Alright, a new season means it’s time for new things to do out and about in LA. Check out these offbeat ideas for events and attractions you probably haven’t tried yet.

Go Back In Time at Bob Baker Marionette Theater
Who doesn’t love a kitschy, red puppet palace? From the old-timey music to the original marionette puppets that have been there for fifty years to the free (vegan) ice cream after the show, Bob Baker Marionette Theater is, hands down, the best bet for quirky, original, art-based entertainment in Echo Park. Where else can you see aliens and barnyard animals sing and dance in a trippy, choreographed extravaganza? While you’re there, meet Bob Baker himself, an LA legend and genuine nice guy.

Fill Up at Clifton’s Cafeteria
A downtown landmark since the 1931, Clifton’s serves cafeteria food for a dollar a scoop in a bizarre, campy atmosphere that must be seen to be believed. Stand in line with your tray, then find a spot to enjoy your meal – under a pine tree, beside an indoor stream, or next to some cuddly stuffed bear cubs. At 648 S. Broadway – and worth the drive!

Ride ‘Em, Cowboy/girl!
Equal parts corny and comely, the Autry Museum of Western Heritage is a comprehensive, fun celebration of
Well, we’ve reached the end of the quarter.

Chances are by now you’re knee-deep in papers and projects, flashcards and finals, projects and procrastination (the last of those being the likely reason that you are reading this). It is during times like these where it is easy to forget about the outside world, or for that matter easy to forget that there is anything that exists beyond the 20-page research paper that is staring us in the face.

For that reason we at the SEMI decided we would equip you to enjoy a little rest and relaxation in our fair city, once papers have been submitted and finals have been taken, of course.

You’ll find Autumn Hilden’s piece about ten lesser known but very entertaining ways to spend an afternoon or evening in Los Angeles. If you’ve done all the touristy stuff (or you don’t want to pay for it) check out her list of fun activities around the area. They are perfect antidotes to the post-finals malaise.

If you’re looking to blow off a little steam in the great outdoors, check out our list of ten great hikes in the Los Angeles area. These hikes range from gentle creek side strolls to grueling mountain climbs, and they are all great ways to unplug from your laptop and enjoy God’s creation. Hiking is one of my great passions, so I wanted to make sure you all know about some of the phenomenal hiking trails that are only a short drive from campus. Some of these hikes I’ve enjoyed myself; others are on my list for spring break. All of them come highly recommended from hiking enthusiasts I’ve read about on the Internet and in books. Whether you’re taking an extended study break or you’re celebrating the end of the quarter, these hikes will give you a new appreciation for the natural beauty of Los Angeles County (which, it turns out, is not a contradiction in terms).

So from all of us at the SEMI, good luck on all of your final assignments. We hope that you learn a lot, that you’re able to successfully demonstrate all that you’ve learned, and that you even have a little bit of fun in the process.

-Brian Kiley, SEMI Editor
Ten Great Hikes around Los Angeles

By Brian Kiley

Spring break is coming, and the Los Angeles area is a veritable wonderland of hikes and other outdoor activities. We want you to be able to take advantage of the beautiful weather and the weeklong respite from class, papers, and exams and get outside and enjoy the beauty that is around you. Here are ten hikes of varying difficulty that you can do in a day and that will give your eyes the opportunity see something other than the moveable type on your computer screen.

1) Echo Mountain
   Distance: 5.0 miles roundtrip
   Location: From Fuller’s campus drive east on Walnut, make a left on Lake and drive about three miles until Lake turns left. Park anywhere near the left hand turn and walk to the right. After about 100 yards you’ll encounter a trailhead that will show you a simple map of the area.
   Why you should do this hike: If you’ve lived in Pasadena for any length of time, you’ve almost certainly heard of Echo Mountain and you’ve probably hiked it yourself. It is a challenging but manageable 2.5 mile hike uphill to the ruins of a resort that used to be found on top of the mountain. Throughout the hike you’ll see great views of Los Angeles.
   For more information: www.localhikes.com/Hikes/EchoMountain

2) Big Santa Anita Canyon
   Distance: 6.0 miles roundtrip
   Location: Get on the 210-E and drive seven miles to Arcadia. Exit Santa Anita Avenue and drive six miles north to the end of the road, Chantry Flat. The trail begins across the road from the first parking area.
   Why you should do this hike: This is one of the best easy day hikes in the Angeles National Forest. Much of the hike is along Big Santa Anita Creek, and there are several small waterfalls that you’ll encounter on your way. The trail is paved for the first 0.6 miles, but once you reach the bottom of the canyon and cross the bridge you’ll be on a dirt path. There is a picnic area along the Gabrielino Trail (a few miles into the hike) where you can stop and enjoy lunch. Note: a national forest recreation pass is required to park. They cost $5 for a day, or $30 for a year.
   For more information: www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles

3) Solstice Canyon
   Distance: 2.8 mile loop
   Location: Get on the 134-W, merge onto the 101-N, take exit 33 for Lost Hills Road, make a left on Lost Hills, turn right on Las Virgenes Road, follow that to Pacific Coast Highway, turn right at PCH, then right on Corral Canyon, and left on Solstice Canyon. Drive for .5 miles on Solstice Canyon and you’ll see the parking lot.
   Why you should do this hike: This hike is a bit of a drive from Pasadena (close to one hour), but it is well worth it. You start on a shaded paved road along a stream that takes you up to a dirt path and eventually to the ruins of a ranch house that burned down in 1982. From there you can easily climb on nearby rocks up to a small waterfall (pictured below). The area surrounding the house is a great place for a picnic lunch. From there you join the Rising Sun Trail, which takes you on a steep .4 mile climb, but rewards you with beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean and the surrounding canyon for the remainder of the hike.

4) Inspiration Point
   Distance: 10.4 miles roundtrip
   Location: Same as Echo Mountain. When you reach
the top of Echo Mountain, you make a left onto the trail up to Inspiration Point.

Why you should do this hike: If you make it to the top of Echo Mountain and you're still feeling tough, this is your hike. You'll get more incredible views of Los Angeles and the surrounding mountains (see picture below), and you'll pick up another 1000 vertical feet on your way to Inspiration Point.

For more information: www.localhikes.com/Hikes/EchoMountain

5) Mount Baldy
Distance: 13.5 miles

Location: Take the 210-E, exit East Baseline Road. Turn right on Padua Ave, then turn right on Mount Baldy Road. Stay on Mount Baldy Rd. for about ten miles. Park on the dirt pullouts near Falls Road, and walk to the gated, paved road.

Why you should do this hike: This is one of the premier day hikes in Southern California. I'll warn you though: this is not a hike for those looking for a casual stroll in the mountains. This one is going to take you most of the day. At 10,664 feet, Mount Baldy is the tallest mountain in the San Gabriels. If you're feeling wimpy, there is a chair lift, which only operates on the weekends, that will take you up (and down) the first 3.5 miles of the trail. Following the chair lift you'll enter the precarious Devil's Backbone Trail that takes you towards the summit. From the summit you'll see a panoramic view that includes desert, ocean, cities, and mountains. It is spectacular! This hike is best done in the late spring or early summer, and you shouldn't attempt it if there is still snow on the mountain (too dangerous). Note: a national forest recreation pass is required to park. They cost $5 for a day, or $30 for a year.

For more information: www.fs.fed.us/r5/angels

6) Mount Williamson
Distance: 5.0 miles

Location: Take the 210-W to the 2-N, and drive north for 42 miles to Islip Saddle. Park in the Pacific Crest Trail parking lot, and the trail begins on the northwest side of the lot.

Why you should do this hike: This unique hike will give you both a mountain and desert hiking experience. The trees on the trail are sparse, and you'll have magnificent views of the Mojave Desert as you ascend the 8,214-foot peak. If you're feeling like a shorter hike, you can hike the two miles out to the saddle and back, but if you want to press on to the summit you'll face a steep climb and then be rewarded with a view of the San Gabriel Mountains on your left and the desert on your right. When you reach the first summit, continue on a little further to the more spacious second summit where the view is better. Note: a national forest recreation pass is required to park. They cost $5 for a day, or $30 for a year.

For more information: www.fs.fed.us/r5/angels

7) Monrovia Canyon Falls
Distance: 1.5-3.4 miles (depending on the trailhead you start from)

Location: Take the 210 East to the Myrtle Ave. exit. Drive north until you hit Foothill Blvd. Turn right on Foothill, then left on Canyon Blvd. After 1.5 miles on Canyon you'll enter the park (stay to the right when the road splits). Park near the picnic area and nature center for the shortest hike.

Why you should do this hike: This is a short, peaceful hike with some beautiful scenery. There are three different trailheads, allowing you to choose the distance for your hike. Trees surround the trail, and you'll hike along a beautiful canyon stream. The waterfall is about 50 feet tall, and is surrounded by rocks that you can climb on to get a great view of it. If you want to get outside but you don't want to work up too much of a sweat, this is a great hike to try. Note: Monrovia Canyon Park is closed on
Tuesdays, and is only open 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on other days.

**For more information:** www.ci.monrovia.ca.us

8) **Strawberry Peak**

**Distance:** 6.4 miles

**Location:** Take the 210-W to the 2-N. Drive 14 miles on the 2 to Red Box Station. Turn right and drive to the east end of the parking lot. The trail starts across Highway 2. Cross the road, walk 75 yards to the right, and you'll find a gated fire road that is the trailhead.

**Why you should do this hike:** This is a great option if you want to do a climb, but you aren't feeling up to Mount Baldy or Mount Williamson. The trail starts on a fire road, then narrows to a single dirt trail after .6 miles. After 2.2 miles the trail is much less maintained, and you have to scramble a bit up the path towards the summit. Once you reach the peak you'll be rewarded with views of the San Gabriel Valley, the Los Angeles Basin, and the San Gabriel Mountains. Note: a national forest recreation pass is required to park. They cost $5 for a day, or $30 for a year.

**For more information:** www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles

9) **Gabrielino Trail to Bear Canyon**

**Distance:** 7.0 miles

**Location:** Take the 134-W to the 101-N, exit Coldwater Canyon. Drive south for 2.3 miles then turn right on Franklin Canyon Drive. Drive 1.5 miles, then bear left on Lake Drive. Once you pass the park entrance look for a parking area and the trailhead on your left.

**Why you should do this hike:** This is a nice, easy day hike that isn't too far away. You hike up on a fire road that will lead you to a place where you can see all the way to the ocean on a clear day. You'll have to work a little bit to make it to the top, but it's not too challenging. From there you can either return the way you came or take a narrow dirt trail that leads to a picnic area. If you enjoy natural history, visit the nearby Sooky Goldman Nature Center after your hike to learn all about the Santa Monica Mountains.

**For more information:** www.nps.gov/samo

10) **Hastain Trail**

**Distance:** 2.3 miles

**Location:** Take the 134-W to the 101-N, exit Coldwater Canyon. Drive south for 2.3 miles then turn right on Franklin Canyon Drive. Drive 1.5 miles, then bear left on Lake Drive. Once you pass the park entrance look for a parking area and the trailhead on your left.

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**Editor's Note:** Some of this information comes from my own experience, but for hikes I have not done myself I was aided by several websites, and Foghorn Outdoors' outstanding book *California Hiking.*

Brian Kiley (4th yr., MDiv) is having a hard time focusing on finals after writing about all of these awesome hikes. He wants to go outside.
all the glory and hardship of living in
the fabled American West. It houses
a great gift store, as well as exhibits on
western genre films, celebrity cowboy
life, and Native American heritage.
Of particular note are a pretty little
garden courtyard, a full-scale ghost
over train cars from days gone by. The
jewel in the Travel Town crown is the
Little Nugget club car, a lavishly ap­
pointed rolling stage that once played
host to entertainers like George Burns
and Gracie Allen. Every Saturday
helpful docents lead tours through
soundproofing, a light show, a super
sound system, and a hefty bible of
songs in Korean and English. Watch
the Korean music videos or enjoy bar
and menu service in your room while
you make like the star you are.
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Make Tracks to Travel Town
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east before air travel became popular.
Be a Karaoke Star
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try Rosen Music Studio on W. 8th
Street in Koreatown. No need to
pretend you “don’t sing” here, as each
group gets a private room with solid

“The Stations of the Cross”
- A Meditation on the Passion of Christ

As part of the spiritual formation emphasis within the Doctor of Ministry Program, two members of the Fuller community have collaborated to create a unique presentation of the traditional Lenten discipline called “The Stations of Cross.” This meditation on the passion of Christ will include 15 original acrylic paintings by Chris Hull (Health Insurance), depicting individual moments in the via Dolorosa, the journey of Christ’s suffering. Each painting will also have a written text by John Hull (Doctor of Ministry), providing a brief reflection on the scenes portrayed in the artwork.

This presentation of “The Stations of the Cross” will be open to the entire Fuller community, beginning Tuesday, March 9. It will be displayed in the Atrium of the Student Service Center (ground level), 250 N. Madison Ave. All are welcome to use this meditation on Christ’s passion throughout the Lenten season.

It’ll cost you about $45, but the Warner Brothers VIP Studio Tour is no lame theme park attraction – it brings you and a small group of just eight people onto sets, stepping over lights and wires, and into the heart of shows you actually watch. Like a crash course in film, you’ll learn about lighting, set building, and camera tricks, plus you’ll visit famous sets, like Central Perk from Friends (still intact from the last episode) and the French Café from Casablanca. Totally amazing.

Feel the Wind in Your Hair
Spring means a trip to the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area! Hidden off the 605, the Santa Fe Dam is an expansive man-made park and lake with plenty of space to stretch out and have fun. Rent a paddle boat or 6-person surrey and zip around the many paths that crisscross the grounds, then refuel with an ice cream from the snack bar. A day pass is $8.

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**THE REFECTORY** Beginning Monday, March 8, 2010, the Refectory is under the new management of Alegre Food Services. www.alegrefoods.com. New business hours: Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00p.m. Friday 7:00a.m.— 1:30p.m. Grand opening: Monday March 29.

**2010-11 PARISH PULPIT FELLOWSHIP** Applications are being taken for the 2010-2011 Parish Pulpit Fellowship. One to two fellowships are available ($24,000 for single recipient; $28,000 for a married recipient, if spouse accompanies) to graduating MDiv students who are committed to parish pulpit ministry. Recipients must have completed all degree requirements by the end of spring or summer quarter, 2010. Award winners are expected to travel and study overseas during the 2010-2011 academic year, beginning in the fall of 2010. Applications are available at the School of Theology Dean's office 626.584.5300 or e-mail sot-deansoffice@fuller.edu. Application deadline: Friday, March 19 by 5:00pm.

**COMING SOON, SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY LECTURE SERIES SPRING 2010** Dr. Scott Cormode and Clayton Schmit will be giving their inaugural lectures on April 6 and April 20, 2010, respectively. Dr. Cormode will be presenting a lecture titled, “The Faithful Next Step: Forming Christian Leaders for the Future”, and Dr. Schmit will be giving a lecture titled, “Walk Humbly With Your God.” Visiting lecturer Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, New Testament professor from Candler School of Theology, will conclude the series with the 2010 Payton Lectures May 5-6 with two lectures under the theme of, “Spirit and Body: the Corinthians and the New Creation”. All are invited to attend. For more information contact the SOT Dean’s Office at 626.584.5300 or theology@fuller.edu.

**CHINESE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (CSF)** 10a.m.-11a.m., Thursdays in the International Students Concerns Committee Room (above the ISO Food Bank garage, behind Taylor Hall.) For more info, contact Teng-Kuan Ng at tengkuan_ng@fuller.edu.

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