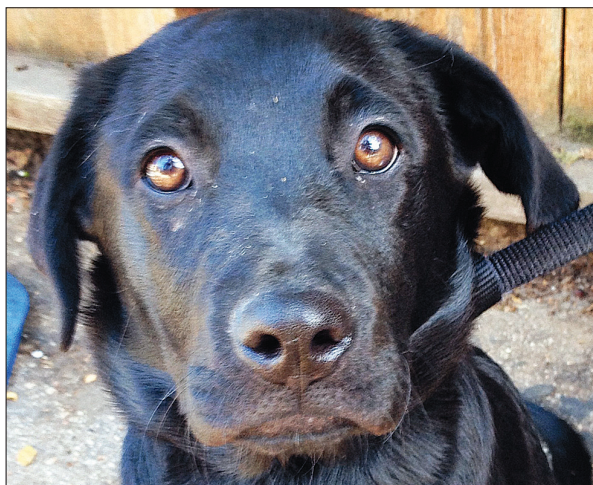


SPCA Featured Pet



Labs Looking for Love

Meet Babs and Bess, both 4 ½ month old Labrador Retriever sisters, looking for their forever homes! These sweet girls were part of an unwanted litter and thus ended up at the shelter in need of new homes. They are BIG girls, currently weighing around 35 pounds, and will most likely double this by adulthood. If you are looking for a sweet new family member, one of these girls might be the one!

Bess and Babs will clamor for your love and attention immediately. They are joyful and playful pups that love life but still have quite a bit to learn. They will be extremely active dogs for the first few years and will need a good amount of training, activity and structure but will stay loyal forever and provide years and years of love.

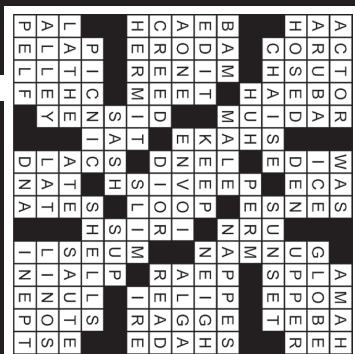
We are seeking separate indoor homes for these girls, with access to the outside for potty and exercise. Because of their age and training needs, they should not be left alone for more than four hours a day. Labs make wonderful family dogs and tend to be fast learners, social and trustworthy. If you feel as though you may be a good fit for Bess or Babs, and vice versa, by all means come by and meet them!

For more information call the Santa Cruz SPCA at 465-5000, or visit www.santacruzspca.org. The SPCA is located at 2685 Chanticleer Avenue in Santa Cruz, CA 95065 and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 p.m. The SPCA Mall Adoption Center and Gift Shop is located at the Capitola Mall near Target and is open on Friday from 11am-5pm and Sat-Sun 11am-4pm. ■



Fun in the Sun

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Sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Field Day has grown since its inception in 1933, to over 35,000 participants in 2013. Those participating in Field Day are only a small fraction of the over 700,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the US today, and more than 2.5 million worldwide.

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to drop by any of the Field Day sites:

Site 1: San Lorenzo Valley Amateur Radio Club (SLVARC), CalFire Ben Lomond Camp, 13575 Empire Grade Rd, Santa Cruz, CA. As the largest Field Day gathering in Santa Cruz County, this event will run the entire 24 hours, commencing at 11 am on Saturday, June 28th and end at 11 am on Sunday, June 29th. Site contact: Elizabeth Baker, n6fit@arrl.net.

Site 2: UCSC Amateur Radio Club, UC Santa Cruz campus, East Field, Saturday, June 28, 11 am – 5 pm. Site contact: Suellene Petersen, k6cpa@arrl.net.

Site 3: SCCARC/South County ARES, Target Parking Lot on Main St in Watsonville, Saturday, June 28, 11 am – 5 pm. Site contact: Suellene Petersen, k6cpa@arrl.net.

Santa Cruz County amateur radio operators actively participate in supporting the local community providing communications support during times of emergency, as well as for local events such as races, bike rides, triathlons, parades, or wherever additional communications support is required and requested in our area. The various amateur radio clubs have been active in the community for many years and remain dedicated to public service. ■



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Additionally we are adding park maintenance workers, and funding for capital projects, mainly due to the passage of Measure F. In Aptos, this budget finalizes funding for the development of a long-awaited park in Seacliff (at Searidge and McGregor). Additionally, the budget will replace a tot lot at Willowbrook Park and adds additional capital funding toward bathrooms at the Polo Grounds.

District Attorney's Office

The DA's Office is down over a dozen positions from their peak staffing levels. This budget begins the process of hiring some of those attorney positions back including contributing toward the innovative Downtown Accountability Program in Santa Cruz. This targets repeat offenders that burden the justice system and provides them everything from treatment to housing to firmer justice response in an effort to reduce the overall impact they have on the community.

Community Programs

The Board of Supervisors reaffirmed its commitment to funding

community based programs that invest in our local safety net. In the greater Aptos area funding was enhanced for programs that serve seniors (such as Grey Bears and Meals on Wheels), environmental cleanup and protection, drug treatment and mental health treatment and more.

Reserve Fund

The County is fortunate to have a strong bond rating, which allows for the borrowing of funds at very low rates. This rating is based in part on the strength of our reserves. During the recession the Board ensured the preservation of the reserve to maintain this rating. At this budget hearing the Board of Supervisors directed that the reserve fund be augmented with a plan to continue to incrementally build it over the next few years. This will ensure the strength of the rating, and protect the County from any unforeseen circumstances, moving forward.

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As always, I'd love to hear your thoughts on the budget or other issues. Just drop my office a line at 454-2200.