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City proposes \$5.57 billion **budget** after shortfall

By William Bellou Publisher

hile the City of San Jose faces some future fiscal challenges, San Jose is proposing a \$5.57 billion budget for 2026 amid impacted city services and a short-staffed workforce.

The City's shortfall for next year is due to lagging sales tax revenue and increased costs.

The most recent projection improved slightly to \$35.6 million and the city filled the gap by again redirecting Measure E dollars from affordable housing projects to interim homelessness solutions.

"We are proud to deliver the 2025-26 proposed operating budget, which I believe is a very fiscally responsible and balanced budget and meets the important objectives of the City Council while also structurally aligning the general fund with minimal community or employee impacts," said City Manager Jennifer Maguire.

At that time, they could not guarantee avoiding layoffs while prioritizing investments in reducing unsheltered homelessness, improving safety and cleanliness, growing the economy and building more housing.

Deferred projects include the full activation of Fire Station 32 and the South San Jose police substation, but community services such as library hours, park maintenance, community centers and recreational programming or senior nutrition are not expected to be cut.

Philharmonic Orchestra to perform Beethoven's **5th Symphony at final** season concert June 7

By William Bellou Puhlisher

he San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra presents its 2024-25 Season Finale Concert on Saturday, June 7th, 2 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 S. 1st Street in downtown San Jose.

This premier orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, is made up of the most advanced students in the San Jose Youth Symphony.

The Final Season Concert will open the concert with George Gershwin's Funny Face Overture, from his musical, Funny Face, which featured Fred Astaire on Broadway, dancing for the first time in top hat and tails.

Featuring orchestra violinists as soloists — Saarthak Shankavaram and An-Po Chen — the orchestra will perform Sarasate's virtuosic Navarra for Two Violins and Orch-estra, a work inspired by Sarasate's birthplace in the Navarre region of Spain.

The concert closes with the most well-known and dramatic works, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, a great musical experience for the whole family!

Saarthak Shankavaram, Associate Concertmaster of the Philharmonic Orchestra, is a junior at Prospect High School and has been playing violin since the age of 9. He has served as Concertmaster of String and Chamber Orchestras at

An-Po Chen, Concertmaster of the Philharmonic Orchestra, and (right) Saarthak Shankavaram, Associate Concertmaster of the Philharmonic Orchestra.

his high school since his freshman year and has been a member of the San Jose Youth Symphony for the past four years. He has also won first prize in both the Chamber Orchestra's Concerto Competition in 2021 and the Philharmonic Orchestra's Young Artist Competition in 2022.

An-Po Chen. Concertmaster of the Philharmonic Orchestra, has been with the San Jose Youth Symphony since 2022. Now a senior at Archbishop Mitty High School, An-Po is currently studying violin, conducting and chamber music at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music's Pre-College Academy. An avid chamber musician, his octet, which he led as 1st violinist, was named Ensemble Winner at Indiana University's 2024 Final Gala Concert. He also performed as a soloist with the Philharmonic Orchestra as a winner of that orchestra's Young Artist Competition in 2022.

The San Jose Youth Symphony (SJYS) is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast of the U.S. Founded over seven decades ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education.

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To order tickets, visit the SJYS website: https://sjys.org/sjys-store

Report: 2024's US state early education systems ranked

ith early education shown to boost future earning potential but few states offering free preschool programs, the personal-finance website WalletHub just released its report on 2024's States with the Best & Worst Early Education Systems, as well as expert commentary.

In order to determine the best early education systems in America, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 12 key metrics. The data set ranges from the share of school districts

that offer a state pre-K program to the number of pre-K quality benchmarks met and total reported spending per child enrolled in pre-K.

Quality of Early Education in California (1=Best; 25=Avg.): • Overall Rank: 29th

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Education and Head Start • 1st - Income Requirement for State Pre-K Eligibility

• 1st - Total Reported Spending per Child Enrolled in Preschool

• 1st - Monthly child care co-payment fees as a percent of family income For the full report, please visit: https://wallethub.com/edu/states-

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Women's Club celebrates its 130th anniversary

By William Bellou Publisher

he San Jose Woman's Club celebrated its 130th anniversary at its historic downtown clubhouse on May 22. The club was born in December 1894 when nine women described as "public spirited" in a 1929 newspaper article — gathered at the downtown studio of Fannie Estabrook.

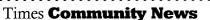
Two of the big topics of discus-

sion in 1894 were women's suffrage and Prohibition. And there were definitely points of disagreement, according to historians.

The club and its members helped found the San Jose Day Nursery and were early supporters of the Sempervirens Club to save the redwoods in Big Basin.

Over the years, the club championed education and advancing women's rights. In 1939-40, the club sponsored the San Jose Junior Woman's Club for women under 40, and one of its first members was Betty Ann Chandler. At 107, the club's oldest and longestserving member and still makes occasional appearances at events.

Today the club has 167 members and that number has been trending upward since the COVID-19 pandemic, as the club continues



to host events for its members and rent out its Landmark Ballroom to other organizations.

Google joins state in media assistance

Partnership will help industry, but some say funds fall short of goal By William Bellou

Publisher etails regarding a hardfought partnership

between California and Google providing financial assistance toward the state's news media, an industry that shrunk dramatically in the digital age were revealed last week.

The creation of the California Civic Media Fund, a partnership between news media, Google and philanthropists, would dole out a mix of public and private funds to media outlets.

Critics, including a former state senator, say the agreement falls short of earlier proposals that would have forced Google and other tech giants to pay newspaper publishers for using their content or harvesting data.



Google's parent company Alphabet has agreed to contribute at least \$10 million for the project's first year and has also agreed to pitch in "additional matching dollars if more public, private or philanthropic money is raised," Wicks' office said in a news release.

Alphabet says it will continue funding other programs, including the Google News Initiative. Last year, the company threatened to axe the program as lawmakers attempted to regulate the company.

The agreement is on pace to fall short of Google's pledge in August to contribute nearly \$173 million to the fund over five years, along with the AI accelerator. However, the company could contribute more in future years.

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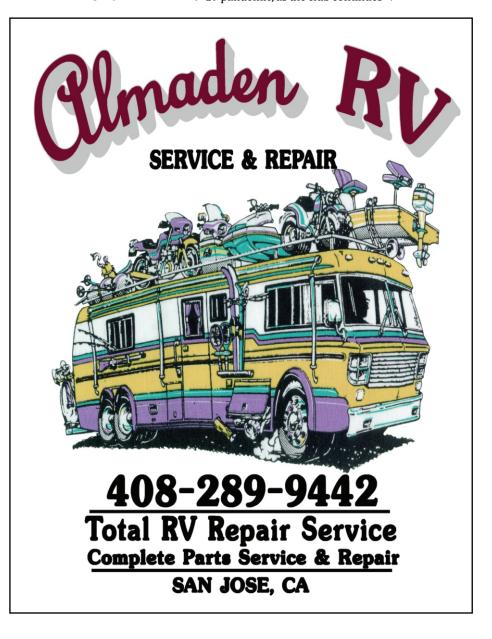
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Summer Concert Series 2025: ACC's staff is again presenting music in the park on Thursdays in July. Each Thursday, enjoy the sounds of local bands at Greystone Park at Camden Ave and Mount Carmel Dr, from 6:30 to 8pm. Here are each week's bands... July 10th – Misspent Youth July 17th – Identity Problem July 24th – House Rockers July 31st – The Iconics Bring your blanket chairs food and experience a wonderful evening of music and fun. The

Bring your blanket, chairs, food and experience a wonderful evening of music and fun. The Almaden Senior Association is sponsoring the band The Iconics on July 31st Reminder: alcohol is not allowed in the park.

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Times Local News

Feds eliminate millions for San Jose community projects

By Vicente Vera

San José Spotlight The federal government has eliminated millions in potential funding meant for community projects in San Jose involving the Alum Rock business corridor, Happy Hollow Zoo and more.

Sarah Zárate, director of intergovernmental relations for the city, told councilmembers Tuesday that even though Congressmembers Ro Khanna, Jimmy Panetta and Zoe Lofgren requested \$5.5 million in federal funds the government's continuing resolution, signed March 15, to extend spending through the rest of the year failed to include community project money.

There are five projects being deprived of funding: the Alum Rock business corridor improvement projects were counting on \$2 million; Cahalan Park upgrades were getting \$2 million; Yerba Buena Bridge reconstruction had \$1 million in potential funding; Happy Hollow's power grid was waiting on \$250,000 and Evergreen and East San Jose were on tap for \$250,000 for sideshow and street racing deterrence.

"Without these federal funds, efforts to address these projects and issues like sideshows and street racing may be delayed as we explore alternative funding opportunities," city spokesperson Demetria Machado told San José Spotlight.

Congressmembers will have the opportunity to request the funding for the following fiscal year, but requests can change based on updated city priorities. Representatives may seek federal funding for up to 15 community projects, which are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

"We've already issued over 30 legislative and funding advocacy letters advancing the city's (2025) priorities, and will continue to do so through the sessions," Zárate said at the meeting.

Mary Valderrama, chair of the Alum Rock Village Action Committee, said much of the country has been negatively impacted by federal funding cuts, and San Jose needs to stay resilient.

"What's so disappointing is that East San Jose never gets the love or respect that other parts of the city do," she told San José Spotlight. "It's so difficult to get city leaders, not our councilmember, but to get the city departments to pay attention to us — so getting funding would be fantastic."

City officials said the \$2 million in funding would've improved



Helen Masamori, co-chair of the Alum Rock Santa Clara Street Business Association, celebrated a \$100,000 city grant to help beautify East San Jose's Little Portugal neighborhood. Photo by Vicente Vera.

restaurants, streetscapes and revitalized a large commercial building in the historic Mayfair neighborhood. The funds would've increased capacity for local small businesses so new jobs and companies can sprout. According to a May 7, 2024 letter from Lofgren, funding would've also helped retain four small businesses, 50 jobs and establish a "sorely needed" community cafe and food pantry in the area to offer affordable and healthy food options for Mayfair residents.

"Lofgren and Khanna have fought for this community for years, but with only one vote on the City Council (for East San Jose), sometimes there's nothing to show," longtime community advocate Danny Garza told San José Spotlight. "A lot of the businesses here don't own their building. We live paycheck-to-paycheck."

As the Alum Rock Santa Clara Street Business Association celebrated a \$100,000 grant from the city toward supporting the same business corridor late last year, leaders say the loss of more potential funding is deeply unfortunate.

"Still, the Alum Rock Santa Clara Street Business Association remains committed to working with our partners to support the growth and resilience of the communities we serve," Helen Masamori, co-chair of the association, told San José Spotlight.

Of the \$2 million in potential funding for Cahalan Park in South San Jose, the now-eliminated money would have gone toward building four to eight new pickleball courts.

The \$1 million in potential funding for the Yerba Buena Bridge reconstruction would have repaired a crossing over Yerba Buena Creek and connect neighborhoods to high-use areas in Evergreen.



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Times Community Notebook

Foreign exchange student program is seeking host families for the upcoming school year

By Sean Eastwood *Times staff writer* amilies across the U.S. have a unique

opportunity to experience a new culture right in their own homes. World Heritage International Student Exchange Programs, a non-profit public

benefit organization, is currently seeking warm and welcoming host families to open their homes to international exchange students for the upcoming school year.

Hosting an exchange student is a lifechanging experience for families that fosters cultural understanding, builds lifelong friendships, while enriching local communities. Students, aged 15-18 years, come from over 60 countries around the world, including France, Japan, Italy, Denmark, Australia, Spain and many more.

The students are carefully selected based on their academic performance, English proficiency, and personal character, and they are eager to become part of an American family, attend a local high school, and share their own traditions.

During their stay, World Heritage exchange students immerse themselves in American culture by living with and becoming part of a volunteer host family while attending a local high school. This experience allows them to improve their English



skills, form lifelong friendships, and gain a deeper understanding of American life and values. In return, host families and communities benefit from the unique perspectives and cultural exchange that these students bring.

"Being a host family isn't just about providing a place to stay; it's about making a student from another country part of the family," says Debra Garbon, World Heritage National Director. "Many host families find that the experience is just as rewarding for them as it is for the student. The bonds formed often last a lifetime." "Exchange students bring energy, curiosity, and fresh perspectives to their host families and communities. They attend local schools, participate in activities, and become a real family member."

Host families provide a safe and supportive home, meals, and encouragement, while students come with their own spending money and health insurance, ensuring that hosting is a rewarding and enriching experience without financial burden. Anyone with a warm and welcoming home can host an exchange student! Host families come in many forms, including married couples (with or without children), single parents, young professionals, empty-nesters, same-sex couples, and retirees.

ASSE also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by

spending a school year, semester or a summer with a host family in another country.

Families interested in hosting an exchange student or exploring study abroad opportunities are encouraged to learn more and apply by visiting www.host.world-heritage.org or contacting Debra Garbon at (800) 888-9040 or info@worldheritage. org.

VTA offers grants to support transit-oriented communities

Por the second year, more than \$750,000 in funding is available to community organizations working to help create vibrant, equitable, and walkable neighborhoods near public transit, known as Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC).

Throughout May, VTA is offering special workshops to help applicants pursue the

funding.

VTA's 2025 Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Program is seeking proposals from public agencies, charities, universities, cultural institutions, neighborhood associations, environmental organizations, and others to create more connected communities across Santa Clara County.

Groups eligible to receive grants are doing work that includes advancing policies to encourage transit ridership; support to expand new affordable housing; creating public awareness campaigns and transitfocused educational activities; and introducing art and culture projects that enhance transit connectivity and community culture and identity.

Amie Aston is the Executive Director of Palo Alto Forward, a 2024 TOC grant recipient.

"Well-resourced communities like ours need to do our part to alleviate the housing shortage, create more equitable neighborhoods, and support transit. This grant was essential in fostering an awareness of all ways we can improve the situation locally," said Aston. See how Palo Alto Forward is putting their 2024 grant to use.

Projects must be located within a half mile of an existing or planned VTA light rail station, transit center, or regional commuter rail station (Caltrain, ACE, or Capitol Corridor).

More information is available on VTA's virtual and in-person workshops throughout May to walk applicants through the program guidelines and application process.



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San Jose wants to strengthen its policy on abandoned shopping carts. The nonprofit, The Trash Punx, fishes out shopping carts from the Guadalupe River. File photo.

San Jose tightens abandoned shopping cart policies

By Vicente Vera San José Spotlight an Jose leaders want major retailers to take a larger role in retrieving aban-Joned shopping carts that end up in the city's most blighted areas.

San Jose councilmembers voted unanimously to strengthen the city's abandoned shopping cart regulations by requiring retail stores with more than 76 carts to install theft-prevention devices, require

customers to pay a deposit for using a cart or make a deal with a cart-retrieval company. The city also wants stronger regulations to ensure San Jose stays in compliance with the Clean Water Act and avoids potential fines for waterway pollution.

Peter Hamilton, assistant to the City Manager's Office, reminded the City Council it has the ability to fine people for stealing carts. City employees were at the State Capitol Wednesday with state Sen. Dave Cortese pushing for cities to be

able to set fines higher than the existing \$50 cap.

At least 2,000 shopping carts are abandoned across San Jose per year, Mayor Matt Mahan said. He added beautification workers are tired of having to "fish out" carts from the waterways.

"I don't think any of us ran for office or signed up for our day jobs here thinking we would be so focused on shopping cart loss prevention," Mahan said at the meeting. "I do want to thank the grocers and other retailers for engaging, helping us understand how to regulate this in a way that will not harm their business."

Hamilton said grocers and retailers gave mixed feedback on theft-prevention devices like wheel locks because the devices are difficult to install and easy to bypass. The city wanted to gauge its proposals with businesses that would be affected and met with Trader Joe's, Sprouts, Costco, La Plaza Market, Lee's Supermarket and a couple cart retrieval contracting businesses.

San Jose is seeking to gather more information through an upcoming three-month cart retrieval pilot program being launched in two areas facing the highest rate of abandoned shopping carts: downtown between Highway 880 and Tully Road, and in South San Jose between Coleman Road and Branham Lane.

"We would propose to return to you again in September with the results of the pilot program, and recommendations for an ongoing program including 311 integration," Hamilton told councilmembers. Hamilton said businesses might also be interested in reimbursing the city for retrieving their carts through a "voluntary

City employees were at the State Capitol Wednesday with state Sen. Dave Cortese pushing for cities to be able to set fines higher than the existing \$50 cap.

> cart retrieval program." Senate Bill 753, authored by Cortese, would make reimbursements mandatory. The bill passed out of the Senate Local Government Committee on Wednesday.

> However, California Grocers Association representative Tim James said city-mandated cart retrieval reimbursements could result in retailers paying city debt collectors, as well as dealing with cart thieves. The association wants the city to strengthen its existing regulations.

> "We ask you to drop the plans for the mandatory retrieval by the city at this point," James said.



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Symphony San Jose presents ESPAÑA June 7-8 **Performance to feature Spanish conductor Jose** Luis Gomez and Spanish guitarist Rafael Aguirre

By William Bellou Publisher

re-concert events will be held one hour before the performance: Spanish tapas and flamenco dance show on Saturday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

The season closes with España a musical trip through Spain led by Spanish conductor Jose Luis Gomez and featuring Gabriela Lena Frank's Escaramuza, and Joaquin Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez performed by Spanish guitarist Rafael Aguirre.

España is Rodrigo's best-known work, and it has cemented his reputation as one of Spain's most significant composers. We'll also view the Iberian Peninsula



Conductor: Jose Luis Gomez

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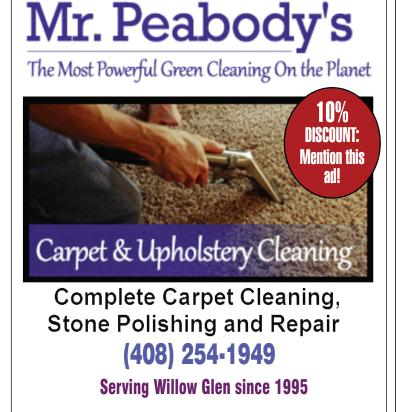
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Report: Unwind in 2024's 'Most Relaxed U.S. Cities'

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To mark National Relaxation Day on Aug. 15, LawnStarter ranked 2024's "Most Relaxed Cities."

We compared the 500 biggest U.S. cities based on 8 categories. More specifically, we factored in housing affordability, the average length of a workday, depression rates,

Want to watch the local high school game? Be aware of sports streaming scams

You used to have to go to the stadium to root for your local high school athletic team or your favorite college or professional sports team. However, online streams now make it possible for people to watch games from the comfort of their living rooms.

Unfortunately, the scammers have followed. By sharing fake streaming links on social media, scammers aim to capture personal information, including credit card and Social Security numbers, as fans get tricked into logging in to watch their team play.

How this scam works

You want to watch the local high school's football game, or your niece's college softball team is playing in a tournament out of state. You search online to find a link where the game might be streamed, and sure enough, a fan has shared a link on social media where you can watch for free! It's almost time for the game to start, so you eagerly click the link. The next screen asks you to sign up for the streaming service, so you enter your name and email... and then you get asked for a credit card number and potentially more sensitive information. Are you seeing red flags yet?

These scammers infiltrate social media with links to fake streams. The posts often will tag the high schools, colleges, or professional teams involved to make the post appear legitimate. The scammers hope the would-be viewer inputs their information and pays to watch the event. The consumer doesn't get to watch the game because the scammer has not set up a stream. Instead, whatever data they entered may be compromised.

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As a new school year begins, BBB reminds consumers to do their research when looking to watch a high school, college, or professional sporting event online.

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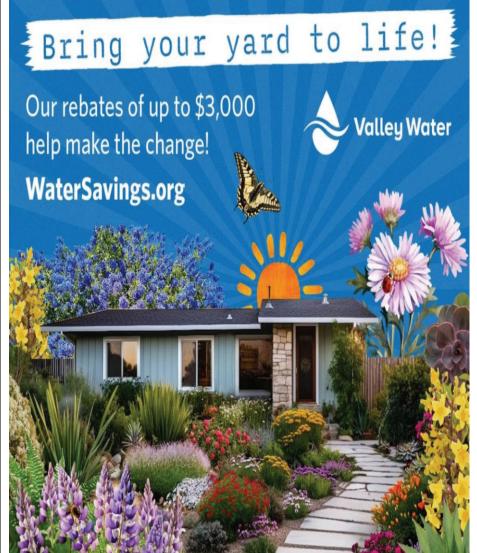
"Fans need to remain diligent in where and how they find the stream of a high school contest," Matt Troha, an Assistant Executive Director with the Illinois High School Association, told BBB. Troha said fake streaming links posted to social media lure unsuspecting fans.

"On [X] especially, take notice of account names and photos, which often seem random, and look at their follower and following numbers," Troha said. "Low follower counts indicate the account likely was just started. Look at the content of their posts as most are nothing but tweets to stream games."

Last year, state associations that oversee high school athletics in New Mexico, Indiana, and North Carolina issued warnings about the fake streams.

"If you want to watch a specific school's game online, check with the school to see if it has streaming options available," said Michelle L. Corey, president and CEO of the BBB office in St. Louis. "While many schools do offer live streaming now, there are others who do not."

BBB Scam Tracker has received reports of fake sports streaming links. One consumer shared, "The link was posted under a high school football post claiming we could watch the high school football games for free. Then it asked for credit card information in order to charge \$1. After putting in credit card information, I was not able to watch any football games...my trial was for 24hours and if I didn't cancel, it would charge my credit card \$60 per month."





Helpful Tips:

- Know how to download your camera footage
- When mounting cameras, please be aware of places where people may have a reasonable expectation of privacy (examples: their backyard or interior of their home)
- Focus and mount your video on key points of entry or concern
- Exterior Mounting Location Options: Front door, rear door, side gate, driveway/front parking lot, second floor wide view and street view.
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Bay Area Ridge Trail adds 14.1 scenic miles

Calero County Park addition completes 427 miles of 550-mile route By William Bellou Publisher

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To the delight of hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders that like to get away from the hustle and bustle of city strife, the Bay Area Ridge Trail is a sanctuary for people who like to get away from their computer screens and enjoy taking a hike or bike ride. The iconic trail which takes in stunning views of the Golden Gate Bridge from the Marin Headlands, San Mateo County forests above Crystal Springs Reservoir, and Mt. Hamilton total about 427 miles about three-quarters done.

The new 14.1 miles is now open to the public for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. It runs from the Rancho San Vicente trailhead of Calero County Park in South San Jose to the Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve in the meadows and rolling foothills between Los Gatos and Morgan Hill.

A public dedication is planned for 10 a.m. on May 31 at the Rancho San Vicente trailhead.

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