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Mira Costa Students Awarded DAR Scholarships



Five South Bay students have been awarded scholarships by the El Redondo Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution at Annual Installation Luncheon at the Palos Verdes Golf Club in June. Two students received the El Redondo Chapter DAR Good Citizen Scholarship, awarding \$600 to each student. Both students were selected as DAR Good Citizens by their high schools for their outstanding dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. Pictured L-R: Kailee Shimabakuro (Torrance High), Ryan Keliher (Redondo Union), Katherine Nagy (UC Santa Barbara, formerly of Mira Costa High School), and Michelle McAdams (Redondo Union). Not pictured is Katherine Bryan, Mira Costa alumna, currently attending Bowdoin College in Maine.

Dr. Wanda Austin, an Example of Great Success against Great Odds

By Laura Sorensen

Behind the ID check gate and the sign-in visitors' center, at the top of a big shiny building next to a long shiny bridge, three floors above a giant set of screens and lit-up machines that monitor satellite launches across the country, next to a white-on-white conference room with the most exquisitely comfortable chairs, is the command center of Dr. Wanda Austin, CEO of the Aerospace Corporation, whose national headquarters are on El Segundo Boulevard near the Air Force base. Dr. Austin is well-spoken, considering her words carefully. She has a wonderful laugh and an elegant, easy manner; and behind it all, ticking away, is the intelligent mind that oversees twenty offices and six separate divisions in ten states.

Austin grew up in Philadelphia, the daughter of a barber and a nurse. Her parents encouraged her to get an education despite the prevailing sentiment of the times, which discouraged women of color from achieving high educational honors. "You can do whatever you set your mind to," said her parents, and a junior high teacher also supported her, telling her not to let anything stop her from going to college. Austin did just that, earning a BA in mathematics from Franklin and Marshall College, where a supportive professor pointed her towards graduate school, and she continued onwards to the University of Pittsburgh, earning a masters in systems engineering and math.

When she began work at The Aerospace Corporation, she said that she thought she'd only be there for a few years and then move on, but Aerospace's corporate environment is such that engineers get to work on many different kinds of projects. And, as she says, "thirty-five years went by": she worked on satellites with GPS, satellites for the Pentagon and for the Air Force. She just never got bored of her job, and so she stayed, moving up from engineer to team manager to senior

vice president and onward. She also began working toward a PhD, with her husband's help and support, while still working at Aerospace and raising her boys.

Austin's husband, also an engineer, was critical in helping raise their family. Managing time at home was a team effort: her husband drove the boys to games and parties when she was out of town, her kids made dinner and helped put her to bed so she could get a nap before getting up and studying again. She also had a support network of neighbors and friends to call on for help. The boys grew up into men, one accountant and one law enforcement officer, and they now visit her with her grandchildren, whom she always tries to spend special moments.

Being a working, studying mother had downsides: Austin often couldn't tell her family about her work, even though they had to make sacrifices for the same projects. If mom wasn't home for a game or a party, and couldn't even say why, it could frustrate everyone. "The thing that you have to give up is, on the one hand you work on these interesting projects; frequently, you can't talk about them... So you don't get that reward; you can talk with your colleagues but you don't get to bring that home. So even though they sometimes have to share in the sacrifice ... they give up a lot, but they don't get to appreciate or hear why that was so important." Austin earned her PhD at USC's Viterbi School of Engineering.

Fortunately, she had people at work to share frustrations with: then-CEO Eberhardt Rechtin saw a need and formed the Aerospace Women's Committee, a "support group that you could connect with about childcare, and aging parents, and where's the best place to get business suits . . . really down-to-earth practical advice that you need." The Committee helped the women at Aerospace immensely (and still does; it is part of many 'affinity groups' at Aerospace such as Latino

Members Association, Military Veterans, Asian Pacific American Association, and Black Caucus).

Austin encourages her employees to move back and forth and try working with new people and new opportunities. You are, she says, "a better system engineer if you work the problem from all angles"; that is, the more flexible and knowledgeable an employee is, the more valuable they are to the company. As CEO, Austin calls herself an enabler, someone who can help find funding for technology or invest in someone's new project or send an employee back to school. The CEO decides which ideas to encourage and which to send back to the drawing board. She doesn't get to go down in the trenches anymore, but she can apply her expertise to filtering out the probable successes from the budgetary wastes. Her payoff: "You get to see people working on really hard problems, and you get to see the results and the progress that they make over time, so it's very rewarding." As she

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Dr. Wanda Austin, CEO of the Aerospace Corporation. Photo courtesy of Aerospace Corp.

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy
74°/64°



Saturday

Partly Cloudy
76°/64°



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
78°/65°



Community Briefs

Lock It or Lose It

Manhattan Beach Police Department is reminding residents to “Lock it or Lose it” to help prevent theft from motor vehicles. During April, May and June, 38 crimes involving thefts from vehicles were reported to the police department and 37 of those were from unlocked vehicles or the property stolen was left in plain view. Due to the startling number of these preventable crimes, MBPD is alerting residents to “Lock it or Lose it.”

Here are a few simple tips to help prevent crime: lock your vehicle at all times; take your personal property with you. Don't leave items in plain view. Leave no trace or sign of electronics, such as docking stations or connector cables. Remove your third row seats and store them in a locked

garage. Don't leave packages or shopping bags visible in your car. Unload your car immediately when you get home. Do not leave items in your car overnight. Set your alarm or anti-theft device.

The message of “Lock it or Lose it” also applies to residential-related crime in Manhattan Beach. During the same time period, 21 residential burglaries were reported due to bicycles and other valuables stolen from open or unlocked garages. These twenty one crimes may never have taken place had the garages been secured. To reduce residential crime, secure your home whenever you leave, even if it's for just a few minutes. Get involved in Neighborhood Watch by calling (310)802-5184 and you can make a difference. •

Business Briefs

Darren's Restaurant Reopens after Renovations

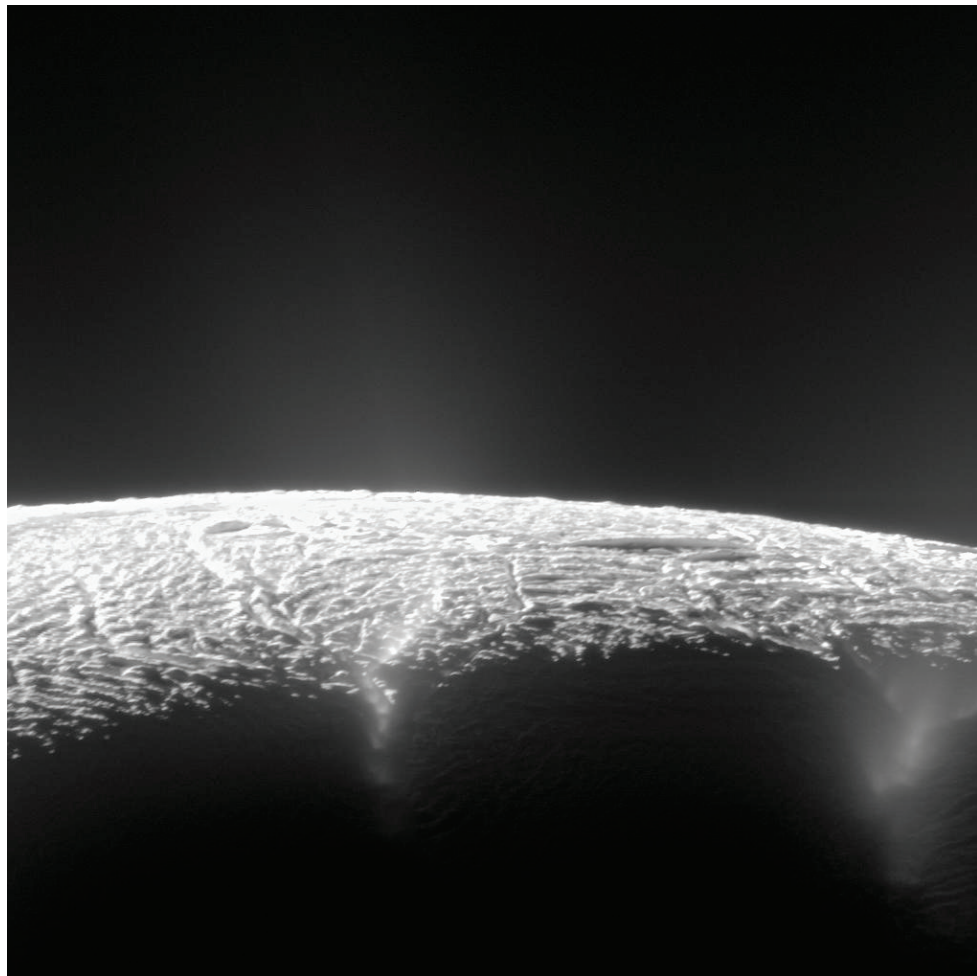


Darren's restaurant, located at 1141 Manhattan Avenue, has reopened after extensive renovations. The new, reimagined Darren's will feature a revamped menu that offers guests small and large plates to share. With a centralized community table, a light and airy ambiance, and a striking floor-to-ceiling glass exterior, the new Darren's boasts a contemporary European vibe while still preserving the inviting and approachable environment that Darren's is known for.

“After almost a year of overseeing the planning, design and preparing for the renovation, I couldn't be more delighted to share this labor of love with familiar faces and first-time guests alike,” says owner Darren Weiss. To celebrate the reopening, Darren's hosted a dinner on July 29 which will benefited No Limits for Deaf Children, an organization that has dedicated itself to enriching the lives of children with hearing impairments through after-school programs and theatre groups. •

Looking Up

Cassini Reveals 101 Geysers on Icy Saturn Moon



This dramatic view looks across the region of Enceladus' geyser basin and down on the ends of the Baghdad and Damascus fractures that face Saturn. The geysering segments of the fractures seen here are among the most active and warmest in the whole region. The image was taken with Cassini's narrow-angle camera through the clear filter on Aug. 13, 2010, with an image scale about 230 feet (70 meters) per pixel and a sun-Enceladus-spacecraft, or phase, angle of about 151 degrees. Photo credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Space Science Institute.

By Bob Eklund

Scientists using mission data from NASA's Cassini spacecraft have identified 101 distinct geysers erupting on Saturn's icy moon Enceladus. Their analysis suggests it is possible for liquid water to reach from that moon's underground sea all the way to its surface. These findings, and clues to what powers the geyser eruptions, are presented in two articles published in the current online edition of the *Astronomical Journal*.

Over a period of almost seven years, Cassini's cameras surveyed the south polar terrain of the small moon, a unique geological basin renowned for its four prominent “tiger stripe” fractures and the geysers of tiny icy particles and water vapor first sighted there nearly 10 years ago. The result of the survey is a map of 101 geysers, each erupting from one of the tiger stripe fractures, and the discovery that individual geysers are coincident with small hot spots. These relationships pointed the way to the geysers' origin.

After the first sighting of the geysers in 2005, scientists suspected that repeated flexing of Enceladus by Saturn's tides as the moon orbits the planet had something to do with their behavior. One suggestion included the back-and-forth rubbing of opposing walls of the fractures generating frictional heat that turned ice into geyser-forming vapor and liquid. Alternate views held that the opening and closing of the fractures allowed water vapor from below to reach the surface. Before this new study, it was not clear which process was the dominating influence. Nor was it certain whether excess heat emitted by Enceladus was everywhere correlated with geyser activity.

To determine the surface locations of the

geysers, researchers employed the same process of triangulation used historically to survey geological features on Earth, such as mountains. When the researchers compared the geysers' locations with low-resolution maps of thermal emission, it became apparent the greatest geyser activity coincided with the greatest thermal radiation. Comparisons between the geysers and tidal stresses revealed similar connections. However, these correlations alone were insufficient to answer the question, “What produces what?”

The answer to this mystery came from comparison of the survey results with high-resolution data collected in 2010 by Cassini's heat-sensing instruments. Individual geysers were found to coincide with small-scale hot spots, only a few dozen feet (or tens of meters) across, which were too small to be produced by frictional heating, but the right size to be the result of condensation of vapor on the near-surface walls of the fractures. This immediately implicated the hot spots as the signature of the geysering process.

“Once we had these results in hand, we knew right away heat was not causing the geysers, but vice versa,” said Carolyn Porco, leader of the Cassini imaging team from the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colorado, and lead author of the first paper. “It also told us the geysers are not a near-surface phenomenon, but have much deeper roots.” Thanks to recent analysis of Cassini gravity data, the researchers concluded the only plausible source of the material forming the geysers is the sea now known to exist beneath the ice shell. They also found that narrow pathways through the ice shell can remain open from the sea all the way to the surface, if filled with liquid water. •

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Local Realtor Jim Marak Bullish on Real Estate Market

By Duane Plank

El Segundo based RE/MAX broker manager Jim Marak, who has been in the real estate profession since 1986, has certainly seen a sea-change in the buying, selling and marketing of both residential and commercial properties in the past 28 years. He has been through, according to his recollection, at least four economic recessions.

But the ebb-and-flow of the real estate game hasn't deterred the El Segundo resident from continuing to pursue his passion. Marak, who spent ten summers as an aquatics instructor working on Catalina Island, moved to El Segundo in 1978. Marak initially worked as a managerial accountant for a capital investment counseling firm in Beverly Hills. He handled real estate investments for individuals, as well as professionals, law firms, doctor groups, and accountancy groups; but after eight years working in capital investment counseling, he decided that it was time for a change.

He chose to pursue real estate as a full-time occupation, because he "wanted to work as a self-employed person, instead of being on a salary." Marak, who grew up in Burbank and graduated from San Jose State, said that he had completed the necessary college courses to be a real estate broker by the time that he was 19, but had decided to enter the real-estate field "once I got a little bit of grey hair." Which turned-out to be more than a decade later.

He has been working with clients in the El Segundo area and adjoining cities for the past 28 years. Dealing primarily in residential properties, Marak has witnessed the evolution of the buying and selling of properties, with the entire process going from the "analog to the digital."

"My career has taken me from analog real estate sale methods to the current digital information highway with the Internet," he said. Fax transmissions hit the market in 1984, he said. "Listings used to be in printed books that came out each week. Computerized listings had just begun when I started in 1986."

While Marak was initially exposed to the analog method of marketing real estate, he was right on the cusp of the transition to the digital method of listing property which is now proceeding at a breakneck speed. Marak said that he has embraced the technological advances and upgrades in the industry.

"The consumer has the opportunity, thru the information highway, to be far more educated, in a much more rapid way, and, therefore, can make more educated decisions," he said, "allowing them to make better choices, and get what they want, instead of simply what is available."

Marak said that the Internet became the mainstream way of sharing information about 20 years ago, buoyed by the advent of email, which changed the way that real estate agents, and buyers and sellers interacted. "It increased the way that I can share information with interested buyers and sellers regarding recent sales, and current issues and trends in the local market-place. Which is a good thing for all parties."

There is a down-side, according to Marak, with the public consumer information real-

estate websites, "because many of them are inaccurate, because they do not show all of the listed properties, or sales, or activity. And do not update their information in real-time."

"There is only one real estate website that updates their information instantaneously, in real-time, and that is www.remax.com," he said. "It features all properties for sale in 87 countries. Most other public real-estate websites only show properties for sale where agents pay a fee for the property to appear."

Marak and fellow realtors have been through multiple economic recessions that have impacted the real-estate market. He noted downturns in 1989, 1991, 2000, and 2007. "I have seen four economic recessions, affecting our real-estate values," he said. Each recession had internal and peripheral causes, he said, which caused price fluctuations, both upward and downward. "The current recession hasn't come to an end," he said. "However, property values are almost at pre-recession values across the country," including the South Bay. Although the economy hasn't completely healed, the lower mortgage rates have prompted buyers to be willing to pay more and more to own real estate.

The current market, Marak said, is increasing in value at a slow, but constant rate. "The really fast increases in value took place from the fourth quarter of 2012 thru the third quarter of 2013," because of historically low fixed-fee and mortgage rates.

"What has kept the inventory of available

housing low for the past year-and-a-half has been the fact that so many homeowners either bought or re-financed their homes at 3.5 %, and are not willing to move, he said." The normal trade-up homeowner is adding on to their house, instead of buying a larger house, so that they can keep their 3.5% mortgage, instead of buying a new home at just under 5% interest. This is the phenomenon that the public is really not aware of."

Marak thinks that this shortage of available inventory could last another three years. He counsels those interested in buying property to buy now, while interest rates are at "almost a 50-year low." As for sellers, Marak said selling is a good idea for "somebody who wants to re-invest in a property or asset that is appreciating at a higher rate than the home that they own now."

Marak, who has a nice, short stroll from his west El Segundo home to his Main. St. office, is energized each and every day he goes to work. He said he thrives on the fact that each transaction is different, and that the people that he works for and with are unique. "If you truly enjoy your work, you are not staring at your watch, to see what time you get to go home."

While there are challenges in dealing with occasional clients who aren't familiar with the pricing of South Bay real estate "because they can't afford the down-payment and relocate near their jobsite, Marak, who said that he has closed over 1,000 transactions in the El Segundo area, is upbeat about his chosen career. "The relationships built in those transactions," he said, "have provided me with a rewarding sphere of influence and ongoing friendships with great individuals and families. This is something that I treasure." •



Local RE/MAX broker manager Jim Marak. Photo courtesy of RE/MAX.

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

Political Academy Awards

By Gerry Chong

Each year the Academy Awards honors those who entertained us in the preceding year. Sometimes they made us laugh and sometimes cry -- often at the same time. With that as its heritage, it would seem the Academy should create a special category for politicians who have reached their comedic pinnacle. Unfortunately, while most other categories deal in fiction, this award would represent surreal life. This first year's nominees should be:

Nominee #1: Senator Harry Reid, who emphatically exclaimed, "Our borders are secure!"

Nominee #2: Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Acknowledging the claim that most Children's Crusaders come from societies rife with shootings, killings, gangs, drugs and political corruption, the Mayor said he would welcome 1,000 of them to Chicago, America's murder capital. Evidently Emanuel wants to introduce Central American victims to the eye-popping Chicago way, proving criminality supersedes borders and culture.

Nominee #3: President Barack Obama (of course). While anti-Americanism runs rampant throughout the Middle East, on July 29 the President issued a statement "honoring the contributions of Muslim Americans to building the very fabric of our nation and strengthening the core of our democracy."

Nominee #4: Michelle Obama. On July 24, in a speech before a Democratic audience, Obama urged them to "dig deep into their pockets and write a big fat check" before the midterm elections. Later in the same speech, as the President crisscrossed the country on his 12th fund raising trip this month, she deplored

the role of big money in American politics.

Nominee #5: President Barack Obama (again). Empathizing with the thousands of youngsters who made their way from Honduras to the U.S. border, he suggested that perhaps we should start an airlift, bringing them in greater comfort to our country. Not only the children, but their families, could be flown to the U.S. if they meet the following criteria: "If they were persecuted because of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, and membership in a particular political group." In other words, almost any Honduran would qualify for admission to the U.S. As of 2010, the UN stated there were 7,621,000 Hondurans, of which 2,801,000 were under the age of 14. A successful U.S. airlift could empty out that country, relocating one and all to the land of free stuff. All the inherent social and economic ramifications aside, if Hondurans are first, could others be far behind?

Nominee #5: The Democratic Party. It favors hiring legal counsel for every youngster who breached our borders, contesting any deportation action. So far, that's 57,000 legal actions; but the Border Patrol is expecting this year's total to reach 90,000. Next year is projected to be 130,000-140,000. Each deportation hearing would take years to resolve, resulting in a de facto legitimizing of illegal immigration, and the creation of the Attorney-full-employment-act.

Nominee #6: President Obama (still again). On July 28, he closed the American Embassy in Libya, years too late.

And so in the dark of the theater, the tensions grow as Academy members cast their ballots . . . and the winner is:•

Another Man's Opinion

Differences Will Always Exist on Climate Change

By Cristian Vasquez

People need to stop denying that climate change is real. Really, it's beginning to sound pathetic. Last week President Barack Obama's administration and its supporters made an organized effort to put the spotlight on the issue of climate change, or global warming if you prefer. An article published by Politico.com on July 29 indicated that the White House released a report which stated that "inaction on climate change could come with a \$150 billion price tag." At the same time it was reported that a number of lawmakers, activists and business leaders gathered in Atlanta, Denver and Washington on day one of the EPA's long

"inaction on climate change could come with a \$150 billion price tag."

session of public hearings considering proposed climate rule for power plants.

It is no surprise that there is a tendency by conservative leaders to discredit the arguments warning people about climate change. Such is the resistance by conservative-leaning groups against climate change that they spend millions of dollars a year trying to discredit the science to prove that these environmental changes are occurring. While I can understand that there can be a disagreement about the rate that climate change is affecting the environment, to deny that human activities do not affect the earth is simply foolish.

The amount of gas we use, trash that we produce and trees that we destroy will accelerate the process by which the earth experiences its own natural climate shifts. To use a simple but crude example, consider what would happen if

someone left a car running inside an enclosed space. The carbon emissions would create an environment too toxic for any living being to be able to survive. Sure, the earth has ways of filtering and cleaning out those greenhouse emissions; however, if we continue to deplete vegetation such as our rain forests while emitting indiscriminate amounts of carbon dioxide, we are making ourselves vulnerable to turning the earth into an enclosed space that will become too toxic for any of use to survive.

Maybe I am too naïve and have a hard time understanding the negative aspects of taking the necessary steps to prevent the depletion of the earth's ability to self cleanse. Recycling, using

less water, transitioning to more sustainable energy and preserving our natural resources is simply not a bad thing. Maybe if we explain it in terms that these conservative groups would better understand the dangers of not being proactive against climate change, they might get on board with simply leading a cleaner, more energy-efficient lifestyle.

So far nobody seems to have figured out a way to explain to the naysayers that despite the earth's natural process of climate change, that human interaction does affect this process. It makes no sense that conservatives, who pride themselves with being fiscally responsible, can't apply that same logic to the earth's resources. Unlike money, which can be lost but regained, if we completely deplete our natural resources we will leave this earth and ourselves in a world of irreversible hurt. •

Dr. Austin

from front page

described watching her employees grow and succeed, I couldn't help but think of raising my children. When I mentioned that, she said, "It is similar to watching your kids grow, and watching them learn and trying to figure out what we should expose them to, and what things do we need to curtail... there's all of those dimensions." Of course, her 'kids' are worth millions of dollars and do things like keeping the military and the president in constant communication no matter the weather or ground conditions.

Austin also nurtures children's successes outside of the company: one of her favorite personal projects is Aerospace's encouragement of STEM programs in the

community. Just last month, Inglewood's MESA team from Morningside High received a cash prize from Aerospace for an experiment on ocean cleanup. These grants happen all around the country, and Austin encourages not only monetary prizes, but employee volunteer work, teacher training, field trips to Aerospace's STARS lab, and visits in person to classrooms to tell children that anyone with interest can work in aerospace (or at Aerospace): "maybe you excite one student or child who says, 'Oh wow, I never thought about that.'" Austin is proof that those children are out there, and that they can succeed; they can dream big and achieve bigger, with the right motivation. •

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The Chef

Crab and Cheese Stuffed Chile Rellenos



Ingredients:

- 10 fresh pasilla chiles
- Fire roasted peeled and seeded
- 1 8 can of lump crab meat
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup grated jack cheese
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- ¼ cup chopped red onion
- 1 and ½ cups flour
- 1 tables poon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon course ground black pepper
- 8 eggs beaten in a shallow pan
- 5 to 6 cups panko bread crumbs
- 1 quart oil for frying

Instructions:

- Mix together the crab cheddar jack cilantro and onions
- Stuff and roll the roasted chiles with the crab mix
- Mix the flour with the salt and pepper then bread the chiles in the following order:
 - coat the chile with the seasoned flour
 - dip the chile in the eggs coat thoroughly
 - dip the chile in the panko bread crumbs and coat through the chill
- When you are ready to serve heat the oil in a tall sided pot then fry them off until golden brown. Keep warm in a oven or serve right away.

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Elliot is an energetic kitten with a great purr.

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Eliza is tiny and cuddly!

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