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Collector Ed Centeno stands beside the portrait of Walt Whitman he commissioned from Manhattan artist Miguel Tio.

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