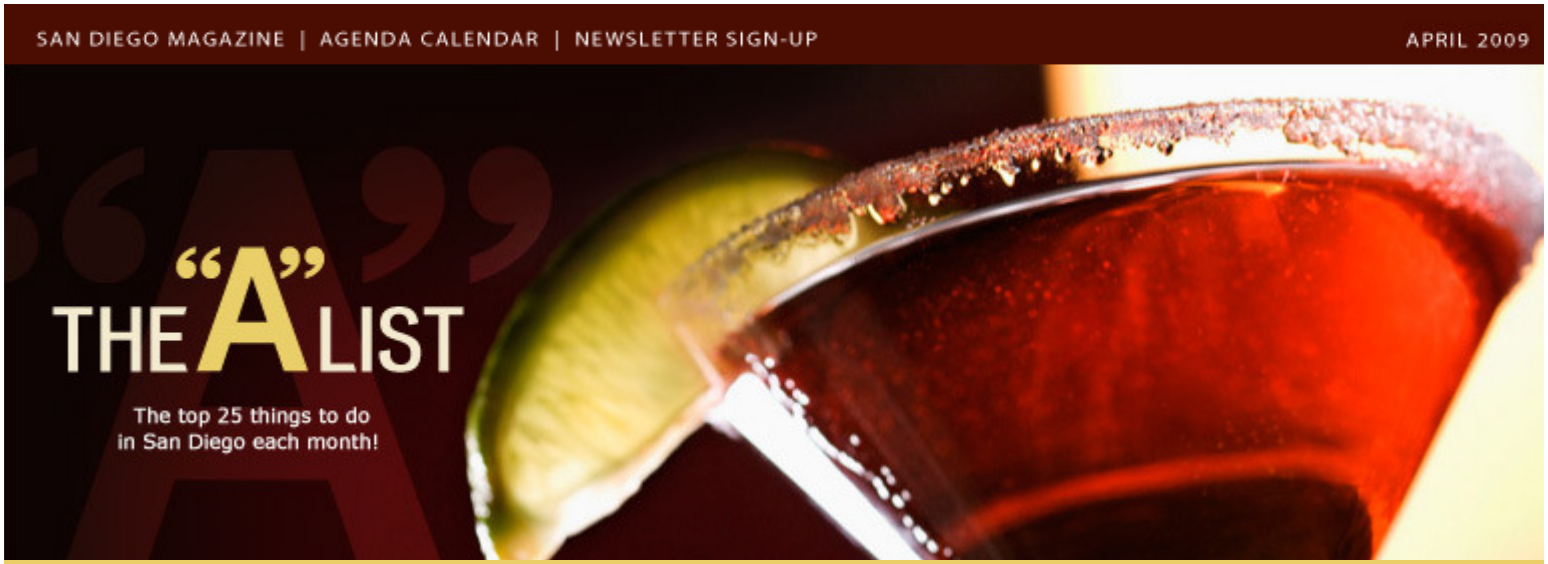
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April 1: Kitchen Secrets with Karen Krasne
Learn the ins and outs of indulgent desserts at this new cooking class presented by Extraordinary Desserts pastry chef Karen Krasne. The intimate two-hour session, which seats just 14 students, kicks off with a complimentary glass of wine or a coffee drink and continues with a behind-the-scenes demonstration and discussion of some of Krasne's most famous desserts. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 1430 Union Street, downtown. Reservations required. 619-294-7001, extension 103, or info@extraordinarydesserts.com.

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April 1: AA2 Uncorked
Acqua al 2 chef and owner Martin Gonzalez continues to please palates with his Happy Hour wine-pairing series, which this month features four Italian white wines and a selection of Italian appetizers for just $15 per person. 6:30 to 8 p.m. 322 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-230-0382; www.acquaal2.com.

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April 1-3: Van Gogh's Birthday Celebration
The Fleet Science Center gets festive early this month to honor the birth of artist Vincent Van Gogh, subject of the dome theater's latest Imax adventure, by inviting guests to enjoy two-for-one admission to the 4 p.m. screening of *Van Gogh: Brush with Genius*. 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-238-1233; www.rhfleet.org.

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April 2: Beach Blanket Bingo
The Pearl Hotel in Point Loma goes retro with its recreational activities, bringing Beach Blanket Bingo back to the poolside every other Thursday night. Better sign up for your spot early, as only the first 30 players have a chance to get in on the action and win prizes ranging from complimentary cocktails to free overnight stays. 9 p.m. 1410 Rosecrans Street, 619-226-6100. RSVP to Andrea at aduran@thepearlsd.com.

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April 4: San Diego Science Festival Expo Day
The 2009 San Diego Science Festival, which provided more than 500 science events throughout the month of March, culminates in this free celebration throughout Balboa Park. The scene is all science all day long, as the museums, cultural centers and open spaces offer more than 300 hands-on activities, demonstrations, experiments and more. 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. 760-846-3473. www.sdsciencefestival.org.

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April 6: Poetry Slam
In conjunction with its current "Black Womanhood"exhibition, the San Diego Museum of Art joins forces with the Museum of the Living Artist and the San Diego Poetry Slam to host a spoken-word performance that also serves as a competition for the remaining spots on the 2009 San Diego Poetry Slam Team. 6:30 p.m. 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931; www.sdmart.org.

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April 8: Urban Seder
This spring, chef Matt Gordon is hoping religious diners don't "pass over" Urban Solace. Gordon will serve a pre-dinner traditional sundown Seder followed by a four-course wine dinner with pairings provided by R&R Wines. 7:14 p.m. 3823 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-6464; www.urbansolace.net.



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April 9: Spring Fling
Meritage Wine Market and personal-chef service Dining Details host their latest "Thirsty Thursdays" food and wine pairing event. Spring Fling features spring produce from Chino Farms and other local sources, as well as six light wines for the season. 6:30 p.m. 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 619-200-8977; www.dining-details.com.

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April 10 & 11: Easter Bunny Teas
Your littlest tea lovers will delight in this real-life tea party, a fine family tradition featuring egg coloring, an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself. 2:30 and 5 p.m. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown, 619-557-3650; www.westgatehotel.com.

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April 11: Woofstock
Grab your furry four-legged--and leashed--friend for this fund-raising festival for Canine Companions for Independence, a nonprofit organization that provides trained assistance dogs for people with disabilities. The afternoon event in Balboa Park includes a fun walk, contests, dog demonstrations, food, entertainment and more. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 760-901-4307; www.cci.org/woofstock.

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April 12: Hornblower's Easter Champagne Brunch
Peter Cottontail is clearly not afraid to stray from the bunny trail, as he hops onboard the *Inspiration Hornblower* for a two-hour champagne brunch cruise. Kids under 16 board for the children's price, while adults enjoy free-flowing champagne, an elaborate brunch buffet and entertainment. Boarding at 10:30 a.m., with the cruise from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 619-686-8715; www.hornblower.com.

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April 16: Networking Scavenger Hunt
If you're one of the many San Diegans searching for a job, let the group that searches for a living help you find one. Head out on a Networking Scavenger Hunt with Where You Want to Be Tours, which takes you on a high-energy tour of downtown San Diego hot spots, all while networking with other professionals and competing for prizes. The event is free for job seekers, but space is limited, so reservations are required. Human resources managers and job recruiters are especially welcome. For more information, e-mail menkin@wheretours or visit www.wheretours.com.



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April 16: Avocado and Tequila Dinner
Get an early glimpse of the goods from the annual Fallbrook Avocado Festival at this avocado-and-tequila pairing dinner at Pala Mesa Resort. The resort's AquaTerra Restaurant presents four courses of avocado-inspired dishes paired with fine sipping tequilas from Tequila Los Abuelos. 2001 Old Highway 295, Fallbrook, 760-731-6805; www.palamesa.com.

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April 17-19: Head to Toe Women's Expo
For three days this spring, the Del Mar Fairgrounds transforms into a lifestyle expert showcase, welcoming the women of San Diego for a weekend of pampering, shopping, relaxing and learning. This year's guest speakers include an opera-singing chef, floral designers, career coaches and more. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 619-491-0677; www.sdfair.com.

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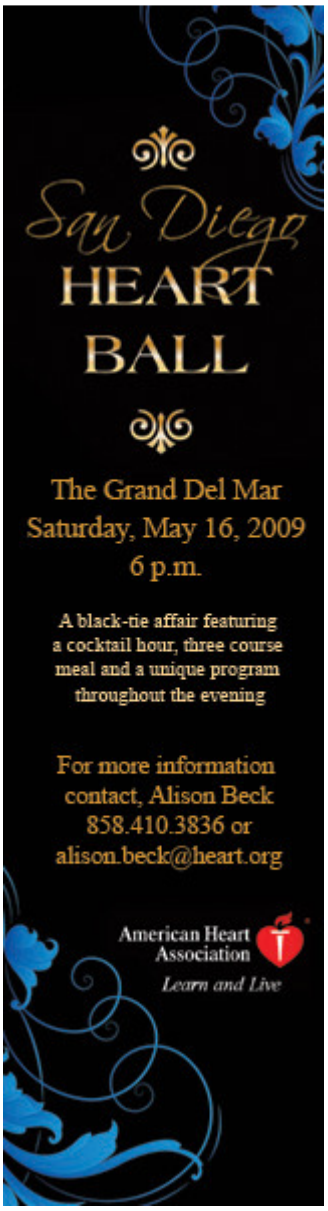
April 18 & 19: Seaport Village Spring Busker Festival
Sword swallowers, jugglers and acrobats, oh my! The talent continues with comedians, musicians and more at the third annual Seaport Village Spring Busker Festival, a free, family-friendly celebration of street performers, which invites viewers to vote for their favorites. Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the daytime action, this year's event features a Saturday-night party—Buskers After Dark—to showcase untamed busker arts mingled with deejay grooves for the 18-and-up crowd. 7 to 10 p.m. Eateries will stay open late to serve food and beverages. West Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway, downtown, 619-235-4014; www.seaportvillage.com.

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April 19: EarthFair 2009
As San Diegans go increasingly green, it's becoming ever cooler to show your love for your mother—Mother Earth, that is—and the 20th annual EarthFair offers the perfect opportunity to support environmentally friendly endeavors. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Balboa Park, Sixth Avenue at Laurel Street, 858-272-7370; www.earthdayweb.org.

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April 19: Fallbrook Avocado Festival
They're green, they're full of "good" fat, and they're grown right in our own backyard. Obviously, they're avocados, and they deserve a day of their own in Fallbrook, which hosts this 23rd annual festival, featuring culinary contests for amateurs and professionals, avocado art and the Avocado 500, a model-car building event using avocados



as vehicles. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street, Fallbrook, 760-728-5845; www.fallbrookca.org.

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April 21-26: *Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles*
Today's Beatles fans may never have had the opportunity to catch the Fab Four live, but they can see the next best thing at this multimedia performance at the Balboa Theatre. Various times. 868 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-570-1100; www.broadwaysd.com.

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April 23: "Facing East"
Art Expressions Gallery presents an exhibition of fine art with Eastern influences, including recent works by printmakers, a ceramist and a furniture maker. The show opens with an artists' reception from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and continues through May 30. 2645 Financial Court, Suite C, 858-270-7577; www.artexpressionsgallery.com.

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April 23: Culture and Cocktails
The San Diego Museum of Art heads to the islands for inspiration for this month's social mixer, which explores the exotic nature of "Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form." 6 to 9:30 p.m. 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931; www.sdmart.org.

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April 24-26: Lakeside Rodeo
Boot, scoot and boogie your way out to East County for this 45th annual fund-raising event for the El Capitan Stadium Association, a nonprofit organization that supports Lakeside schools and children's programs. The three-day event features a full schedule of rodeo riding competitions and performances. 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Highway 67 and Mapleview Street, Lakeside, 619-561-4331; www.lakesiderodeo.com.

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April 25: Rhythm and Vine
Westfield North County Mall in Escondido offers the fruits of the vine to raise funds for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego at this music and wine festival, which features more than 40 wineries and breweries, 30 restaurants and live musical performances, from jazz to classic rock to a Neil Diamond cover band. 6 p.m. 272 East Via Rancho Parkway, 760-746-3315, extension 211; http://rhythmandvine.org.



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April 25: Encinitas Garden Festival and Tour
Nurture your inner nature lover at the fourth annual Encinitas Garden Festival and Tour, which features a self-guided walking tour of more than 20 secluded gardens in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, as well as a free Gardeners Marketplace where vendors offer unusual plants, vegetable seedlings and garden art. Exhibitors provide information about growing your own fruits and vegetables, low-water and sustainable gardening, composting and other eco-friendly topics. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking at 3333 Manchester Avenue. 760-753-8615; www.encinitasgardenfestival.org.

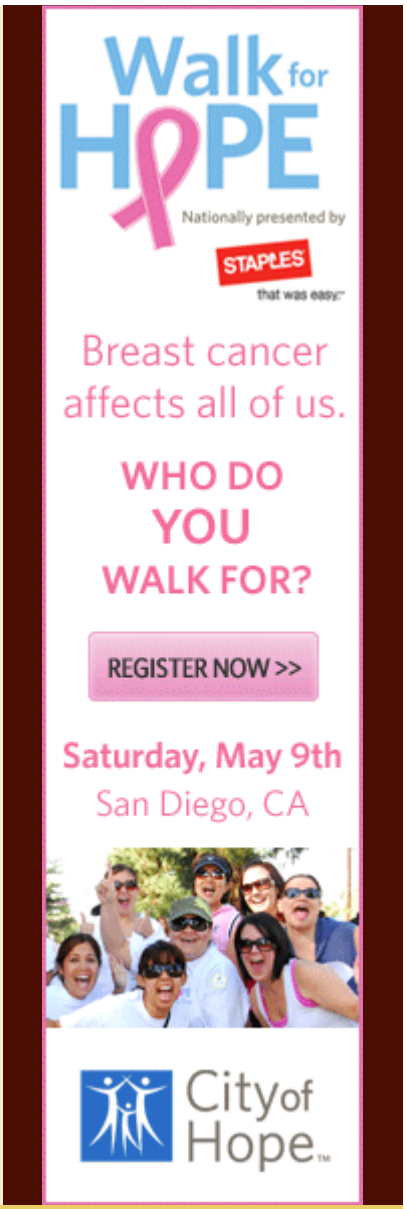
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April 25 & 26: ArtWalk
Art takes over Little Italy at this 25th annual free community event, featuring original art from more than 300 California, Arizona and Mexico-based artists specializing in painting, sculpture, glasswork and photography. A special KidsWalk area gives budding artists an opportunity to thrive in a creative environment. Noon to 6 p.m. India Street north of Beech Street, 619-615-1090; www.missionfederalartwalk.org.

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April 26: Classics 4 Kids Benefit Concert
Help Classics 4 Kids continue its efforts to increase musical participation among children through this special benefit performance by jazz pianist Tamir Hendelman at St. James-by-the-Sea in La Jolla. The afternoon concert is followed by a reception catered by North Park eatery Urban Solace. 4 p.m. concert; 5:30 p.m. reception. 743 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 619-291-3111; www.classics4kids.com.







San Diego Magazine's Spotlight Events

Mission Federal ArtWalk celebrates its 25th anniversary April 25 & 26! The festival gathers the finest artists and performers in the region to fill the streets of Little Italy. Attendees have the opportunity to purchase paintings, sculpture, photography and more directly from artists. KidsWalk offers art and fun for families. April 25 & 26, 2009, Noon to 6pm, 619.615.1090; www.missionfederalartwalk.org.



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