Bayfair powerboat races mark 50 years of thrills, spills

By JOHNNY MCDONALD

Jimmy Shane’s Oberto hydroplane was the first across the finish line, but, instead, runner-up J. Michael Kelly got the checkered flag, signaling that he was the Bayfair race victor for the coveted Bill Muncey Cup during the weekend of Sept. 12-14.

Race officials ruled that Shane crossed in front of Kelly at the start of the five-lap feature. Shane was penalized a lap and later fined for the infraction.

However, Shane earlier posted two convincing wins in heat races to maintain his points lead for the championship heading into the season finale at Doha, Qatar from Nov. 20-22.

An emotional Kelly soaked in the victory that became

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By DAVE SCHWAB

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Packed house expected for MB centennial finale

By DAVE SCHWAB

It’s been a year of great celebrations as Mission Beach caps its 100th anniversary observance this month with a Centennial Festival & BBQ Competition between Belmont Park and Ventura Boulevard — an event that will spill out onto the streets Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

More than 15,000 people are expected to swell the centennial festival, which will take San Diegans “through the decades” of this beach community, starting from the roaring 1920s. Guests will enjoy a “Bathing Beauties Fashion Show” with swimsuits from the ’20s sponsored by Pilar’s Beach-

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8,000 volunteers expected to attack 100-plus sites in Coastal Cleanup Day

By STAFF AND CONTRIBUTION

Online volunteer registration is now open for Coastal Cleanup Day 2014, the largest single-day volunteer event in San Diego dedicated to protecting and preserving our local environment. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 20.

Volunteers of all ages are needed from 9 a.m. to noon at more than 100 coastal and inland sites to help preserve the local environment by cleaning up these outdoor areas. Interested volunteers can sign up for the cleanup online at www.cleanupday.org.

Organized locally by environmental nonprofit I Love a Clean San Diego (ILACSD), Coastal Cleanup Day is part of the statewide Coastal Cleanup Day and International Coastal Cleanup, which has included more than 150 countries and 9 million volunteers since its inception more than 30 years ago.

Locally, the event successfully brings together roughly 7,500 volunteers, local businesses, community organizations and government agencies, all working toward the same goal: a cleaner and healthier San Diego.

The city’s Storm Water and Transportation Department launched a “Think Blue” campaign to prevent stormwater pollution.

Each year, hundreds of tons of garbage end up on the beaches and in our waterways after traveling through San Diego’s vast

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KEEPIN’ IT HOT Taylor Rhodes, company president of Hot Tub Cruisin, shows off the unique rental feature that is catching on for water lovers, romantics and adventurers at Mission Bay.

Photo by Dave Schwab

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PB to be among spearhead bike-share sites in city; stations yet to be ironed out

By DAVE SCHWAB

Pacific Beach will be included in the initial rollout of more than 100 stations in the short-term citywide bike-share rental program, now scheduled for an Oct. 30 launch in downtown San Diego and environs.

But where exactly those locations will be in Pacific Beach has yet to be worked out.

A total of 19 bike stations were originally proposed for PB in DecoBike San Diego’s bike-share program. They are: Turquoise Street and La Jolla Mesa Drive; Turquoise Street and Cass Street; Joll Boulevard and Tourmaline Street; Loring Street and Cass Street; Cass Street and Chalcedony Street; Missouri Street and Mission Boulevard; Cass Street and Felspar Street; Garnet Avenue and Ocean Boulevard; Bayard Street and Garnet Avenue; Cass Street and Garnet Avenue; Famael Street and Garnet Avenue; Ingraham Street and Garnet Avenue; Garnet Avenue and Kendall Street; Morrell Street and Garnet Avenue; Grand Avenue and Bayard Street; Grand Avenue and Mission Boulevard; Reed Avenue and Oliver Court; Pacific Beach Drive and Mission Boulevard; and Pacific Beach Drive and Olney Street.

Not all those 19 proposed PB locations were initially acceptable to community planners, however. In July, the Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) unanimously endorsed sending a letter to city officials and DecoBike to ask that the bike-share program be delayed until issues with some proposed locations are vetted and resolved.

Sara Berns, executive director of Discover Pacific Beach, the community’s Business Improvement District (BID), said concerned parties are working through the bike-share’s site-vetting process.

“We have been working with the PB Planning Group, PB Town Council, city of San Diego and DecoBike to come up with an implementation of the bike-share program in Pacific Beach which will be most beneficial to our community,” Berns said. “Bike share is a great alternative transportation option and we look forward to working with the city to include the beach area in this program. However, understanding the concerns of our small-business community, bike shops and rentals need to be included in that, as well as community parking and traffic needs.”

In a recent newsletter, District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris said he’d fielded some concerns about the bike-share program.

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Traffic and engineering improvements are being made to Fiesta Island in the wake of a horrific accident a month ago during which nearly two dozen cyclists were plowed into by a wrong-way driver suspected of driving under the influence of drugs. The accident left several of the bikers injured, one critically.

“Several improvements are being made to Fiesta Island, including additional 25 mph signs, directional white arrows at the entrance [one in each direction], one-way directional arrows around the island, wrong-way signs around the island and putting in no-left-turn signs and one-way-only signs at the short-cut to the youth camp,” said Craig Gustafson, press aide to Mayor Kevin Faulconer. “In addition, we will trim back the bushes by the youth-camp shortcut and replace existing delineators with new, bright-orange ones. We are also adding bike sharrows and ‘share the road’ signs.”

Gustafson said the total number of signs to be added is being reviewed by city staff.

“All of these improvements can go in relatively soon without requests for additional funding,” Gustafson said. “We expect every thing to be installed by mid-Octo ber.”

District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris also weighed in on the Fiest a Island improvements.

“Fiesta Island is a popular recreation destination in San Diego. It’s important that cyclists, pedestrians and even cars feel safe on the roads there,” he said. “These signage additions and modifications are welcome improvements to ensure the safety of folks coming out to enjoy Fiesta Island.”

Stacy McKenzie, district manager for the Mission Bay Park Devel oped Regional Parks Division, said a recent study was done of the impacted area.

“We assessed Fiesta Island to see what more could be done to detour wrong-way drivers,” she said, noting two additional directional white arrows will be added at Fi esta Island’s entrance.

Theresa Lynn Owens, 49, has pleaded not guilty to felony charges of driving under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine. She was recently ordered held on $30,000 bail.

Deputy District Attorney Jessica Coto said Owens drove the wrong way on a one-way road about 6:30 p.m., plowing into the group of 16 to 20 cyclists while traveling about 30 to 35 miles per hour, hitting 10 of the riders head-on as they were going around a blind curve.

Witnesses said Owens got out of her car and tried to render aid under the influence, screaming and acting erratically.

She was transported to a hospital, where a bag of methamphetamine was found in a cavity, the prosecutor said. Toxicology results are pending.

Fiesta Island has a 5-mile-per-hour zone on the east side of the island that lures many recreational and water-sports enthusiasts.

**BIKE SHARE**

Beautifully, the redistrict for Pacific Beach, will unveil its new project on Sept. 20 in a 4 p.m. ceremony.

The project is an enormous street mural at the corner of Diamond and Haines streets, just north of Pacific Beach Middle School. Several dignitaries and political officials are expected to attend, including District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris.

The public welcome.

“This community project is a joint collaboration with the middle school and will involve the painted handiwork of 50 students and adults who will paint the mural on Sept. 20,”

The designer for the mural is Clara Gray, a student at PB Middle. The mural is intended to create a visual point of interest that will slow down traffic, said an important student interaction.

Additional murals of this type are planned for the south side of PB Middle, as well as surrounding schools and community resources in the future.

**27-YEAR-OLD MAN KILLED IN RACING CRASH IDENTIFIED**

Coroner’s officials have identified a 27-year-old driver killed in a street racing crash in Mission Bay Park over the weekend.

Clyde Preston Duncan was driving a 2001 Corvette and racing a bike大胆 Menlo into westbound San Diego World Drive near Friars Road shortly after 5 p.m. on Sept. 14, according to the San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office and San Diego police.

Duncan lost control and crashed the Corvette into a palm tree in the center median, authorities said. He was killed on impact.

Duncan’s 28-year-old girlfriend, who was a passenger in the Corvette, suffered minor injuries, San Diego police Officer Robert Heims said.

The Mercedes’ driver fled after seeing the crash, Heims said.

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collikies, we have had several meet ings with their community out reach representative and they have been very interested in how about various proposed locations,”

Curry said. “We are very close to finalizing locations that should be much more acceptable to the public.

Curry said Deccollikes intends to present its final recommendations at the plan group’s traffic and parking committee on Thurs day, September 18 at 5 p.m. at Discover PB office, 1503 Garnett Ave.

“I would encourage the public to come and learn about the project, which appears to be the work of a third-party intruder,”

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13 sites that have been approved to date.

Decollike said it is continuing to work with property owners and the community on remaining sites that will complete the network of 180 bike-sharing stations.

“This is an important milestone for bike sharing in San Diego,” said David Silverman, Decollike San Diego’s executive representative.

“We anticipate confirming all sites in the network within the next few weeks and will begin installing stations later this month.

In 2013, Decollike signed a 10-year contract with the city to create a citywide network of 180 bike-share stations for short-term rentals.

Decollike stations will be located in communities from Pacific Beach to San Ysidro, providing a robust network that will give the public a viable and environment ally friendly transportation choice.

The convenience of being able to park your bike at one location and drop it off at another encourages bicycling as a mode of travel rather than relying on cars.

“Whether it’s commuting to work, running errands or simply enjoying a nice bike ride for exercise, automated bike-sharing programs fulfill all those needs in a very efficient manner,” said Silverman. “It’s convenient, easy to use and it’s ‘green’ transportation at its best.”

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The company, which started this summer, sublets its hot-tub boat operation out of Mission Bay Sport Center at 1010 Santa Clara Place in Mission Beach. It rents its pontoon-style craft seating up to 10 passengers for a flat rate of $215 an hour for up to four hours.

There’s a barbecue and an 18-gallon deck cooler onboard, and guests can bring their own food and drinks. The craft is also equipped with a Bluetooth-capable sound system with wrap-around seating to take advantage of the views.

Hot Tub Cruisin’s pitch is that clients can “enjoy the bay any day,” whatever the reason — a birthday or special event, a date, a company outing or just a summer night spin to catch a fireworks display.

“We’re hitting every demographic: college students and young professionals all the way up to families and businesses going out together on groups or a Friday afternoon,” Rhodes said.

Rhodes said no one has yet asked to get married on his Jacuzzi cruise, “but we’ve reached out to some wedding planners and they’ve made suggestions to people,” he said.

The hot-tub cruise, however, has attracted a fair amount of bachelor and bachelorette parties because of its attractive and unique venue for such fun-oriented excursions. So far, Cruisin’s skipper hasn’t done much advertising. He hasn’t had to.

“It’s a floating advertisement,” Rhodes said. “While the boat is out, we get four of five calls from people who’ve seen it going by, asking, ‘What’s the deal? Is it really a hot tub?’”

Rhodes said Hot Tub Cruisin, for a variety of reasons, usually isn’t a tough sell.

“It’s a unique, luxurious experience,” he said about partying and dining in a hot tub out on the ocean. He said the hot tub is drained and refilled after every excursion.

“We fill it back up with water at a temperature of 104 degrees,” he said, adding the temperature can be adjusted at the customer’s request.

Is this the start of something bigger?

Rhodes said he doesn’t want his company to go too far ahead of itself.

“Now that summer’s over, we’re going to take a step back and consider things,” he said. “There’s a ton of interest to bring this to other venues.”

For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.hothtubcruisin.com, or call (619) 905-5100.

The festival wouldn’t be complete without tasty grub. Visitors will be able to grab the best barbecue taste treats at the sanctioned Cue Taste Treats at the sanctioned Father’s Day Classic Car Show, a demonstration and a volleyball tournament.

To date, the Mission Beach centennial celebration has featured nine community-based events: a monument dedication and resid-ent walk, a pub crawl, a “Meet The Legends Surf Classic,” a Father’s Day classic car show, a “Dive-In” movie featuring the 1975 thriller “Jaws,” a horseshoe tournament put on by the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, a hands-on sandcastle-building demonstration and a volleyball tournament.

It all leads up to this, the pièce de résistance: the free Centennial Festival & BBQ Competition.

The boardwalk area of South Mission Beach has always been a popular spot for sunbathers and people-watchers, as shown in this undated historic photo. Courtesy photo.

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official about 30 minutes after the final was completed along the 2 1⁄2-mile Bill Muncey course. Fran Muncey, wife of the late Bill Muncey, presented the trophy to Kelly on the 50th anniversary of the Bayfair races.

“It’s very cool to be a part of the history of Bill Muncey,” Kelly said. “Knowing I’ll never have what he’s done, but to be part of it all.”

It was a bizarre conclusion to the three-day festival that included other class speedboats, a car show and bands on three stages.

The weekend began when the board of governors was advised that the city would not lift its order to ban spectators from bringing alcohol in to the event. Board members said they felt this will create a future financial hardship and affect the number of recreational vehicles that normally circle the course.

Also, in a surprise move, the sanctioning H1 Hydroplane series announced that chairman Sam Cole was being replaced by Steve David on an interim basis. David, a Florida real-estate executive, is a former hydroplane champion. Cole had been chairman for 10 years.

Board president Jeff Thomas said the board of governors would conduct a post-race meeting in a few weeks to discuss the future of Bayfair and to discuss a possible meeting with the San Diego City Council over the alcohol issue.

Thunderboats Inc. is a non-profit organization to promote powerboat racing in San Diego and tourism in the beach area. Bayfair is funded in part by the San Diego Tourism Marketing District Corporation with tourism marketing district assessment funds.

Although final attendance figures have yet to be compiled, organizers report a strong turnout over the three-day race period.

“We’re thankful to the 700-plus volunteers that come together each year to stage this family event,” said Thomas. “Mission Bay Park was built for hydroplane racing, and we’re proud to showcase it.”

CLOSER INSPECTION Bayfair San Diego hydroplane race safety officials inspect a boat that flipped multiple times during the race. Photo by Jim Grant

CLEANUP

watershed system. Best known for its beach cleanup sites, Coastal Cleanup Day reaches far beyond the beach, with more than 65 percent of sites located along the rivers, creeks, canyons and urban areas throughout the county.

Event organizers said cleaning up these inland sites prevents trash from reaching the coast, stopping pollution at the source.

Trash removal is just one component of the annual event. Volunteers will also conduct storm drain stenciling, invasive plant removal, native planting and graffiti removal.

Another unique component of the event is the “on the water” cleanups that take place at San Dieguito Lagoon and Shelter Island/San Diego Bay.

ILACSD encourages San Diegans to come together for the event to improve the health of the environment and preserve the San Diego way of life for future generations. For a complete list of cleanup sites and to register to volunteer, visit www.cleanupday.org.

For more information or to donate, visit www.cleansd.org, or call (619) 291-0103.
Heart of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk poised to please palates

Palates will be pleased during the 16th annual Heart of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk, featuring cuisine from nearly two dozen local eateries Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. throughout the beach community’s business district.

This year, visitors will enjoy a leisurely stroll between Everts and Lamont streets while sampling a great variety of menus from local restaurants for only $20 presale or $25 on the day of the event.

As part of this year’s festivities, there will also be a craft-beer tasting at two locations, one of which will be The Fish Shop, offering a Karl Strauss sampling.

Participating restaurants include: Broken Yolk, Café Athena, Caffe Bella Italia, Costa Brava, Great New Cast Cookware and Cooking School, Fred’s Mexican Café, Jamba Juice, Mr. Frostie, Papa Luna’s Empanadas, PB Cantina, Rocket Fizz, Sugar and Scribe Bakery, Tap Room, Tavern, The Fish Shop, The Patio on Lamont Street, Trader Joe’s, Fred’s Mexican Café, Woodstock’s Pizza and Yogurt on the Rocks.

“Restaurant walks are a great opportunity to showcase our businesses by not only highlighting our diverse dining options and allowing folks to sample food from a restaurant they may not have been to before or forgot about, but also increasing foot traffic past all the shops and stores you don’t always take the time to see or drive by,” said Sara Berns, executive director of Discover Pacific Beach, the business improvement district hosting the event. “It’s a real community feeling to be out strolling our business district and be able to run into friends and neighbors.”

Tickets can be purchased at: www.pacificbeach.org, Papa Luna’s Empanadas (1404 Garnet Ave.) or Discover Pacific Beach (1503 Garnet Ave.).

Save the date and spend the last days of summer with friends and family by enjoying the best of Pacific Beach’s local cuisine.

For more information, call Kim Ramsey at Discover Pacific Beach at (858) 273-3303, or visit www.pacificbeach.org.
With solid ties to PB, transplanted Scotsman marks San Diego as ‘home’

By BART MENDOZA

When Colin Clyne left his native Scotland in 2003 to follow the love of his life to sunny San Diego, he had no way of knowing all the changes the next decade would bring. He dreamed of being a musician, although he got a late start; an accident to his hand kept him away from the guitar until he was 23.

Working as a seabed surveyor in La Jolla, he became a husband and a father and slowly but surely built a career impressive by anyone’s standards.

Clyne toured the West Coast, soon playing sold-out shows around California, and released three acclaimed albums, “Cold Store” (2006), “Doricana” (2010) and “Doon Tae the Wld” (2012). He took home trophies for Best Acoustic Performer at the 2011 and 2012 San Diego Music Awards, and he might have taken another in 2013 if he hadn’t had to return to Scotland for family reasons.

He’s holding on to his San Diego connections, including those with Pacific Beach-based and Grammy Award-winning producer Alan Sanderson (Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac); Sanderson’s Pacific Beat Studios, which has worked on all Clyne’s albums to date; and filmmaker Craig Riann, who is working on a documentary on Clyne, largely shot in San Diego. He also plans a West Coast tour this winter, using La Jolla as a home base.

Clyne has noticed a few a differences between California and Scottish audiences.

“People actually understand my between-song banter here — well, for the most part,” he joked. Meanwhile, he said, the biggest surprise has been in the description of his music.

“If you recall, people for the best part in the U.S. had me labeled as a Celtic artist,” he said. “Here, I’ve been described as country, which is fine, but I’d say Scottish, rootsy, Americana-ish. I’m like a stray dog. I’ve slipped my leash, sneaked through the fence, and I’m ready to explore every corner.”

Upon his return to Scotland, Clyne hit the ground running, acquiring a backing band, The Carrons, gigging relentlessly. The hard work has paid off. “The Never-Ending Pageant” hit No. 6 on the iTunes country music chart with the album’s first single, “Merry Go Round,” climbing to 48. Clyne said the San Diego Music Awards wins helped with his current success.

“Absolutely,” he said. “You just need to look at the list of previous winners in order for people to sit up and take notice.”

That list includes the likes of Jewel and Jason Mraz.

Clyne credits working with Sanderson as the catalyst for a hit record.

“We were all proud of ‘Doricana,’” he said. “and it was the absolute best it could have been at that time. But this was a little more intense. We were genuinely moved while in the studio making ‘Pageant.’ Eight years of working together finally birthed the record Alan and I had always discussed, our many beers, making together.”

While he did make preproduction demos to test the songs and to keep music in the material, the band never heard them.

“I don’t record demos that often anymore,” he said. “I keep them in my head, and if they are good enough, I’ll remember them — hopefully. However, for this record, we did a whole bunch of preproduction and demos to make sure the songs were absolutely spot-on before we got the band in. Of course, the band then wanted the charts and the demos, but I refused. What you hear on the record was done in the studio, unrehearsed and inspired.”

Clyne said he looks forward to returning to San Diego and the “great Mexican food.” He said he’s happy with where music has taken him — and it all started for him in La Jolla.

“Music means as much to me now as always,” he said. “It’s saved me time and again. It’s the thing I was meant to do. Making records is like a drug to me. I’m obsessed with the pursuit of creating something akin to my heroes.”

For more information, visit colinclyne.com.

Daily discounts at The Patio

Anyone who is a foodie and loves dining out knows it can get expensive. The Patio on Lamont Street offers several daily discounts that many guests can take advantage of. Everyday, military and first responders receive 10% off their food bill. Seniors can also ask for our “mature guest” discount, valid at breakfast and lunch daily. The Patio features weekly specials on specific nights as well. “Industry Monday” extends happy hour pricing all day to employees of the hospitality, restaurant and salon industries. Tuesdays are corkage free at The Patio, so bring your own bottle of wine and the standard $15 corkage fee is waived. All of the specials, as well as upcoming events, can be found in the drink menu at the restaurant, or visit our website at www.thepatiorestaurants.com.

Making His Mark: Scotland-born Colin Clyne is eager to return to San Diego and “the great Mexican food.” Courtesy photo
By BART MENDOZA

It’s tough being the offspring of big stars. The expectations can be overwhelming However, Louise Goffin, who appears at Dizzy’s on Sept. 18, has managed to avoid this, carving out a low-key but vital career in the shadow of her parents, legendary songwriters Carole King and Gerry Goffin. Her first released music was the track “Uptown Boyz” in the classic 1982 comedy “Fast Times at Ridgemont High,” based on our own Clairemont High School, though today she would fall more into the singer-songwriter category. Goffin is the real deal, inheriting a strong sense of melody and songcraft, evident in such songs as the atmospheric pop of “Sometimes a Circle” or the jaunty, piano-based “Pink Champagne.”

LOUISE GOFFIN: Thursday, Sept. 18 at DIZZY’S, 4275 Mission Bay Drive, 7-30 p.m. $20. www.dizzyjazz.com.

Swing dancers or anyone who wants to bust a stylish move will want to check out the Big Daddy Orchestra, performing at Humphreys Backstage Live on Sept. 24. It performs classics from “Fly Me to the Moon” to “Fever,” but this orchestra is no one-trick pony. The band also excels at classic Motown, like Stevie Wonder’s “Boogie on Reggae Woman” or newer dance numbers like the Bustin Pointdexter favorite “Hot Hot Hot.” The band is an entertaining listen, but for the full effect, a little participation on the dance floor is recommended.

BIG DADDY ORCHESTRA: Wednesday, Sept. 24 at HUMPREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, 7 p.m. $5. www.humphreysbackstage-live.com.

Anyone looking for a night out with entertainment beyond the usual cover bands and singer-songwriters will want to head to Reds Saloon, which now offers comedy every Wednesday night. It’s a great spot for comedy, with a warm, inviting interior and an intimate feel. On Sept. 24, the venue will feature an appearance from Andrew Santino, perhaps best known as an actor on “Arrested Development,” as well as a producer of the TV favorite “Punk’d.” Is he funny? Yes, indeed, though the mild-mannered or overly politically correct guests should proceed with caution. Meanwhile, everyone else will have a rip-roaring good time.

ANDREW SANTINO, Wednesday, Sept. 24 at REDS SALOON, 4190 Mission Blvd. 9 p.m. thewoodgroup.com/reds.

It’s just over 1,600 miles from San Diego to New Orleans, but locals needing a fix of Louisiana sounds need look no further than a gig from The Swamp Critters, which performs at Tio Leo’s on Sept. 30. Playing a mix of Cajun, zydeco, blues and Texas swing, the band’s music is an instant party. There is no ramp-up in the action; the band explodes with irresistible rhythms from the first beat. Even people who hate to dance can’t resist tapping their toes once the tunes start flowing. Tio Leo’s is the perfect spot for such a show, with a hardwood dance floor and a cozy, friendly vibe. If you’re looking for the sounds of Mardi Gras, this is the next best thing to making the journey to Fat City.

THE SWAMP CRITTERS: Tuesday, Sept. 30, TIO LEOS, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com.

Hardcore punk legends Reagan Youth perform at Brick by Brick on Oct. 1. Formed in New York in 1983, the band split at the end of the decade, re-forming in 2006 with an updated, heavier — though no-less-intense — sound. Though it never achieved mainstream success, the band has built a cult following in the decades since its initial run, establishing pioneers of a now-overcrowded field. Anyone who listens to punk rock needs to make this show a priority viewing. There are few origina left, and Reagan Youth was a key piece of the puzzle that made the 1980s bearable for a legion of music fans.

REAGAN YOUTH: Wednesday, Oct. 1 at BRICK BY BRICK, 1130 Broadway Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. $12. www.brickbybrick.com.
Junior Lifeguards host counterparts from TJ, Rosarita during festival

The annual San Diego Junior Lifeguard Ocean Festival wrapped up another successful event Aug. 2 in Mission Beach.

The competition began with the Willie Calabrese Memorial Run Swim Run and a 4-mile walk — a continuing celebration of life for former San Diego lifeguard Willie Calabrese, who was lost at sea in 2012.

This event was open to the public and featured special junior lifeguard guests from Tijuana and Rosarita. Junior Lifeguard events included swim, paddle relays and beach flags. All families, friends and participants enjoyed a breakfast on the beach.

After dedicating years of service to the community and students, teachers Walda Brooks and Brenda Solis have decided to retire. Although they will be missed, two wonderful teachers have joined the staff in their places: kindergarten teacher Debra Junghans and kindergarten/first-grade teacher Carolyn Willis. Both bring with them years of experience teaching kindergarten and first grade. We are proud to have them as our new staff members.

Kate Sessions will host a Handmade in San Diego Craft Fair on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is open to artists and crafters with handmade goods. To register, visit www.sandinet.net/sessions (click on the events tab).

There are 77 juniors and seniors that are full IB-diploma candidates (these 77 students have decided to run the academic marathon). IB courses are college level, weighted classes, and many of these courses also give students college credit.

MBHS has also expanded its AP offerings to enhance the higher-level IB coursework.

The Mission Bay Cluster would like to thank outgoing SDUSD trustee Scott Barnett for his advocacy and vision for our schools.

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Study of coastal whales inaugurated by Navy

The Navy has inaugurated a study to document the feeding, diving and travel habits of whales off the Southern California coast. The project, which began on July 31, involves Oregon State University researchers’ attempts to attach 24 trackers to the fins of blue whales and fin whales, whose locations will be tracked for a year. In a separate project, eight whales will be tagged in an effort to learn about their deep-water foraging habits. Preliminary results will be reported to the National Marine Fisheries Service next spring. Field work is also planned for 2015 and 2016. Data will be combined with oceanographic information to obtain results that can only be achieved underwater. The Navy estimates that the work may kill up to 135 mammals and injure 2,000 others. The study begins as environmental groups fight the military and the fisheries service over a permit that allows the Navy to use sonar and explosives charges.

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