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## Omar's Dream Run Foundation: Making dreams come true

*Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 14th*

"You just got to get out of the house and go!" said one regular visitor to the event.

Register now for the event of a lifetime. It will touch your heart and you will be doing that little something extra to help the world around you. You will marvel when you hear the speakers who are inspirational in their quest to live life to the very fullest!

It all takes place on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Hellyer Park. It's just off Highway 101 and the event is held on the very expansive grassy area.

You can help fulfill Omar's dream and honor his life by supporting Omar's Dream Run, an annual 5k/10k run organized by Omar's Dream Foundation to raise funds.

All proceeds enable hospitalized and medically supervised children to attend school and stay connected with their teachers and classmates.

"You just got to go and bring your friends too, it is never too late to register for you can register the day of the race too!" stated a regular attendee of the event.

The event is also for those who walk the course too. So there are no excuses and you just have to go to the website and join in the event.

Parking is \$6 per car. Please bring cash and carpool  
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## Olympic champion Jennings appeared at p1440 Beach Volleyball Tournament

Beach Volleyball superstar Kerri Walsh Jennings appeared at the first ever p1440 Beach Volleyball Tournament at Avaya Stadium the weekend of Sept. 28 – 30.

Jennings, the most decorated beach volleyball player of all time, winning three Olympic Gold Medals and one Olympic Bronze Medal, said the San Jose venue at Avaya kicked off the p1440 Inaugural 2018 – 2019 season.

The three-day event featured a professional beach volleyball tournament showcasing the best volleyball players from around the globe including Anouk Vergede (Switzerland), Carolina Solberg (Brazil), Anders Mol (Norway), Christian Sorum (Norway) and more; live music from Foster the People, Grouplove, Daya, Marian Hill and Magic Giant; a development village with high-intensity interval training and bootcamps; and a health & wellness village featuring yoga and meditation sessions, healthy cooking demos and more. p1440 San Jose also hosted additional event experiences like a wine & beer garden; Zanotto's Family Markets selling healthy snacks and produce; a "Kid's Court" packed with kid-friendly activities; PongStarz ping pong activation featuring table tennis Olympians; food trucks and an interactive boardwalk experience.

### The Avaya Stadium grounds

Its adjacent parking lots and roadways transformed into a live experience unlike any other, with 2,700 tons of sand being shipped to the stadium to build its custom beach volleyball courts for the professional beach volleyball tournament.

Attendees were able to connect with their mind, body and spirit in the Health & Wellness Village. They experienced a guided medi-



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tation, and multiple daily yoga sessions throughout the weekend focusing on love and gratitude.

In addition to the Health & Wellness and Development Villages and live music, p1440 had additional entertainment and immersive experiences for families and all ages. The "Kid's Court" included inflatable slides, a rock climb wall, bubble artists, Super Hooper Connect 4 Game + Jenga and p1440's brand partner, Brand X Method's short kid-friendly workouts and challenges, as well as educational discussions on training youth.

A variety of pop-up entertainment took place at the Boardwalk — attendees found street dancers, magicians, balloon artists, face painters, caricaturists and more.

Kerri created the p1440 move-

ment in an effort to elevate the sport of beach volleyball, provide a credible platform for aspiring and professional athletes, grow the volleyball audience, and become the leading resource for individuals to live a full life of intention.

"I am beyond privileged to have this amazing opportunity to create the movement that is p1440, alongside my husband and our amazing team. p1440 was established to unite, elevate, service and give back to the sport that has given me so much! I can't wait for people to experience the p1440 lifestyle in full effect at Avaya Stadium grounds for the first time ever," said Walsh Jennings, co-founder of p1440. "So much heart, soul, love and inspired effort has gone into this move-

ment; our focus is on innovation and on creating an evergreen platform that will highlight the best our amazing sport has to offer— incredible athletes, unbeatable lifestyle and a focus on the universal truth that living in the moment is the most powerful way to live. The fact that our inaugural event is happening in Northern California, where I fell in love with the sport, makes this an absolute dream come true."

"The Earthquakes were excited to host such an inspiring event as p1440 on the grounds of Avaya Stadium," said Earthquakes President Tom Fox. "We're joining the movement to help promote their positive message of living every minute."

In the upcoming months, the  
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Times **Feature**



On September 8th, more than 90 brave rappellers (including **Mayor Sam Liccardo**) went over the edge of a 16 story building kicking out and swinging back, over and over again to gobble up the 236 feet drop.

## Mayor Liccardo and Superman take on 16 story building

2nd Annual 'Downtown Drop' charity event by Downtown Streets Team

By Kevin Larsen  
Times staff writer

Spectacular!

Hundreds of thousands of dollars raised in a single day!

Saturday morning in San Jose, the Adobe Headquarters building located at 345 Park Avenue opened its doors to support a charity event. "Adobe likes to partner and is local driven by helping lots of nonprofits," said a participant.

### Corporations pitch in big time

\$100,000 was pledged at the event by Adobe and \$40,000 was pledged by Coca-Cola (be sure to try the Adobe products and also try the new diet Cherry Coke with zero calories ). Also, many other corporations also contributed large sums of monies to support Downtown Streets Team.

On September 8th, more than 90 brave rappellers went over the edge of the 16 story building kicking out and swinging back, over and over again to gobble up the 236 feet drop. All members of the Downtown Streets Team including those who are temporarily homeless had an opportunity to get their spot due to fervent local community fundraising efforts.

"We are here today to raise monies to help those who are un-housed get back into employment and housing through dignity," proudly stated Logan Mc Donnell, Director of Development of Downtown Streets Team.

### Everyone a TEAM member

"Ending homelessness is a beast to tackle and I don't think that there is only one way to solve it. DST is taking unique approaches through work experiences with our team members to unlock new successes for each of those experiencing homelessness," stated exuberant Hanna who is on the TEAM. When she stated the following, it was clear something was electric in the air for the practices of this group are truly unique and groundbreaking! It's a philosophy or a teaching pedagogy that makes one think about humanity in a new way, for if a person is temporarily house-less that man or woman

can pull themselves up and grasp on to new systems of living and working with dignity by becoming part of the TEAM.

"Our team members are also those who experience homelessness and so we are all a team, all equal, stated Hanna." This meant that this nonprofit charity organization does not discriminate between those in tough temporary predicaments and instead joins up with them so all participate in running the entire Downtown Streets Team. Everyone is referred to as a "TEAM member." It was a profound statement for that makes up the cornerstone foundation of the Downtown Streets Team in that no one is on the outside looking in and no one is on the inside looking out.

Outside music was a jamming with DJ Alex O. De Leon and he said, "It's my first time DJ-ing at this event and it is great to be here because everyone is so kind!" Mayor Liccardo arrived and took position on the very top of the 16 story building and DJ Alex switched up the notes by playing spectacular motion picture theme music which set the mood.

Harnessed up and with two lines dangling to the ground and held by support staff, Liccardo and the Mayor of Sunnyvale, Glenn Hendricks (who dawned his Superman cape) started at the top in repelling position and laying parallel to the ground looking up at heaven (and maybe saying a prayer) jumped and bounced off the walls of the Adobe building between the glass windows to gradually find their way to Mother Earth.

### Courage and trust

It took a lot of courage and one must place themselves in the mercy of the experts holding the lines on the pavement.

After they reached ground everyone cheered as they waved to the crowd. When they took their gear off it was seen that the experience was an exuberating rush for the two men. A few moments after touch down they had to collect their thoughts. After a while, both spoke and gave praise to the Downtown Streets

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## Health of San Jose's Real Estate Market revealed

With home values rising by an average of more than \$16,000 in the first quarter of 2018 but affordability dropping as mortgage rates get higher, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2018's Best Real-Estate Markets to determine the most attractive real-estate markets in the U.S., WalletHub compared 300 cities across 22 key metrics. The data set ranges from median home-price appreciation to home sales turnover rate to job growth.

### Health of San Jose's Real Estate Market

(1=Best; 150=Avg.):

- 5th – % of Homes with Negative Equity
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- 34th – Median Home-Price Appreciation
- 82nd – Job Growth Rate
- 44th – Foreclosure Rate
- 40th – % of Delinquent Mortgage Holders
- 70th – Number of Unsold Homes Owned by Banks (REOs)
- 71st – Population Growth Rate

San Jose ranks 37th overall and 9th among large cities.

For the full report, please visit: [wallethub.com/edu/best-real-estate-markets/14889](http://wallethub.com/edu/best-real-estate-markets/14889)

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## Frightful Halloween fun even adults will love

By Diane Blum  
*Special to the Times*

How many of you grown-ups out there miss the days of your youth when celebrating Halloween was almost as fun as Christmas? I mean, really celebrating all things ghoulish, the scarier the better.

Well, the San Jose area has a couple of spine-tingling venues that really bring back the spooks and frights of Halloween... consider taking your family (well, at least your kids over 13) to share in the fun as well.

Three venues you might want to check out this Halloween season are **California's Great America Haunt**, **Dead Time Dreams Haunted Attractions** and the **Winchester Mystery House Candlelight Tour**.

**California's Great America Haunt** begins terrifying guests on Sept 21st running through October 28th, with scares taking place most Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights (check website for operating hours and closure dates). Now celebrating its 11th year, the entire theme park is decorated in fiendish horror, and hundreds of monsters await your bravery, with most thrill rides open as well. New this year, the very sinister Tooth Fairy maze... just imagine your worst dentistry nightmares playing out in front of you. Also new this year is the Ripper's Revenge scare zone, where you will be confronted by a mob of frightening villains taking over old-town London. Eight haunted mazes and three scare zones await you. Also returning are several entertainment shows that have been fan favorites over the years.

### Tips if bringing the family

Attending earlier in the season will mean fewer crowds and more opportunities to interact with scare zone monsters. Sundays are far less busy and towards the end of the evening you will have all of the park's most coveted rides all to yourself. Buy tickets online for discounts ([www.cagreatamerica.com/haunt](http://www.cagreatamerica.com/haunt)), if you have a friend with a Gold or Platinum season pass hit them up for a reduced "Bring-a-friend" priced ticket as part of their benefits. There are also student discounts. No costumes are allowed. While family friendly, do not bring small children who will be easily scared...really, it isn't pretty and their terror can ruin the fun for others (as well as for mom and dad). Instead, check out the Great Pumpkin Fest at Great America, during daylight, for the little ones. The final weekend before Halloween is typically packed with long wait-times; consider purchasing a Fright Lane pass, which allows



Creepy creeps with eerie teeth and other assorted ghoulies await you at California's Great America Haunt. Photo courtesy of [insidecga.com](http://insidecga.com)

you front of the line access for mazes. The dark, fog-heavy pathways are not stroller-friendly. Make sure you carve out some time to go on the brand new RailBlazer roller coaster. This single rail track requires the rider to straddle the rail (by themselves, there is only a single seat per row!), creating an extremely low center of gravity that provides incredible turns and rotations. If the monsters don't terrify you, RailBlazer will!

**Dead Time Dreams Haunted Attractions** has been in the Bay Area for 10 years and while a much smaller venue than CGA Haunt, it is a popular yearly visit for true Halloween thrill-seekers as it is intense and highly interactive. Located across from Eastridge Mall, the venue consists of the Midway of Terror and two haunted houses. This year, the haunted houses (each consisting of approx. 4000 square feet) feature themes entitled, "The Sewer" and "Death Rave". A unique aspect to Dead Time Dreams is the amazing passion of their actors; all are volunteers, and their sole goal is to terrify you. You are "in" the scene with them and we can't wait to see what loathsome creatures will be lurking in "The Sewer".

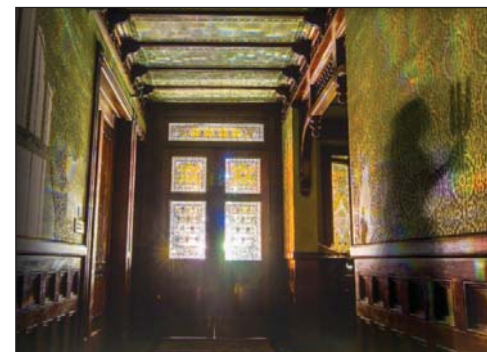
Tips if bringing the family: Dead Time Dreams is open weekends and some weeknights (see their website for specific dates) from Sept 28th thru Nov 3rd, if you want reduced crowds attend on a weeknight. Don't let the neighboring pumpkin patch fool you, children attending the haunted houses should be over 13 and accompanied by a parent. No costumes are allowed. No photography in the haunted houses, but photos with roving actors can be taken on

the Midway. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <https://www.deadtimedreams.com/>.

**Winchester Mystery House Candlelight Tours** are already underway for this Halloween season with a new theme ("The 13th Door") and re-vamped tour this year. Note that this venue is a completely different type of Halloween event, no bloody zombies or evil clowns in your face, a more subtle "ghost story" type of scare. Participants follow a creepy tour guide, guided only by the tour guide's candlelight; with some minor special effects, background noises and eerie characters sprinkled throughout the house. The vibe is all about the lingering spirits and supernatural aspects of the house. While not the typical scare venue, there are a few instances that will make many jump. See the website for tour dates and times (some dates are discounted) at <https://winchestermysteryhouse.com/candlelight-tour/>.

Tips if bringing the family: For some, true enjoyment of the Winchester Mystery House tour may be in seeing the details of the unique architecture and oddities of the house; at night with limited lighting, many participants have found that challenging. If you want to fully enjoy those aspects a daytime tour might be a better option. The candlelight tour is not a fright-oriented haunted house; it provides a gentle spooky ambience to the tour guide and other actors' storytelling relating to the history of the house and Winchester family. There are no age restrictions but due to the dark nature of the tour children under the age of 10 might find it scary. Note that there are several sets of stairs and due to the historic nature of the house there is no wheelchair access or elevators. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended as the venue often sells out.

So go out there and enjoy a little spooky fun this Halloween season!



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# Times The Valley

## Adopting vs. buying a pet

By Dr. Raj Singh  
Special to the Times

I still remember my excitement and joy when I took that furry bundle of joy home with me.

Ten years later, I still think that opening my heart to rescues is the best decision I ever made. October is "National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month", so I have decided to share my experience with pet adoptions and why you should adopt a dog?

There are so many benefits to adopting a dog over buying your furry companion: Adoption saves lives

Did you know that over a half a million dogs are euthanized in shelters across United States every year just because they didn't get their second chance for someone to take them home. When you decide on adopting a dog you're not only getting a new best friend but also giving an unfortunate animal a new chance at life and a loving family to call their own.

Adopting from pet shelters is much cheaper than buying a pet from a breeder and sometimes it can be free too! Also rescue pets are already spayed/neutered, microchipped, dewormed and vaccinated and all that is covered by a small adoption fee. Sometimes people can also find a purebred breed of their dreams in a shelter.

Apart from saving lives by taking a homeless dog, you will also help control overpopulation. All

the shelter pets are sterilized which prevents them from breeding and bringing more animals into the world. There are already too many dogs and not nearly enough available homes. When you decide to adopt, you'll be reducing the number of shelter dogs (even if it's just one dog) and you'll be sure you didn't contribute to the problem.

### Where to adopt your dog

**Shelters:** Shelters are a great option for pet adoptions. They also have a surprising number of purebreds and mix breed pets. These facilities house animals for many different reasons and are dedicated to animal welfare like a humane society or by municipal or government run facility. They usually have a wide variety of pets in need of loving homes and some are already house trained and have other skills.

**Rescue organizations:** Like shelters, rescue groups are dedicated to animal welfare but may not have a dedicated facility to house and care for their adoptable pets. Rescues care for a much smaller number of animals through a network of foster homes rather than from a shelter. Volunteers or staff members foster one or more animals to provide temporary, in-home care. As foster parents they learn a lot about the pet's personality and behavior. You can contact the rescue group and request to visit adoptable pets in foster homes.

All dogs in the world are loyal and loving regardless of whether they are from shelter or a breeder. If you decide to adopt a pet you will be saving a life. Rescue pets simply know that their master is the one who gave them a second chance and they never forget it.



**Your Pet and You**  
By Dr. Raj Singh  
Veterinarian

## p1440

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p1440 event series will also be supported 24/7 by a powerful digital online community that will provide constant inspiration and an abundance of resources to support living an optimal life. Together, the event series and digital experience will revolutionize and revitalize the sport of beach volleyball, provide a credible platform for aspiring and professional athletes, grow the volleyball audience and become the leading resource for individuals to live playfully.

Walsh Jennings graduated from Stanford University and San Jose-Archbishop Mitty High School, and is a five-time Olympian.

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## Amazing music in our neighborhood

By Frank Shortt  
 Times Staff Writer

Bytes And Notes, a family owned business has been providing music to San Jose for the past 21 years and still going strong.

Owners, Lewis and Ann-Marie Tecson, faced difficulties getting the funds to purchase the needed equipment to start a music studio at their residence. They were eventually able to purchase a piano, speakers, microphones, etc. and eventually were able to convert a part of their home into a well-outfitted studio. Bytes and Notes now have a staff of 10 teachers and staff.

Ann-Marie relates, “We chose to open a home-based music studio because it allowed our students to be comfortable and welcomed everyone into our family and into our home.

“When we first came to the Bay Area from the Philippines, it was Lewis’ idea that we start a music studio and tap into

our passions. I loved music and had teaching experience and loved to hone talents and build strengths in others. Lewis’ passion for computers and technology helped in getting the right equipment. He is still the technological force behind the effort.”

Lewis and Ann-Marie both have Bachelor’s degrees. Ann-Marie’s is Bachelor of Music, with a Major in Music Education. Lewis’ degree is Bachelor of Electronic and Communications Engineering.

Ann-Marie continues, “Our Bytes and Notes Chorale is composed of 30-36 students in voice. Most of them started with us when they were five years old, most are now in High School. Anthony Mine, Chorale Director, and I spearheaded the third Generation Chorale.

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Bytes and Notes, singing for the Golden State Warriors. Inset below: **Lewis** and **Ann-Marie Tecson**

## Music

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Music for the glory of God by means of celebrating the Sunday Mass every second Sunday of the month at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph in downtown San Jose." The group won in a Chorale Competition last December in San Francisco. Last year, they had the opportunity to sing at the Oracle Arena for the Golden State Warriors. "It was very successful and we are proud that they were invited again this year to sing the National Anthem at the SAP Events Center for the preseason game of the Golden State Warriors and Lakers on October 12," stated Lewis and Ann Marie.

Lewis and Ann-Marie note, "Bytes and Notes have proudly served the Bay Area since 1997. We pride ourselves on our commitment to musically educate the citizens of our local community. We always encourage our students to hone,

share, and express their joys and talents. We spread our joy through music and technology and look forward to our continued growth together in love! We would like to thank all who have supported our efforts throughout the years." Wishing Bytes and Notes the best in years to come.

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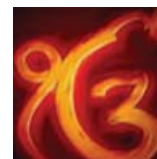
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## Times Feature

### Building

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Team for making a big difference in transitioning people off sleeping outside and into a room. Such miraculous changes in one's life takes time to do and becomes a quest of mastering living in a new way with work and sleep stability. Like no other organization, Downtown Streets Team is something very special.

**"You are, we are, seriously all equal"**

Due to the miracle of YOUTUBE, the following is a speech Joan Baez made at the Downtown Streets event that took place at an earlier event in Santa Cruz. Through her words we learn about the heartbeat of Downtown Streets Program and how it is moving forward expanding into new communities.

She is an activist who is not afraid to start a movement. The beautiful lady with the voice of the songbird inspired others to join in and build the Downtown Streets Team organization. Together she and others figured out while sitting at a kitchen table how to change methods of helping people to allow them to lift themselves up with dignity. In her speech she elegantly discusses without fanfare the groundbreaking ideas that captured the hearts of many to give lift to the creation of the organization.

Says, Joan Baez, "This is not about survival it is about transcendence..."

We are living in a society right now which is really divisive...

Downtown Streets Team helps empathy to survive in these times..."

**"The us is with the them"**

Baez continued and spoke as the songwriter she is by using words to paint her thoughts so all could see and understand them. "The us is with the them, and you don't have the feeling that anyone is doing something for somebody else, you are part of doing it with the other person. I was there at the very beginning the inception of the whole idea of DST before it was any-

thing except a rash of homelessness that made my friend and myself decide that we wanted to do something about it. And shortly in a dinner conversation with the people we were going to fundraise from, it became clear that doing something for the homeless was not going to be feeding the homeless and getting them something to wear, that it had this potential to be something much greater which is what happened. And it took, as you know lots and lots of work, lots of people afraid to get near this project maybe for the first time in years offered something, and genuinely



offered in years and demanding something back and I think maybe it's the demanding something back has made it such a success because that is where the dignity comes in and that is where the transcendence comes in that you are, we are, seriously all equal."

*Editor's note: South Bay, East Bay, North Bay, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Oakland, San Francisco, and more. One can even start their own Downtown Streets Team by going to the website. Their literature states: DST builds teams that restore dignity, inspire hope and provide a pathway to recover from homelessness. The volunteer work experience provides homeless and at risk team members an opportunity to beautify their community in exchange for case management, employment services and a basic needs stipend. This organization welcomes donations. To learn more go to; [downtownstreetsteam.org](http://downtownstreetsteam.org)*



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### Omar

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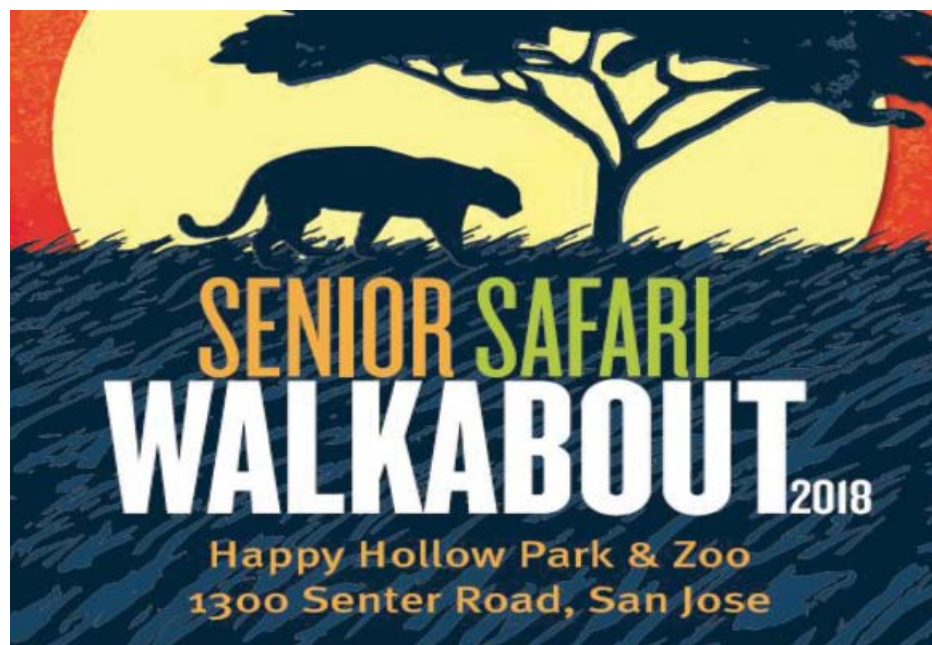
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- ◆ Office/playroom/artist studio tucked away at the back of the house
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