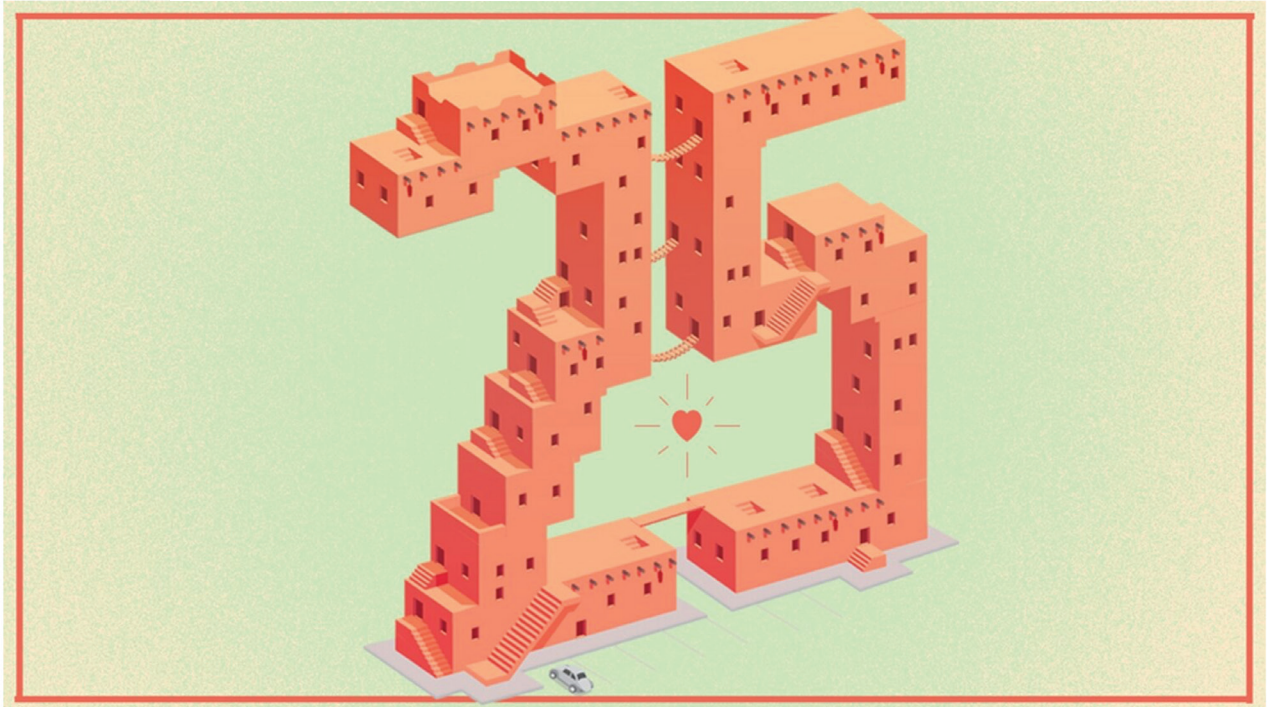


25 Things We Love About Santa Fe Right Now

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Delphino the Artisan Snake

When it comes to in-store pets, Santa Fe is definitely up on its game. Not only can Artisan art supply store (2601 Cerrillos Road, 954-4179) fulfill your art-making needs, the owners also have a giant Burmese python named Delphino in a glass room at the back of the store. Delphino is the son of Delilah, the 17-foot, 275-pound female snake who lived at Artisan for 17 years and even starred in a movie called *Rising of Isis*. Ron Whitmore is the man behind the python. He began as a sales clerk in 1988 when Artisan was still on Canyon Road, eventually becoming a full-fledged partner before the store's move to Cerrillos Road. A plaque on the wall next to Delphino's home bears Whitmore's words: "Why is Delphino at Artisan? I love snakes and my wife loves her Chihuahuas at home...need I say more?" You needn't.

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