

■ LOCAL DIGEST

Sobriety checkpoint slated

The Morgan Hill Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Avoid the 13 program on Monday, St. Patrick's Day. The checkpoint will be held at East Dunne Avenue at the intersection of Joleen Way from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. All vehicles passing through the checkpoint will be screened for drugs or alcohol and receive information on driving under the influence.

Avoid the 13 is a countywide task force whose focus is to educate drivers about the dangers of driving impaired while targeting the impaired driver for arrest. The program began as a winter holiday deterrant to DUI and has expanded to include St. Patrick's Day, the Fourth of July, and Memorial and Labor Day weekends.

AAUW sponsors Wildflower Run

The 14th Annual Wildflower Run is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, at Live Oak High School, 1505 E. Main St. The race begins at 9 a.m.

The Wildflower Run will include a 10K and 5K run and a 5K family fun walk, as well as a 2K run for children 12 and under. More than 500 runners are expected in this year's field.

The cost to run is \$16 before April 4, \$20 after. Family rates (three or more participants) are \$42. The event is sponsored by the American Association of University Women and all proceeds are used to fund educational scholarships and graduate fellowships. Eighty percent of the revenue goes to the AAUW Educational Foundation, which provides fellowships for study and research. The remaining 20 percent are spent as scholarships for local women returning to school to complete their college education.

Pre-registrants receive a T-shirt. Details: 778-3924.

MH Showcase dinner sold out

Showcase Morgan Hill, the awards dinner to honor the man of the year, woman of the year, small business of the year, educator of the year and other winners, is sold out, said Chamber President Charlie Vecchio. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Nursery school open house

The Morgan Hill Parent Child Nursery School holds an open house Tuesday and Wednesday.

It is the only parent participation nursery school in the area. Parents are invited to preview the school and meet the teachers.

Open house for 3-year-olds is 10-11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 2-year-olds on Tuesday. Wednesday is for 3- and 4-year-olds from 10-11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 4-year-olds and older. Details: 779-4515.

McPherson named to Conservancy

Sen. Bruce McPherson, R-Santa Cruz, has been named as a member of the state Coastal Conservancy. McPherson also served on the Conservancy as a member of the state Assembly.

"I am very pleased that the Senate has reappointed me to the State Coastal Conservancy which does so much to protect the integrity of our coastline," McPherson said Wednesday in a statement. "My commitment to the coast is reflected in my legislative package which includes bills dealing with coastal access and preservation."

In the current legislative session, McPherson is authoring three pieces of coastal legislation. Included in his package are: SB 62, designed to monitor water quality in the ocean to ensure public safety; SB 65, which would increase the number of warning signs on beaches near contaminated water; and SB 72, which would increase public access to the coast. All three pieces of legislation are pending in the state Legislature.

Small business seminar in Gilroy

Gavilan Employer Advisory Council presents a Small Business Seminar, Employment Development Department reorganization relating to Unemployment Insurance and Job Service programs 1997, an overview of the employer Work Opportunity Tax Credit program and Interdistrict Transition Team Services for Persons with Disabilities in South County. March 27, 7:30-9 a.m., Gilroy Inn Restaurant, 707 First St. \$10 per person

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