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Kit and Caboodle: New Exhibition at Manhattan Beach Creative Arts Center



Kit and Caboodle, opening on June 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., is a two-woman show of installation-based artworks, by Edith Abeyta, and Joyce Dallal. Both artists create work with used personal items from multiple individuals as their medium; their artwork has a depth and richness in its visual symbolism that comes from a converging of individual and collective perspectives. The Manhattan Beach Creative Arts Center is located at 1560 Manhattan Beach Boulevard. For more information, interested persons may call 310-802-5440. Gallery Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 2 – 6 PM, Wednesday 4 – 8 PM, Saturday 1 – 5 PM. Photo courtesy of the Manhattan Beach Creative Arts Center.

City Celebrates Earth Day, Honors Local Environmental Leader

By Cristian Vasquez

Residents, business owners, musicians and artists gathered at Polliwog Park for the 2012 Earth Day Concert and Celebration. The event, which was coordinated by Volunteers and Organizations Improving the Community's Environment [VOICE] in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Manhattan Beach, also honored the president of VOICE Kaye Gagnon for her years of commitment and work through VOICE.

"It was a complete surprise and it was a very nice honor--I do appreciate it," Gagnon said. "Plus, I learn a lot [at the event]. It has been a very long time and I really started this organization because of my kids who are now 23 and 21 because I want to make it a better place for our kids and their kids and just everybody."

Earth Day was founded by former U.S. Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson when he announced the idea for a national teach-in on the environment to the national media. The Senator's idea would grow and turn into a yearly event celebrated in communities across the nation. In Manhattan Beach where local several local organizations and volunteer-based city groups dedicate their efforts to educating the community about the environment, the Earth Day celebration is a prime opportunity to reach out to residents and business owners to create stronger partnerships.

"Our businesses know that this is important to the community and it is important to the residents which are their customers. Sustainability is not something they are trying to do to be trendy--it is something that people want to see happening because it is something for the long term," Sona Kalapura,

Environmental Programs Manager for the City of Manhattan Beach, said. "They are planning for their future, so businesses that take it into consideration will realize it is good for their business plan because it will help them save money. In the long term, it's good for their business plan as far as attracting customers because customers want to shop

at places that are sustainable. They want to support those businesses and the City. We are trying to do our part to help promote those businesses."

The City's Environmental Task Force [ETF] has been dedicated to educating the community about different environmental issues that

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Mira Costa Seniors Awarded \$24,000 in Scholarships

By Lynne Gross

Realizing that college costs have skyrocketed over the last several years, the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council increased both the dollar amount and the number of scholarships it presents to Mira Costa High School graduating seniors. Last year the council gave five scholarships totaling \$15,000, and this year it presented six for a total of \$24,000. The scholarships are funded through contributions from various for-profit and non-profit organizations, from money raised during luncheon raffles, and through other fundraising activities. Jill Brunkhardt, President of the Coordinating Council commented, "We feel so fortunate to be able to recognize six outstanding students from Mira Costa High School. They all have bright futures ahead of themselves, and we are proud to be able to help fund their college educations."

The scholarships were presented at a May 17 luncheon held at Verandas in Manhattan Beach. The students honored were Austin Ahn, Julia Bakerink, Ella Banach, Ryan Daly, Austin Phillips, and Elias Rivas.

Austin Ahn is planning to major in medicine or architecture. His interest in medicine stems from the care he received from his doctors when he sustained serious injuries, and went through four years' worth of surgeries. His interest in architecture was piqued when he obtained a graphics design internship in Germany.

Julia Bakerink will focus on working in broadcast journalism. She is well on her way, having won three major national competitions with stories she produced for Mira Costa's video production program. She also volunteers for A Chance for Children, a non-profit organization that helps inner city and homeless at-risk children, where, among other things, she teaches the children to swim.

Ella Banach is hoping to pursue a career as a registered nurse and is particularly interested in becoming a pediatric nurse. She has been active in a variety of activities that deal with children and is also interested in animal rights. For the latter, she belongs to the Too Many Bunnies Club where she

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Patchy
Fog
67°/60°



Saturday
Patchy
Fog
66°/60°



Sunday
Patchy
Fog
68°/60°



Crime Reports



Compiled by Cristian Vasquez
MARCH 29

A male subject stole a laptop and cell phone from the office of a business located in the 2000 block of Sepulveda, while using the restroom as a ruse. The GPS locator was initiated on the cell phone and it was tracked to a location where detectives arrested the subject.

MARCH 27-28

Burglary from Vehicle: 700 block of Rosecrans Ave. The victim's vehicle was parked on the street when a police officer saw the driver's side window had been smashed. Unknown suspect(s) had reached in the vehicle and stole an iPod, laptop, and cell phone from the floor behind the driver's seat.

MARCH 25

Tampering with Vehicle: 200 block of 45th St. The victim's vehicle was parked in the driveway when the alarm sounded. Unknown suspect(s) punched out the driver's side door lock but did not gain entry to the vehicle and nothing was taken.

APRIL 15-16

Theft from Vehicle: 1600 block of Nelson Ave. The victim parked his vehicle in the driveway and was certain he locked it using the remote key. When he returned to the vehicle he noticed the front passenger door was slightly ajar, items had been removed from the console and glove box and a small pouch containing gift cards, a gym membership card and miscellaneous papers, was missing. No suspects were seen or heard.

APRIL 1-13

Residential Burglary: 1100 block of 11th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's residence through a rear bedroom window that had been latched shut. Various items were stolen including a play station, game controllers, several video games and cash.

APRIL 12-13

Theft: 200 block of 42nd St. The victim left her purse next to her vehicle in front of the residence and realized it was missing the next day. The purse contained an iPad, a case containing make-up, keys, sunglasses and a wallet with items inside. No suspects were seen or heard.

Vehicle Burglary: 300 block of Larsson St. The victim parked his vehicle in the driveway and was positive it was locked. Unknown suspect(s) entered the vehicle and stole the stereo, navigation system and third row seat. There were no signs of forced entry.

APRIL 11

Residential Construction Burglary: 100 block of 17th St. A witness called police after observing a male suspect jump a fence into a construction site. The suspect was located along with another suspect, and found to be in possession of stolen items from the construction site, as well as mail from another residence and a stolen UPS package from another location. Suspects were arrested.

APRIL 19-20

Theft from Garage: 1800 block of Manhattan Beach Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) stole a bicycle that had been locked to the railing inside a ga-

rage. The garage has a door that is not capable of being secured. Another bicycle had been stolen the week before, from the same location.

APRIL 15-16

Theft from Vehicle: 1800 block of 8th St. The victim parked his vehicle in the driveway and believed he locked it. Unknown suspect(s) entered the vehicle and stole a gym bag, several swim suits and goggles, cash and several gift cards.

APRIL 29-30

Theft from Vehicle: 1800 block of Poinsettia Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole the third row seats from the vehicle that was parked in front of the residence. The vehicle was thought to be locked and there were no signs of forced entry.

APRIL 27

Residential Burglary: 1400 block of Magnolia Ave. The residents closed and locked all the windows and doors prior to leaving the residence, but it's possible one window was not closed all the way. When the residents returned home, they discovered a backyard gate was open along with a sliding door and window and one of their vehicles was gone. The master bedroom had been ransacked by unknown suspect(s) and items were missing including two laptops, an iPod, and spare vehicle keys. One of the keys was used to steal the vehicle from the driveway.

Theft from Vehicle: 1400 block of 12th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole a purse containing a wallet, checkbook, driver's license, debit card and glasses, from an unlocked vehicle that was parked in front of the residence.

Residential Burglary: 4400 block of The Strand Unknown suspect(s) pried the lock to a sliding glass door of the studio apartment and stole a laptop computer and camera.

MAY 11

Officer San Agustin contacted a subject who was riding a bike in the area of Prospect and Tennyson. The subject, who was in possession of bolt cutters and a cut lock, was subsequently arrested for suspicion of possessing stolen property.

MAY 5

Petty Theft: 100 block of 17th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's unlocked bicycle.

MAY 4

MBPD Detectives were investigating a bicycle theft. The suspect vehicle was stopped at Manhattan Beach and Inglewood Ave., where a bicycle valued at approximately \$2500 was located in the bed of the pick-up truck. Both driver and passenger were arrested for grand theft and stolen property. Less than thirty minutes later, Officer Brown made a traffic stop in the 2100 block of Artesia Blvd. Officer Brown's investigation revealed a stolen bike, a cut lock and bolt cutters. The driver was arrested for possession of stolen property.

Residential Burglary: 400 block of Chabela Dr. Unknown suspect(s) entered victim's house, ransacked, and stole several electronic items.

MAY 3

Residential Burglary: 200 block of 21st Pl. Victim's bicycle was stolen from his open garage.

MAY 2-3

Residential Burglary from Garage: 1700 block of Voorhees Ave. A naked male suspect entered the garage of two separate locations and took several items.

Theft from vehicle: 1700 block of 10th St. A suspect entered the victims' unlocked, parked vehicle and removed property without their permission. The suspect took the victim's GPS unit, coins, and sunglasses.

MAY 1-2

Attempted Burglary: 500 block of 33rd St. Unknown suspect punched the front driver's side door lock. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. Vehicle is equipped with a third row seat. Vehicle alarm sounded between 12:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

APRIL 27

Petty Theft: Ardmore Av and 15th St. The

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SMILE awhile

Smile Awhile's May 2012 Winner

Our Staff Pick for May is "Amanda & Kailee", which was published on May 17 and submitted by Nancy Saiz. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from our advertiser Handel's Homemade Ice Cream in Redondo Beach. :)



SMILE awhile



One of El Segundo's new residents! Her name is Ava Lutz, sister of your last favorite, Mimi Lutz. Submitted by Amber Lutz.



Jerod cleaning his car on a Saturday afternoon with a big smile! Photo by Nancy Saiz.



Please meet Reggie Roo Roo, family hero. Submitted by Jayme Lavoie.



Twins Allison and Amy Reaser, graduates of E.S.H.S now in their junior year at San Diego State University. Submitted by Allison Reaser.

Smile Awhile

Readers send us your photos! Do you have a favorite photo? An old yearbook photo? Glamour Shot? Baby photo? We want them. We will accept only one photo, per person, every month. Once a month, we will pick a "Staff Favorite" and the winner will get a \$25.00 gift certificate from one of our advertisers. Email your photos to: Management@heraldpublications.com. We will only accept emailed photos and they must be in jpg form.

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This column serves as a community forum where local leaders volunteer to respond to faith and religious questions submitted by readers.

Do I have to go to church/temple to be a good Christian/of your faith?

While home or individual prayer and meditation is an integral and ancient part of Jewish daily life, there are some prayers and services which require a quorum of 10 Jews, called a 'minyan'. The kaddish memorial prayer for the deceased, call to worship, and numerous other pieces of liturgy require a minyan. This gets its basis from the biblical story of Abraham arguing with G-d to save the doomed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. G-d promised Abraham that if there were ten righteous people to be found in the town, the entire town would be spared from destruction for the sake of the ten. I find that praying with a group elevates the spiritual experience to a much higher level than I can achieve on my own. We help lift each other up in prayer. On the most sacred day of the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, the confessional prayers are written in the plural. Even if most of the sins we recite don't apply to us personally, we make it easier for the penitent to confess his or her mistakes by saying the entire list along with everyone else.

—Rabbi Gary Spero, Torrance, www.rabbigaryspero.com

Hebrews 10.25b

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on,

especially as we see the big Day approaching.

What are "the promises" and "his word"? When we go to church we hear God's Word through preaching. We learn what the promises are. We hear "his word" read and explained. Imagine if you heard an announcement on the radio, or you received an email, text or twitter on your mobile device saying, "God will be speaking at Dodger Stadium this Sunday!" Wouldn't you go? In church you will hear God speak through His word, the Bible. I urge you to find a Bible believing, preaching church to attend. There you will find the greatest promise ever told – Jesus died for all the wrongs you've ever committed so that instead of you being punished, He was punished in your place. You will hear of God's great love for you.

Romans 10.14-15, 17

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?... Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

—Lisa Lait, First Baptist Church, El Segundo

Any person interested in responding to or submitting a question may email us at management@heraldpublications.com. Please note that the intent of the column is to enjoy the exchange of ideas and different viewpoints. We are not interested in and will not publish any negativity, condemnation or prejudice.

People

Congratulations

Margaux Erilane, of Manhattan Beach, CA, has been named to the 2012 spring semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware, Ohio.



Share the Good News

It's June and that means graduations and celebrations—congratulate your graduates in the Manhattan Beach Sun! Send your special photographs (JPEG) and announcements by noon on the Friday prior to publication (by fax at (310)

322-2787 or email at marketing@herald-publications.com). The first 30 words are free and every 20 words thereafter are \$12. Photographs are an additional \$20. For assistance in preparing your People Item please contact (310) 322-1830.

Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

• 2012 Bike and Skateboard Expo, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., City Hall Parking Lot, 1400 Highland Ave. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Dept at (310) 802-5448.

• Charity Trunk Show (also June 10) at, 253 Avenida del Norte, RB. Part of the sales will be donated to S.P.A.R.E. (Save Pound Animals through Rescue and Education). A dog and a cat will be available for adoption at the event.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

• The Children's Choirs of Neighborhood Church: "Under the Sea, in 3D", 10:00 a.m., 415 Paseo del Mar, in the Fellowship Hall. Free Admission.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

• Free Foreclosure Investing Workshop, 6:00-8:00 pm, at Manhattan Beach Library, 1320 Highland Ave. Reservations are required. To register call (310) 379-0101.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

• Music Rhapsody's Meet the Instruments, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Creative Arts Center, Performing Arts Room, 1560 Man-

hattan Beach Blvd. For more information call (310) 376-8646.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

• Concerts in the Park: Hyperion Outfall Serenaders (Dixieland), 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Polliwog Park Amphitheater, 1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

UPCOMING

• Concerts in the Park: Ronny and the Classics (50's and 60's), July 1, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Polliwog Park Amphitheater, 1601 Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

• MB100 Festival, Downtown Open House and Pier Event, July 7, in Downtown Manhattan Beach. Free admission.

ONGOING

• The Mayor's Walk 'N' Talk, the first Tuesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. at Peets Coffee & Tea, 328 Manhattan Beach Blvd; Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at North End Café, 3421 Highland Ave.

• Free Classes at the Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden Amphitheater, west side of Polliwog Park. For more information call Julie Gonella at (310) 546-1354.

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

"Barack Obama is an Amateur!" -- Bill Clinton, August, 2011

In May, Edward Klein released the long-awaited story of the Obama presidency, entitled *Amateur*. The book immediately debuted as number one on the *New York Times* bestseller list and derived its title from an argument between Bill and Hillary only 10 months ago. Bill and Chelsea had exhorted Hillary to mount a challenge to Barack Obama for the Democratic nomination but Hillary declined. Bill showed his frustration with a red-faced shout that "Barack Obama is an amateur!"

Unquestionably, Obama has been a greater mystery than any President in memory. In his first edict as President, he sealed his personal records, allowing speculation about his past to run wild, but an adoring press did nothing to vet this mystery man... until now.

In 18 months of research, including interviews with hundreds of friends and associates, Klein delved into the man himself, finding an ego-maniacal, messianic, unprepared President--an amateur. For example, Klein interviewed Dr. David Scheiner, Obama's personal physician for 22 years. Scheiner is a liberal who supports a single payer healthcare system, but believes Obamacare cannot work because it contains no cost controls. As to the man, he said, "Obama lacks passion and feelings and doesn't have any sense of humanity."

Richard Epstein, Dean of the University at Chicago Law School where Obama lectured, said, "At one time Obama saw himself as a serious intellectual, which he definitely was not. While there was a roundtable of 10 faculty members constantly gathered for lunch, Obama never attended. I firmly believe that his systematic withdrawal from engagement... stemmed from his not wanting to put himself at intellectual risk." There is no one whose company he enjoys more than his own.

Laura Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Republican Leader of the Illinois State Senate, said he didn't even show up for picture day and he didn't go to committee. He had no interest

in the process of being a good Senator. He just wanted to stand on the Senate floor and give speeches.

In Chicago, Obama was supported and encouraged by local Black leaders, but reneged on promises to help their constituencies. When reminded of his obligations, Obama replied, "Come on, man, you should know better when politicians make promises." Steven Rogers, an early donor who introduced Obama to Jesse Jackson said, "What you have in Barack Obama is a lack of character."



While Jackson allowed Obama to address his Operation PUSH every Saturday to hone his speaking skills, Obama never acknowledged Jackson because he was afraid of a White backlash.

On June 30, 2009, Obama invited nine historians to the White House and extolled them with his goal of becoming a "transformational President that would change the trajectory of America's domestic and foreign policy." He would solve the problems of Palestinians and Israelis; open dialogs with Iran and North Korea; revolutionize the country's healthcare system and energy policy; and inject the regulatory hand of the federal government into the American economy in an effort to create "a more just and equitable society." And he would do this through his powers of persuasion, helping others see the errors of their ways."

When some at the dinner questioned his vision, Obama grew testy. He knew better. He could prevail by the force of his personality. By any measure it was a breathtaking display of grandiosity from a man whose entire curriculum vitae consisted of seven undistinguished years in the Illinois Senate and two mostly absent years in the U.S. Senate. Unintentionally, Obama revealed the characteristic that made him totally unsuited for the presidency and would doom him to failure--his extreme haughtiness and excessive pride, his ideological bent as a far-left corporatist, and his astounding amateurism.

Throughout the dinner, he compared himself to one President after another, as if he was trying on a different mask each time. It proved

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Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Just got finished chatting with a "veteran human being" about some of the recent comings and goings in Mayberry. Gentleman sports a nice lid and was somewhat peering at the young ladies who were hitting a golf ball about 200 yards down the fairway on the tube as I did my diligent political research.

Also on the tube: Looks like the cad ex-Demo Presidential poster boy John Edwards, who was carrying on nefariously as his wife battled cancer, caught a break. More on that later.

Anyway, nice golf show--put a bunch of attractive young lasses in short skirts and short shorts and get them to spend a lot of time bending over lining up their shots and claim that you are giving them a "Big Break."

Shocking diversion, but so be it.

Anyway, the "veteran human being" was lamenting the fact that Mayberry continues to change. Post office on Main Street adiosed, local family-owned market a couple of blocks west of Main Street shuttered, with the new ownership group lollygagging apparently--not opening up the new alternative to the supermarket chain up on Sepulveda and Mariposa until the beginning of 2013.

And a local fitness palace had, according to the "veteran human being," undergone a transformation, adding new paint and new lights, and may be under new ownership. Another knockout punch, according to the man in the hat, for the venerable downtown section of Mayberry.

For better, or for worse.

Trust that my loyal readers took the time to cast a ballot a couple of days ago in the overwhelmingly exciting California presidential primary election? Voted to tax the death stick deal? Your kids, my kid, why get them started on the road to lung cancer?

Unfortunately, have an early deadline for the *Penguin*, so was not able to pen after the Tuesday voting. But I trust that you did the right thing.

Speaking of smoking stuff, a recent poll of We the People in Cali noted that most voters do not support allowing adult cannabis smokers to smoke the chronic legally. But most of us voters do favor allowing you, and, if necessary, me, the opportunity to smoke weed if we are faced with "terminal and debilitating conditions."

Now, just to set the record straight, chronic unemployment, or a phoned-up disability claim, does not qualify as a "terminal and debilitating condition." Yes, I know of a few of you out there in this vast readership that have been gilding the lily, living off of

State sponsorship for way too long. But your secret is safe with me, as I trust some of my "secrets" may be safe with you?

Comprende?

So I am again confused after we just hit the voting booth. Did not we last vote to defeat the decriminalization of weed a couple of years ago? Didn't see the potheads get the issue back on the ballot on Tuesday, thank gosh. But I do remember the up-in-smoke crowd blathering on a couple of years ago about how they would revisit the issue in 2012. And on second thought, as I pop a medicinal, legal pill to take the sting out of my still-injured knee, maybe we should get another shot at legalizing the weed.

As long as it can be taxed by the Great Bankrupt State. Imagine the number of Benjamins that could be added to the State coffers if weed was sold legally and subject to all of the same nefarious add-ons that we currently pay for petrol, cigs and booze? A windfall for the State. Why, we could even allow the Indian nation in on the gig and allow them to make another tidy profit, much like they do on the gambling palaces that they are allowed to propagate in state.

Anyway, the pot thing cuts both ways. Or is cut both ways. Not sure how you cut or cultivate the reefer--had a few friends back in the day who may have been able to educate me, but I shall let them stay under the radar. What are friends for?

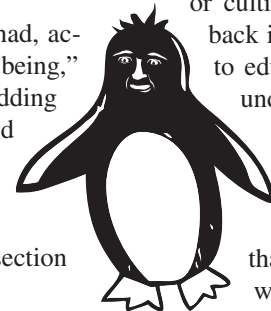
The point of having a couple of incredibly well-read columns in the South Bay isn't to keep some of you out there on edge, hoping that you are or aren't mentioned each week, is it?

Or maybe it is. Spoke with a column supporter the other day, who said he sometimes gets lost trying to figure out who I am alluding to with some of my pithy comments. And that is part of the deal, right? Some of you are smart enough to get it. Some of you may not be able to discern at whom the slings and arrows are pointed. And never will figure it out. Room temperature IQs.

So, back to the John Edwards deal. The philandering cad, who was a beefcake poster pin-up boy for the media lefties when he made his two failed runs at the presidency, received a verdict of not guilty last week on a charge of campaign finance fraud. Seems the Golden Boy Demo, following in the Gary Hart and Bill Clinton footsteps, was catting around on his wife and lying about it. Ye gads!

And the Feds thought that he may have misappropriated some campaign contributions, trying to cover up his tracks. Really?

The party of family man John Fitzgerald Kennedy must have been aghast at such allegations. •



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FOOD & DINING

Sweet & Savory
Grilled Chicken

This sweet and savory rub for grilled chicken relies on ingredients you most likely have on hand already—brown sugar, dry mustard and onion powder—making it a quick recipe for a night when you're not sure what you're making for dinner.

Servings: 4 servings
Total Time: 25 minutes
Ease of Preparation: Easy
Health: Low Calorie, Low Carb, Low Sat Fat, Low Sodium, Heart Healthy, Healthy Weight, Diabetes Appropriate

Ingredients:
2 teaspoons light brown sugar
2 teaspoons dry mustard
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
or freshly ground black pepper
1/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast (see Note)

Steps:
1: Combine brown sugar, dry mustard, onion powder, salt and pepper in a small bowl.

2: Coat both sides of chicken with the rub up to 30 minutes before grilling or broiling.

3: Preheat grill to medium-high or position a rack in upper third of oven and preheat broiler.

4: To grill: Oil the grill rack (see Tip). Grill the chicken, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 165°F, 4 to 8 minutes per side.

5: To broil: Line a broiler pan (or baking sheet) with foil and coat with cooking spray. Place the chicken on the foil. Broil, watching carefully and turning at least once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 165°F, 10 to 15 minutes total.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 140 Carbohydrates - 3 Fat - 3 Saturated Fat - 1 Monounsaturated Fat - 1 Protein - 23 Cholesterol - 63 Dietary Fiber - 0 Potassium - 198 Sodium - 196

Store the rub in an airtight container



for up to 3 months; coat the chicken with the rub up to 30 minutes before grilling or broiling.

Note: It's difficult to find an individual chicken breast small enough for one portion. Removing the thin strip of meat from the underside of a 5-ounce breast—the chicken tender—removes about 1 ounce of meat and yields a perfect 4-ounce portion. Wrap and freeze the tenders and when you have gathered enough, use them in a stir-fry or for oven-baked chicken fingers. If you can only find chicken breasts closer to 8- to 9-ounce each, you'll only need 2 breasts for 4 servings—cut each one in half before cooking. Tip: Oiling a grill rack before you grill foods helps ensure that the food won't stick. Oil a folded paper towel, hold it with tongs and rub it over the rack. (Do not use cooking spray on a hot grill.) When grilling delicate foods like tofu and fish, it is helpful to coat the food with cooking spray.

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And the Winner is...

By Adam Serrao

The road to the NBA Finals is well underway and the competing pool of four teams that remain could turn into two with the snap of one's fingers. Now that the lockout-shortened season is in its final stretch, the real stars with both experience and skill have come out to play. From LeBron James and Kevin Durant to Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett, players from the young and athletic to the old, cagey veterans are attempting to do whatever it takes to chase down the much-coveted championship jewel for their fingers. Even though there are only four teams left, does it still seem too troublesome to predict a title winner? Well, you're in luck. With the help of my precious intuition and the crystal ball that sits near my keyboard, I will tell you (and the odds-makers in Vegas) who will, in fact, win the 2012 NBA championship trophy.

Let's start with the Boston Celtics. Their victories over the Miami Heat last Friday and Sunday gave Irishmen and Boston fans alike a sense of rejuvenation and hope that the Celtics may just have what it takes to overcome the two-headed beast that is the Heat. With Rajon Rondo blowing up in this year's Eastern Conference Finals and Kevin Garnett's enduring athleticism outcompeting the void left by an injured Chris Bosh, the Celtics do seemingly have a chance. What will ultimately lose them the series and a shot at this year's championship, however, is the trade they made in the offseason shipping out Kendrick Perkins. Perkins isn't producing much now with the Oklahoma City Thunder, but keep in mind that the big, bulky center dropped approximately 32 pounds to fit in with the younger, more athletic team headed by Durant and Russell Westbrook. If Perkins were still on the team (instead of an inactive Jeff Green) and still as intimidating, the Celtics would beat the Heat. Combine Perkins' absence with the diminished skills of Paul Pierce and his propensity to foul out of every important game and you have the reason why the Celtics will be this year's first team of the final four to drop out of contention.

Over in the Western Conference, there is an epic battle going on between the young and the old for the last spot in this year's Finals. The youth and athleticism of Durant and Westbrook matched up against the astute and fundamentally sound San Antonio Spurs led by Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. It's easy to figure out the Thunder. They're young, they're talented and they have the ability to run you off of the court. The Spurs, on the other hand, have been at it since the year they drafted Tim Duncan in 1997. The team has made the playoffs 21 of the last 22 seasons, including all 15 years that Duncan has been a part of the squad. Elite is the

only word that comes to mind. But then you get the Spurs of a year ago that, like this year, entered the playoffs as a number one seed but lost their first playoff series to the eighth-seeded Memphis Grizzlies four games to two. Confusing how a team that good could have a letdown that big. While everyone keeps waiting for a descent of the same magnitude to take place this year, the Spurs just keep winning. Victorious in 20 of their last 22 games as of this writing, the Spurs have too much experience, leadership and intelligence to lose to a team as young and volatile as the Thunder despite losing two road games in Oklahoma. The Spurs would have to lose two of the next three, including one game at home, in order to drop the series to the Thunder. The Spurs advance to take on the Heat in the NBA Finals.

The San Antonio Spurs against the Miami Heat in this year's NBA Finals. One team that everyone expects to be there and win and another team that has been there and won it four times in the last 12 years. With Chris Bosh out, the Spurs have a decided advantage in the low post. Tim Duncan and the rejuvenation that he has miraculously undergone that has him looking like the little pup that he was when drafted in '97 will feast on the subpar talent offered by the Heat. James and Wade, on the other hand, have finally learned how to play alongside one another and have been tremendous in Bosh's absence. Put the matchups aside, though. Matchups have the tendency to break down, especially when there is a championship level of basketball taking place on the court. Bosh may come back for the Finals. Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili may be better than anything the Heat have to offer. It doesn't matter. Focus instead on the part of the team that doesn't step on the court to shoot a basket.

Erik Spoelstra has never been a high quality head coach. Given the talent on his team, anyone could step in and draw up Xs and Os to get two of the best players in the league to the Finals. Gregg Popovich is the reason why the San Antonio Spurs will win this year's NBA championship. He has been there before, he has won before and he has the respect of his team. A team that trusts him to make the right decision at key moments in the game to pull out a victory. Short of Phil Jackson, Popovich is arguably the greatest coach to step foot on the sidelines of any basketball arena. Winning this year's championship will cement that legacy for him. My crystal ball tells me that Popovich will be called on to win a game for the Spurs in this year's Finals and once he is called upon, he will make a game-changing and series-changing decision. The Spurs are your 2012 NBA Finals champions. •

One Man

from page 4

Obama didn't have the faintest idea of who he is. He is unprepared to lead and in short, didn't know what he didn't know.

He conducts his own foreign policy and makes all the decisions because he believes that only he understands the issues. He never seeks the counsel of those who backed his presidential bid with their money, time and organizational skills, turning his back on the Kennedys, Oprah Winfrey, wealthy Jewish donors and the African-

American leaders who paved the way for his political ascent. He never tired of hearing his adoring staff say he is the greatest. He is the living, breathing apotheosis of the American melting pot, and as an adoring David Axelrod privately named him, "Black Jesus."

Former French President Nicholas Sarkozy, after one meeting, summed it up best by saying, "He is extremely naïve, but too arrogant to learn." In short, Barack Obama is an amateur. •

Frankly Plank



By Duane Plank

Just to see if anyone was paying attention, threw a red herring into last week's column, inadvertently crediting Richard Brodeur as being the goalie for the soon-to-be-dismissed New Jersey Devils. As all of you puck heads know and none of you bandwagoners, the brilliant goalie for the Devils is Martin Brodeur. Forty years old, winner of three Stanley Cups. And soon to lose his second finals. If he hasn't lost already.

My mistake was pointed out to me by a faithful column reader. Thanks for keeping me somewhat honest. I blame my editor, but that is what us professional penners do--blame someone else. Sorry, BS. Think Simers spent a whole column in the World Champion lambasting an editor, if memory serves me correctly?

Kinda frustrating, in a way, that I have to pen this masterpiece on a Sunday noche, prior to Games 3 and 4 that will have already taken place at the wonderful Staples Center on Figueroa by the time you peruse this tome.

At this point, don't have an invite to either game, though brother Chris sent a text my way, mentioning he was going to Game 4. Maybe someone will pass out Monday night, over imbibing, and I will get to freeload my way in?

Kid was scouring the Net, looking for tickets, but I think the \$500 per price might have put the kibosh on that. But you never know. I gave him carte blanche with the credit card. Trust him with the card. Cup Final may not be here for awhile, right?

Wanted to watch the first couple of games with the Kid at the mansion. Sent the maid home early, as the Steely Dan penned in their great tune *Dirty Work*. Great lyrics, trying to educate. Google it.

Yup, it is great to be out and about watching with the bandwagoners, explaining offsites and icing, but it seems like it will be more special to watch this momentous series unfold with the Kid, who was just a gleam in his daddy's eyes during the early part of the King's Stanley Cup run back in 1993. Kinda the truth there. Kinda.

Do the math. Kinda was born on December 30, 1993.

But lo and behold, hunkered down to watch Game 1 with him last Wednesday and he said that he was going to go get fitted for a tuxedo--that he would be missing the first couple of periods. Good for him. Going to some prom deal. So I went out, did a little bit of research and returned home in time to watch, with the family, the brilliant Anze Kopitar score the game-winning goal in overtime.

And then, Saturday night's overtime victory, Kid actually went to the prom, so I was on my own again. Ended up at a Station up the road. Sat next to a couple of bandwagoners who were very, very nice. And the awesome bartender was amazing. And a big hockey fan, she was. Asked me, as the overtime started, if the game was over? Said no. If it ain't named Kobe...hard to grasp for some folks.

Anyway, sitting on the patio at the mansion, peering east. Beautiful Sunday afternoon. Watching the recap of the recap of the hockey, though I guess there is an NBA game on? LeBron, blah, blah, blah. Travelling. Commercial. Garnett. Guess I care a little, 'bout

as much as I cared, at least on this blissful Sunday, that the Cheetah Woods racked up another golf tournament win. Good for him, won the Memorial tournament, the one that Jack A. Nicklaus runs. Sorry, I know it's not A, but have always not been a Nicklaus guy. Back in the day, you either were an Arnold Palmer guy or a Nicklaus guy.

And the King is still the King. Have to give *America's Guest* his due--he was clambering for attention earlier this year, said that Woods would win four tournaments and a major. Kinda halfway there. *Guest* raced into the research spot after another crummy day on the links and was beside himself cuz golf apparently wasn't on the tube. Pointed out to him that no one cares about golf. More people were watching women's softball and car racing than golf.

Which was true. He regaled in Woods' win and then departed, saying he was going to return to start up some illegal horserace betting. Had to leave before I could partake, but maybe he did return to waste more time there. Just not able at this time to sit and stare at a TV ad nauseam all weekend. Not my agenda. But that's just me.

And I will hold a couple of alleged stories that I heard about a recent Palm Springs excursion that included some folks who you may know until I can substantiate some of, any of the facts. And I am really itching to add a new character here, but I think I shall demur at this point. Discretion, for many reasons.

Speaking of the horseracing, plant your butts down for a few minutes this Saturday and cheer a California horse, I'll Have Another, as he tries to win the very elusive Triple Crown. Race takes place at the venerable Belmont racetrack in New York--should go off somewhere around 3:30-ish. Watch and cheer, take a couple minutes out of your super Southern California Saturday to maybe see history made.

Hopefully the hoop semis have ground to a halt. Because as soon as the travel fest that is the NBA is over, I will unleash my entire column previewing the wonderful hoops played way below the rim by the lovely ladies in the never-watched WNBA. Much like the Memorial golf tournament.

Guess I spoke a little early last week, crediting Los Doyers for their great start. Still a great start, but with superstar Matt Kemp on the shelf again, and this time it may be awhile, wonder how long miracle-worker Don Mattingly can cobble together victories with this minor league line-up that he is scribbling on his card?

Per usual, sat down with *Dodger Girl* last week for an in-depth probing interview about the first couple months of the ex-Brooklyn season, and she would not gloat. Or barely speak with me. Per usual. Tried to steer the conversation around to my Halos and she resolutely stared me down and said, "Who?"

All about time and space, my friends. May explain that at a later time, maybe not. Some of you are smart enough to understand, right? Right time, wrong space. Or vice versa... This ain't over yet, BTW. •



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Above: Albert Einstein makes an appearance at the Manhattan Beach Middle School Science Night hosted by Time Warner Cable and the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation



Above: Manhattan Beach middle school students prepare to launch their project!

Left: Manhattan Beach Middle School Principal, John Jackson with Manhattan Beach Police officers



Above: Manhattan Beach Middle School students fill in Time Warner Cable stencils to guide Science Night attendees throughout the event



Above: Manhattan Beach Middle School students launch their experiments center stage.



Right: Chemical Engineer, Beverly Pasterczyk helps Manhattan Beach Middle School students to create Elephant toothpaste!

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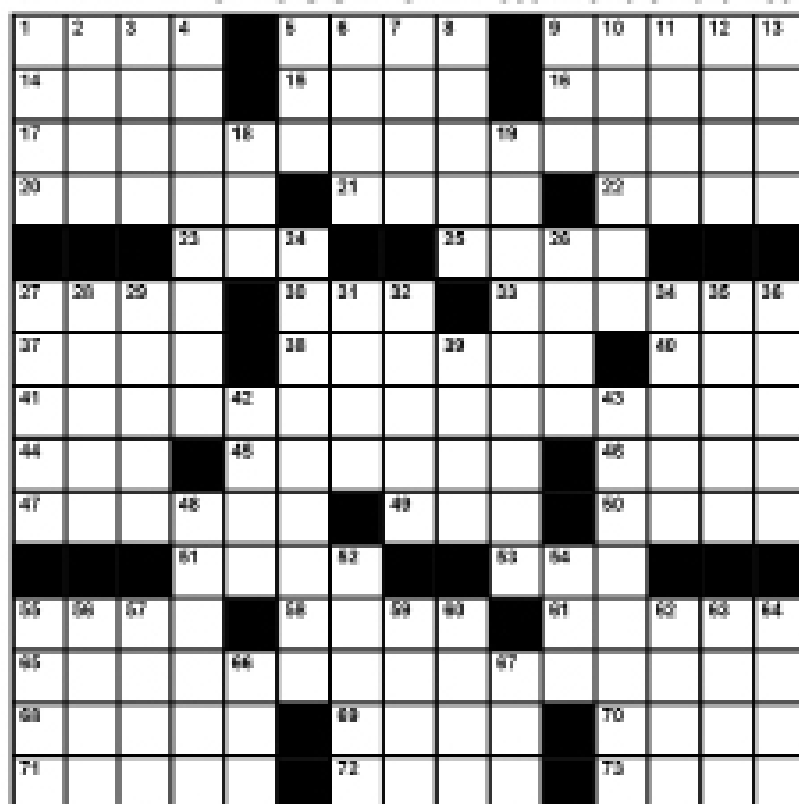
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ACROSS

- 1. Aug. follower
- 5. Some Olympians, nowadays
- 9. Foreword, for short
- 14. "Aquarius" musical
- 15. Hair color
- 16. Apple genre
- 17. Blame unjustly
- 20. Clipped
- 21. "Hitchhiker" star, familiarly
- 22. "What are the ___?"
- 23. Mom's global gathering
- 25. Inner. Prefix
- 27. Seth's father
- 30. Georgian, for one
- 35. Lays
- 37. ___ Strip
- 38. Flowering stalks
- 40. ___ grass
- 41. Arrogant and inflexible
- 44. Moisture flux
- 45. Eurasian grass
- 46. Freshman, probably
- 47. Gnu's pad
- 49. "In Autumn," e.g.
- 50. Home of Vigeland Park
- 51. Arabic for "commander"
- 53. Mrs.'s sib

- 55. Placerville, at times
- 58. D's super, in the sky
- 61. "Beat. 47"
- 65. Nihilistic
- 68. Separately
- 69. Cash in Denmark
- 70. Dating disorder
- 71. Porridge ingredient
- 72. Handwritten note
- 73. "Mythic of the King" character

- 26. Bill's "Babesyl"
- 27. Ancient assembly area
- 28. Copenhageners
- 29. Alchemical solvent
- 30. Erson locale
- 32. Kind of group, in chemistry
- 34. Traditions
- 35. Aveller lure
- 36. Court figure
- 39. Ancient
- 42. ___ disease
- 43. Medical device
- 48. Nickelodeon staples
- 52. Chopper blade
- 54. An cad to sea?
- 59. Arctic native
- 60. "Cast Away" setting
- 63. Hand with the bit "Barbie Girl"
- 68. No different
- 69. Fishing, perhaps
- 62. Archaeological site
- 63. Fungal spore sacs
- 64. "Boredom" beverage
- 66. Manic's man
- 67. Halabur's mount

DOWN

- 1. Word with "up" or "out"
- 2. "___ on Down the Road"
- 3. Dock
- 4. Collector of detritus
- 5. School. g.p.
- 6. Classic board game
- 7. Fraction of three
- 8. Clerk
- 9. "Rocks"
- 10. Sheel
- 11. Pat noc's last down?
- 12. Go through
- 13. Crumbs
- 18. Caribbean, e.g.
- 19. 40-point mello
- 24. Kentucky cream

Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Crime

from page 2

owner noticed her pit-bull puppy missing at home. The owner was later told by a witness that a Hispanic male picked up the puppy and put it in a white van.

APRIL 26

Residential Burglary: 1100 block of 11th St. Unknown suspect stole the victim's IPAD2 from the upstairs bedroom.

MAY 20

Residential Burglary: 1500 Block of 19th St. Officers responded to a fire alarm sounding in the 1500 Block of 19th Street. A resident noticed a bicycle in the front yard which was out of place. Officers arrived, observed the front door ajar, and determined a burglary had occurred.

MAY 19

Residential Burglary from Garage: 100 Block of 7th Pl. Unknown suspect entered unsecured vehicle parked in open garage. The suspect stole sunglasses, camera, and lens.

MAY 17

Residential Burglary: 1500 Block of 3rd St. Unknown suspect entered the victim's home from the kitchen window and stole miscellaneous items.

MAY 16

Residential Burglary: 4300 Block of Crest Dr. Unknown suspect entered apartment through an open sliding glass door. The suspect(s) took a laptop, two iPods, cash, and jewelry.

MAY 15

Vehicle Burglary: 200 Block of 29th St. Unknown suspect (s) smashed vehicle window and stole items that were in plain view.

Petty Theft: 200 Block of 23rd Pl. Unknown suspect took the victim's mail from the victim's mailbox.

MAY 14

Residential Burglary: Arbolado Ct. Unknown suspect took victim's unlocked bicycle from an open garage.

MAY 9

Theft from vehicle: 300 Block of John St. Unknown suspect stole golf clubs from the victim's unlocked vehicle.

MAY 8

Attempted Residential Burglary: 1800 Block of Ocean Dr. Unknown suspect (s) removed

and damaged the victim's kitchen door window screen. No entry was made into the residence.

MAY 4

Residential Burglary from Garage: 400 Block of 34th St. Property (cell phone & skateboard) was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in an open garage. The El Segundo PD contacted the victim and stated they had a suspect in custody who was in possession of their cell phone.

MAY 28

Petty Theft: 200 N. Highland Ave. Unknown suspect stole barbeque from victim's driveway.

MAY 25

Residential Burglary: 1400 Block of 23rd St. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's residence from an unlocked side window and stole jewelry.

MAY 24

Vehicle Burglary: 500 Block of 30th Unknown suspect stole victim's iPod, computer, wallet, and jewelry from their locked vehicle.

Loitering on Private Property: 600 Block of 13th St. For the past several weeks, usually on a Thursday afternoon, a female subject has been observed on the victim's property. The subject has been seen walking around the property, looking into the victim's mailbox, and entering the backyard via an unlocked gate.

MAY 22

Grand Theft: 400 Block of 10th Pl. Unknown suspect entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a computer, BlackBerry, Apple iPod, and camera.

Theft: 500 Block of 31st St. Unknown suspect stole the victim's gift cards and sunglasses from an unlocked vehicle.

MAY 16

Elderly Abuse & Fraud: 400 Block of 3rd St. The victims contacted a company to repair their broken garage door; the contractor advised them they needed a new roof at a cost \$11,200. The victims gave the company a \$3000 deposit. The work was never completed. An inspection by the victims' insurance company, stated no repairs were needed. The victims contacted the company to cancel the job, but have not received a refund.

MAY 2

Petty Theft: 1300 Block of 6th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole \$100 from victim's mail. •

Earth Day

from front page

can improve the quality of life in Manhattan Beach. The ETF's focus this year has been energy efficiency and water conservation, both of which are areas of education with which VOICE is actively engaged.

"Our organization started more than 23 years ago and we are really focused on what individuals can do to improve the community's environment," Gagnon said. "So part of our mission statement is to work with volunteers and organizations such as the ETF, Leadership Manhattan Beach, Grades of Green and Growing Great--which are all groups that we work with cooperatively. Our mission is to work cooperatively within our community just to improve the environment. This is just part of what we do whether it be with an individual or a group in the community."

During the 23 years of service to the community, VOICE has been fueled by the efforts of volunteers. Some volunteers dedicated a few hours to the cause a month while others dedicate several hours of work a week. For Gagnon, what matters is the commitment and desire to educate the community that the volunteers bring to VOICE.

"It is about individuals and when it comes down to it, people do need to make a difference," Gagnon said. "Sustaining volunteers is challenging, but I think that the great thing is that it provides a vehicle for people to do something that they are passionate about. What we try to do is find things that people are interested in and try to match them up with an opportunity to help improve the community."

Every volunteer is given the opportunity to contribute through whatever area of expertise

that they bring to VOICE. Some volunteers are musicians, so they organize the concerts, while other volunteers are artists and will be responsible for the organization's art. "Sometimes when people see a big event like this, they [people] tend to think, 'Oh, they don't need my help,' and that is absolutely not true," Gagnon said. "We always need help and we always need volunteers. Whether people can volunteer two hours or volunteer 10 hours, we love to have volunteers come forward and we appreciate them."

Educating businesses is also a significant part of the VOICE and City's efforts. In order to obtain a more positive response from residents and business owners alike, the City attempts to make energy-efficient initiatives business-friendly. "We don't want to make it hard for them [business owners]," Kalapura said. "These are issues that businesses want to find solutions to, but they don't really know how to or they don't know where to find things."

The Earth Day event allows the City and VOICE to share their message while interacting with the community in a more casual environment. "It's a fun environment because fun makes learning easier," Gagnon said. "Our mission is to educate people on what they can do to improve the environment and we ask all the different environmental organizations to come out and talk about what they do. We are trying to help people learn through music, art, eating and just by having a positive experience."

Persons interested in VOICE can learn more by visiting <http://www.greenervoice.org/> or by calling 310-226-2927.

Scholarships

from front page



Seen here are Elias Rivas, Austin Phillips, Ryan Daly, Ella Banach, Julia Bakerink, Austin Ahn. Photo courtesy of the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council.

assists in helping homeless bunnies find food and shelter.

Ryan Daly is the recipient of the Phyllis Cohen Edwards Memorial Scholarship. He wants to become a doctor because he knows what his family went through when he was fighting leukemia at age four. As a teenager, he has been active in the American Cancer Society Kids Kamp. In addition, he is a varsity football player, and very active in the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, including being the president of a three-county region.

Austin Phillips plans to major in economics and study abroad doing a government internship. He hopes someday to obtain an MBA and excel in business. He has struggled with various personal challenges, but his positive attitude has helped him be successful with his

course work, including Advanced Placement courses. He has also been a member of the Mira Costa varsity wrestling team.

Elias Rivas is receiving the Manhattan Beach Police Officers' Association Officer Martin Ganz Memorial Scholarship. He eventually plans to attend law school and seek work in the public sector. Among his accomplishments are scholar-athlete award, finalist in the National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program, football team linebacker, drama class best actor award, and homecoming king. With a Jewish mother and Cuban father, he has been inspired by both the Jewish and Hispanic cultures.

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Yin and **Yang** were rescued as babies from a backyard. Yin is the adventurous half of his brother Yang. He loves to play with strings and feathers, but his favorite game is playing chase and wrestling with Yang. His beautiful smoke-black fur has the markings of a Tabby showing through and he is especially endearing when he looks up at you with his emerald green eyes. Yin enjoys playing with children and is warming up to



Ralphie

his foster mom's little Maltese.

Yang is the sweet and mischievous half of his brother Yin. Yang is very bold and loves to explore new places. His cuddly personality makes him so easy to fall in love with, especially when he crawls up on your lap to take a nap. With his white fur and mesmerizing smoky green eyes, he has an elegant look. Yang loves to play with children and is fine with his foster's Maltese. Adopt Yin and Yang together and create the perfect balance in your life!

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Yin and Yang

Happy Tails

Bruiser, now Brutus, got a great home and he will soon have his own personal



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Website. Watch for him at www.JustBrutus.com. Our little man wrote his own update that he wanted to share with you:

"My new daddy was going to write to you, but I decided to do this myself. I was adopted with the name Bruiser, but my new daddy and mommy were having problems with the name so I chose an easier name for them. Well, the name I finally settled on is Brutus. My mommy and daddy seem to be able to pronounce this better. Now, I live in a big house with a big backyard and I have four

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Hayden was born around March 13, 2012 and he is growing like a weed! He is silly, playful, sweet and very loving. This handsome little boy has really long legs and a gorgeous tri-colored coat. He is a sweet little wirehaired hound of some sort. We believe Hayden is your typical no-issue puppy. He is currently in foster care where he has learned to use the pet door and is doing his business outside most of the time. Hayden will be neutered when of age, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and loves kids.

Flapper was found by our vet Dr. Caylor--he was unable to locate his owners. His son named this sweet boy Flapper because his big ears flap when the wind blows. This is a *really sweet* little dog. His tan coat with white accents makes him a strikingly handsome little fellow. Flapper is about two years old and he is full-grown at 11 pounds. Flapper loves all other dogs and is currently kenneled with his new girlfriend, a sweet little Pomeranian named Reba. Flapper is a little



Hayden

shy when you first meet him, but in about two minutes he is all over you. Flapper has good play manners with the other dogs, but his most favorite place to be is on your lap. Flapper will lay or sit with you for hours--he just loves people and children. He is a love of a little dog and will be the best friend to any child looking for a dog of their own. Flapper is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and loves kids.

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Flapper

they call it an O'Possum. After the walks, we get to go home and rest. It's a long way to walk, but it's fun. So to conclude this update to my life so far, I'm doing good and I'm happy. Look for me on Facebook. They wouldn't let me use my chosen name, but look for me as "JustBrutus Brutus." Find me and be my friend. My daddy will be getting me my own website very soon. We're hoping that we will get the domain name www.JUSTBRUTUS.com, so come and visit me and we'll have some fun! Again, I want to thank my foster mom Jen. I miss you and Thanks to Animals Rule. I couldn't have done it without you. You helped me at a difficult time in my life..." -- Brutus a.k.a. Bruiser.

When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •