

September 2007 Events

1	Julian Grape Stomp Festa: Kick up your heels and kick off Labor Day weekend in a barrel full of freshly harvested grapes at this annual event to celebrate the upcoming fall season. Held at Menghini Winery, the daylong festivities include grape stomping for adults and kids, music, entertainment, food and crafts vendors.
2	Pancake Pat Down: Waiting in line for your weekend brunch has never been more relaxing, thanks to Spa by Bardot and Richard Walker's Pancake House. Every Friday, massage therapists from the new downtown spa provide complimentary five-minute back and head rubs to patrons awaiting the breakfast spot's famous flapjacks.
3	Labor Day at Del Mar: Don't miss your last few chances of the season to celebrate the summer as only race fans can. Labor Day festivities include the final Family Day of the season, with free pony rides, rock climbing and more for the kids, autograph and photograph sessions with jockeys and a pint glass giveaway to all racetrack patrons. September 3, noon to 7 p.m. Closing Day two days later includes a new tradition: the free Closing Day Party in the Paddock, which begins after the final race and culminates with a performance by the always-entertaining Super Diamond Neil Diamond Tribute Band.
4	Chicago Live!: Broadway San Diego has another hit on its hands as it welcomes superstar George Hamilton reprising his role of charismatic lawyer Billy Flynn in this ever-popular musical. The jazzy story of murderesses Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart takes the Civic Theatre stage by storm for six nights.
5	Clos du Bois Wine Dinner: The Shores Restaurant at the La Jolla Shores Hotel kicks off its wine-dinner series with a tray-passed reception and four-course paired menu held on the restaurant's outdoor oceanfront patio. Guests who can't make the opening event can enjoy the same four-course wine-pairing menu every Saturday throughout the month.
6	An American in Paris: San Diego Museum of Art marks the final month as the only U.S. venue presenting the special exhibition, "Impressionist Giverny: A Colony of Artists, 1885-1915," which features more than 100 works by international artists including Claude Monet and Frederick Carl Frieseke. In conjunction with the exhibit's closing, the museum presents a special screening of classic Gene Kelly film <i>An American in Paris</i> .
7	Drink Yourself Blind: Bacchus Wine Market & Tasting Room invites wine lovers with a knowledgeable nose and particular palate to guess the varietals in each of eight brown-bagged bottles of wine. Prizes go to guests who correctly name at least four samples.

8	<p>Green Scene: In conjunction with the Ray at Night neighborhood gallery walk, Zagrodnik + Thomas Architects (ZTA) opens its eco-friendly gallery for an evening of earth-conscious art, fashion and architecture. “Green Scene: Re-seen 2007” features designs incorporating recycled or sustainable materials, refreshments and an “eco-couture” fashion show.</p>
9	<p>ArtWalk on the Bay: Growing out of the 23-year success of the springtime ArtWalk in Little Italy, this second annual early-autumn event brings the finest artwork from San Diego-based artists to an open-air venue at the Embarcadero Marina Park North. For young art lovers, the weekend festivities also feature a KidsWalk area, which offers hands-on, interactive art opportunities—including a “Kite Coloring” activity and kite-flying event—for budding artists and their families.</p>
10	<p>Taste of Downtown: Explore every culinary corner of downtown San Diego, from Little Italy to the East Village, during this self-guided restaurant tour. The sixth annual event offers cuisine samples from 50 area restaurants on one \$25 ticket.</p>
11	<p>YachtFest: Get an up-close-and-personal view of the high life on the high seas at this eighth annual event that gives boat lovers the opportunity to step foot aboard more than 30 of the world’s most luxurious floating vessels.</p>
12	<p>Spirits of Mexico: NTC Promenade, at Liberty Station in Point Loma, serves as the setting for this spirited event, held on the eve of Mexican Independence Day. Presented by the Polished Palate, the first organization outside of Mexico to be endorsed by the Academia Mexicana de Tequila, the event features tastings of dozens of spirits, culinary samplings and meet-and-greet opportunities with master distillers.</p>
13	<p>Oceanside Harbor Days: The streets of Oceanside are filled with arts and crafts, food and fun for the whole family during this weekend street festival held at the Oceanside Harbor. The two-day event also includes a fishing derby for young fishermen and a “nail-and-sail” watercraft-building competition.</p>
14	<p>Spa Week: Summer may be coming to an end, but there’s no need for relaxation to go along with it. Thankfully, there’s Spa Week, a nationwide effort to offer spa services at affordable prices. Simply visit the Spa Week Web site for access to a directory of area spas offering a host of high-priced services for just \$50.</p>
15	<p>Coldwater Creek the Spa: For even more irresistible spa deals, check out the newest spa in the South Bay. In honor of its grand opening at the upscale Otay Ranch Town Center, Coldwater Creek is offering guests buy-one-get-one-free services through October 8.</p>

16	<p>Fashion and Spa Soirée: My Sassy City and sponsors Fredericks of Hollywood and Too Faced Cosmetics are back for an evening of fun, fashion, shopping and spa services. Held at hotspot Johnny V in Pacific Beach, this evening's event features a trunk show, martinis and a mini brow shaping, massage or manicure.</p>
17	<p>San Diego Festival of Beer: For the 13th year, the San Diego Professionals Against Cancer tap into the charitable hearts—and thirsty mouths—of San Diego beer lovers at this event, which offers 10 beer tastings for \$25, live music and food for purchase.</p>
18	<p>Old Town Art Festival: San Diego Old Town State Historic Park showcases the work of more than 150 contemporary artists, and fine craft, fashion and home décor artisans from across the country. This two-day festival also includes international food, wine tasting at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant and live entertainment.</p>
19	<p>Street Scene: What started as an intimate street music festival in 1984 has grown into a full-fledged concert extravaganza, featuring 60 artists on five stages. Having moved from its downtown location several times in the past few years, this year's two-day event plants its feet at Coors Amphitheater and features some of the biggest names in music of many genres. This year's lineup includes headliners Muse, Panic! At the Disco, The Killers and perennial favorite Social Distortion.</p>
20	<p>Encinitas Oktoberfest: It's that time of the year again to break out your lederhosen and beer steins. The city of Encinitas kicks off area celebrations with its festival of German food, a beer garden and more than 200 vendor booths.</p>
21	<p>La Jolla Gallery and Wine Walk: More than 20 La Jolla galleries open their doors for a night of wine and art appreciation during this self-guided gallery walk. Enjoy samples of 40 wines, culinary offerings from 12 restaurants and exhibitions by world-renowned artists at 22 galleries, all under one \$30 ticket price.</p>
22	<p>San Diego Film Festival: Party like a film star during this four-day festival that brings the red carpet of Hollywood to San Diego. With events ranging from movie premieres and block parties to awards ceremonies and actor panels and workshops, the festival is a must-attend event for any cinema lover.</p>
23	<p>Jimmy Buffet: For Parrotheads the world over, a Jimmy Buffet concert is like a religious pilgrimage. If you're looking for a good time and a sing-along to tunes celebrating the joys of margaritas and cheeseburgers, you'll be more than willing to trek up to Irvine for the only remaining Southern California festivities this year.</p>
24	<p>Fleet Week Sea & Air Parade: This flagship event of San Diego's six-week tribute to the fine men and women of the U.S. military includes a parade of U.S. Navy ships and aircraft on display on the Big Bay. Good viewing sites include Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Cruise Ship Terminal and Broadway Pier. If you'd like to see the parade from your own watercraft, hop aboard a</p>

	<p>Hornblower Cruise, which includes a champagne brunch buffet and a bird's-eye view of the Big Bay celebration.</p>
25	<p>Adams Avenue Street Fair: Southern California's largest free music festival returns to Normal Heights to close out the month of September with two days of blues, rock, world, alternative, roots-rock, jazz, reggae, zydeco, alt-country and acoustic music. The 26th annual event includes more than 70 acts on six stages, three beer gardens and more than 300 vendor booths.</p>