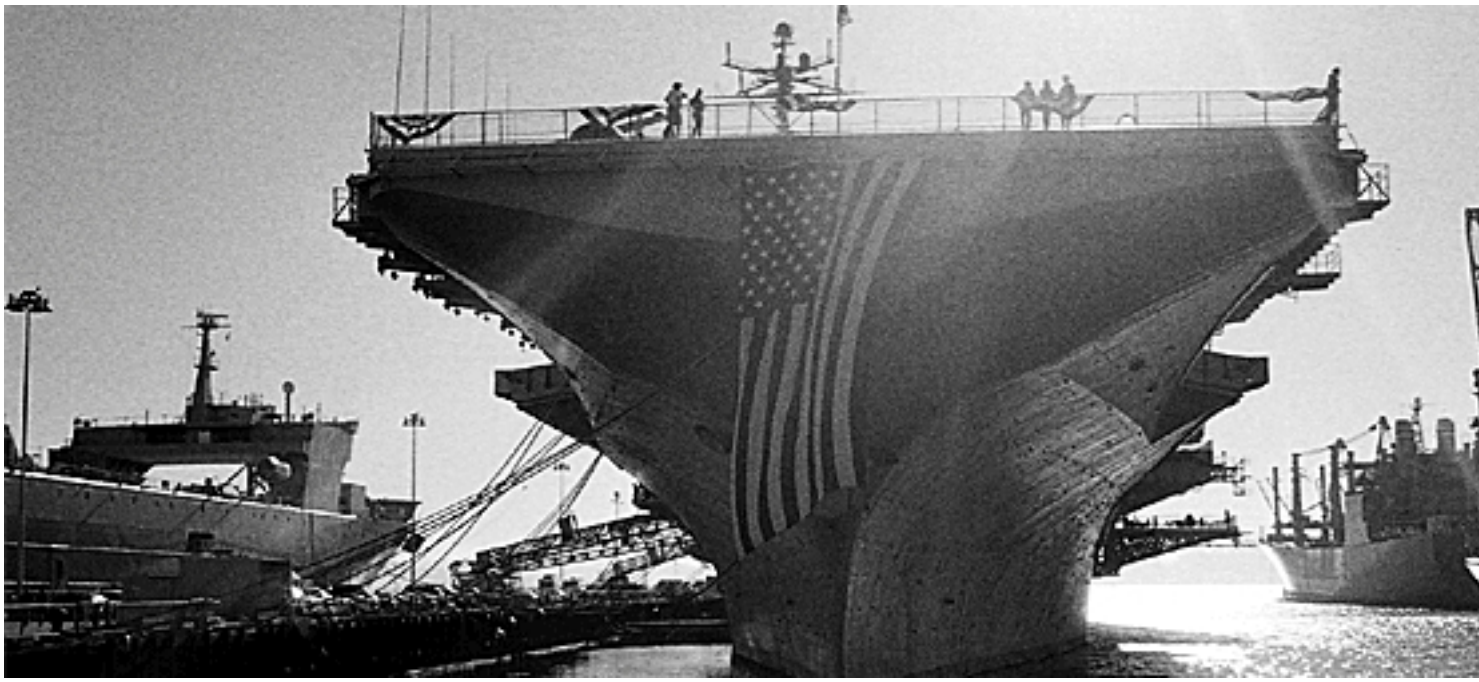

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The U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda will host a 4th of July celebration next Wednesday. .

A lot of festivities are on tap around the East Bay for the whole family for the 4th of July next Wednesday.

July 4th Parade in Alameda

The Annual Mayor's 4th of July Parade in Alameda begins at 10 a.m. at Park Street and Lincoln Avenue. The parade heads up Park to Otis Drive to Grand Street to Central Avenue and then to Webster Street on the west end of Alameda, a 3.3-mile route.

F.H. Dailey July 4th Fair

F.H. Dailey Chevrolet, 800 Davis St. in San Leandro is having a free community fair on July 4. "Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Chevrolet" will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m with food and refreshments, a classic car show, local radio DJ, battle of the garage bands, sports celebrities, team sports demonstrations, raffles, prizes, games and contests for kids of all ages. Proceeds benefit the Davis Street Family Resource Center and the San Leandro Sports Foundation. The event is co-sponsored by the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of San Leandro.

Fireworks at the County Fair

The Alameda County Fair will feature a Red, White and Blues Festival on the night of July 4 at 7 p.m. The Temptations will perform on Thursday, July 5, at the same time, and a fireworks display will begin at about 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 6.

The Alameda County Firefighters will have their 4th of July Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday from 8 to 11 a.m. at Fire Station No. 27, 39039 Cherry St. in Newark. For $5 per person, you can enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes while supporting the Alameda County Firefighters-Local 55 Charity Fund, which works to support local community organizations & projects.

Temple Beth Sholom Red, White and Blue Dinner

Temple Beth Sholom, 642 Dolores Ave. in San Leandro will have a First Friday Night Family Shabbat Service and Dinner, sponsored by Rita Cohen and Tamela Broer and family, on Friday, July 6. The worship service begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a Red, White, and Blue dinner and oneg at 7:15 p.m. Cost for dinner is $10 for adults, $5 for kids ages 6 to 13, and free for kids under 5. RSVP today at 357-8505 (Temple office) or email Rita Cohen at Rc3429@aol.com.

USS Hornet July 4th Celebration

The USS Hornet Museum is hosting its annual family-friendly Independence Day celebration from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday, July 4.

The public is invited to enjoy a fun-filled day of entertainment, food and interactive games for all ages. Visitors are invited to stay to view and enjoy panoramic views of Bay Area fireworks from the ship's flight deck, docked at Pier 3 in Alameda. There is ample free parking across from the pier.

All-day admission is $20 for adults and $10 for children ages 5-17. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 510-521-8448 x 282 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

From 1 to 8 p.m. guests can take part in a variety of carnival and table-top games inside the Hangar Deck. The flight deck will host a bounce house and other inflatable games for all ages.

Live entertainment begins at 2 p.m. on the Flight Deck. Guests can enjoy sweeping views of the San Francisco Bay. Bands scheduled to perform are: Tempest, Michael Sea and Island Fever,

The Cocktail Monkey's, and the Mighty NepTunes. And as guests wait for the fireworks show, they will be entertained by DJ Nikki Blakk from the Bone's 107.7 FM from 7 to 9 p.m.

Throughout the day, guests can explore the many decks of the legendary aircraft carrier. Open for public tour are the flight deck, hangar bays, engine room, flight operations, captain's bridge, ship's hospital, combat information center and torpedo shop.

Exhibits include the West Coast's largest Apollo Moon Mission display and more than a dozen aircraft ranging from WWII vintage to modern era. Visitors can get a close-up look at a TBM Avenger, an F-14 Tomcat, and a helicopter from the "Apollo 13" movie.

One of the highlights is a chance to ride the flight simulator through a jet fighter mission.

A great selection of food, beer and wine will be available for purchase during the event.

Proceeds benefit the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and

support the preservation of the historic aircraft carrier and the educational programs of the USS Hornet Museum.