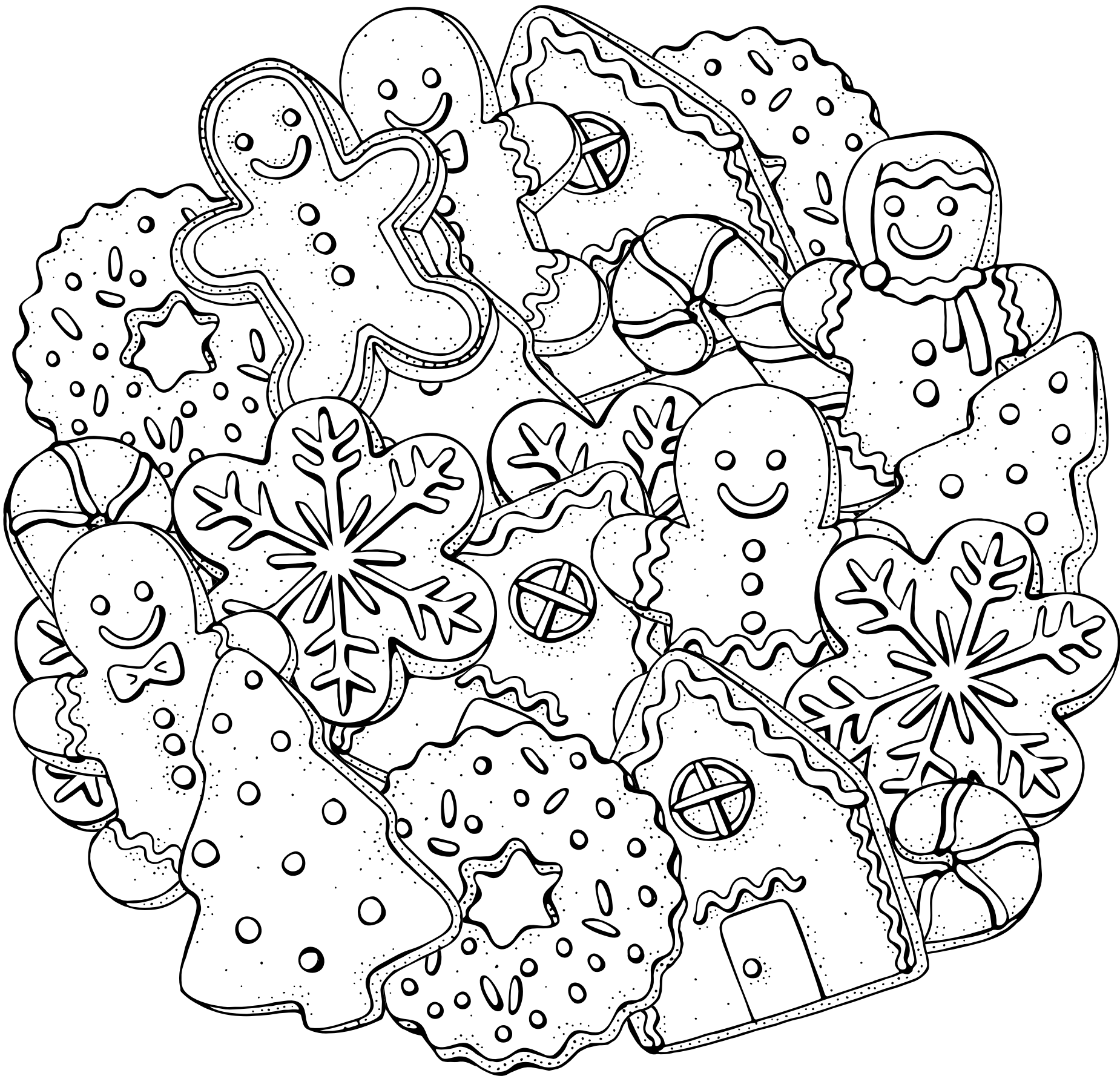


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Nebula

Ventura and Carlsbad are a bonded pair of sweet, adorable kittens. Ventura is an adventurous orange tabby boy and Carlsbad is a cuddly buff tabby girl. They are both super playful and curious. They love to play, wrestle with each other, and bat around balls and other toys. Climbing and exploring everything that they can are a few of their



Ventura and Carlsbad

favorite pastimes. **Ventura** will climb up on cabinets to see what is in them. **Carlsbad** will climb up under a blanket that is on you to see what is there and cuddle next to you. Carlsbad is one of the softest kitties you will ever feel. Love, joy, and lots of purrs is what they will offer in return for a few pets. Ventura and Carlsbad do need to be adopted together as they cannot be separated.

Popeye kept chasing her around trying to do you know what, so **Olive Oil** dumped him. She ran into her foster's house; Popeye certainly did not take very good care of her. She has a bad eye; it is an old injury according to the vet and is not hurting her. So, we decided to leave her eye as is; it adds to her character! Olive Oil is still young and a real sweetheart. She plays well with the resident cat and is such a joy to be with.

Nebula is funny, affectionate, energetic, cuddly, curious, charming and oh so sweet! Nebula is the runt of her litter and although she is small in size, she is big on personality. Nebula loves meeting new people and animals and making new friends. She is confident and playful and would do well with children of all ages. Nebula has a lot of energy and needs to be adopted together with one of her foster siblings or into a home with a young, playful kitten.

Tristan is a spunky, funny, sweet boy who is a joy to have around. He sleeps in the most adorable positions, usually with his belly up and his legs splayed in different directions. His days are equally divided into napping, playing with other kittens, and cuddling with his foster mom. Tristan enjoys playing and wrestling with his foster siblings and is also good about playing on his own. Tristan is a young kitty who needs to be adopted together with one of his foster siblings, Koba, Neo, Morpheus, or Venus or into a home with another friendly cat he can socialize with

Optimus is a gorgeous all black teen with the most delicate white ring around his paws. He loves playing and is beginning to share his mischievous and curious side. As the runt of the litter, he was a bit bullied and will gain confidence in a new home. Optimus should go to an experienced cat owner who can continue to work at socializing him. When frightened he may hiss, but the next minute he craves treats and attention. He would love to be adopted with one of his brothers, Bumblebee or Megatron.

Saffron is a sweet little girl who loves to be given affection and is blossoming more and more every day. She is interested in bonding with new people and warms up quickly. Saffron is a stunning calico point Siamese with washes of gray and bursts of orange on a very soft coat that will likely



Tristan

develop with age. If you are looking for a little sweetheart friend who you can show the joys of home life to, Saffron is your girl. Saffron is playful and engaging with toys and loves to chase anything that bounces. She has a great time with cardboard boxes, popping out to surprise a friend or biting the edges for fun. Since she is young and playful, she will need to be adopted with a buddy. She is a little picky about her animal friends and would do best being adopted with a confirmed friend. Saffron has great bonds with Rutabaga and Terragon.

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Saffron

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Optimus

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