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Planet 9: A World That Should Not Exist

Earlier this year scientists presented evidence for Planet Nine, a Neptune-mass planet in an elliptical orbit 10 times farther from our Sun than Pluto. Since then theorists have puzzled over how this planet could end up in such a distant orbit.

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The Nisei Soldier

This digital exhibition presents the extraordinary life stories of 12 Nisei soldiers who served in the US Armed Forces in World War II. This is their American story.

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The Origin of Man's Best Friend

Dogs first became our friends when our ancestors lived as nomadic hunter-gatherers. Dogs were very likely the first living organism to be domesticated by humans— animal or plant!

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The History of the Cakewalk

Cakewalks, for many, evoke visions of childhood and carnivals, but they have layers of race, culture, and appropriated entertainment embedded throughout.

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The First Pictures from the Moon's Surface

Half a century ago, robotic spacecraft first landed on the Moon. On February 3, the Soviet Union's Luna 9 thumped down on the vast lava plain known as Oceanus Procellarum (Ocean of Storms), after a number of failed attempts.

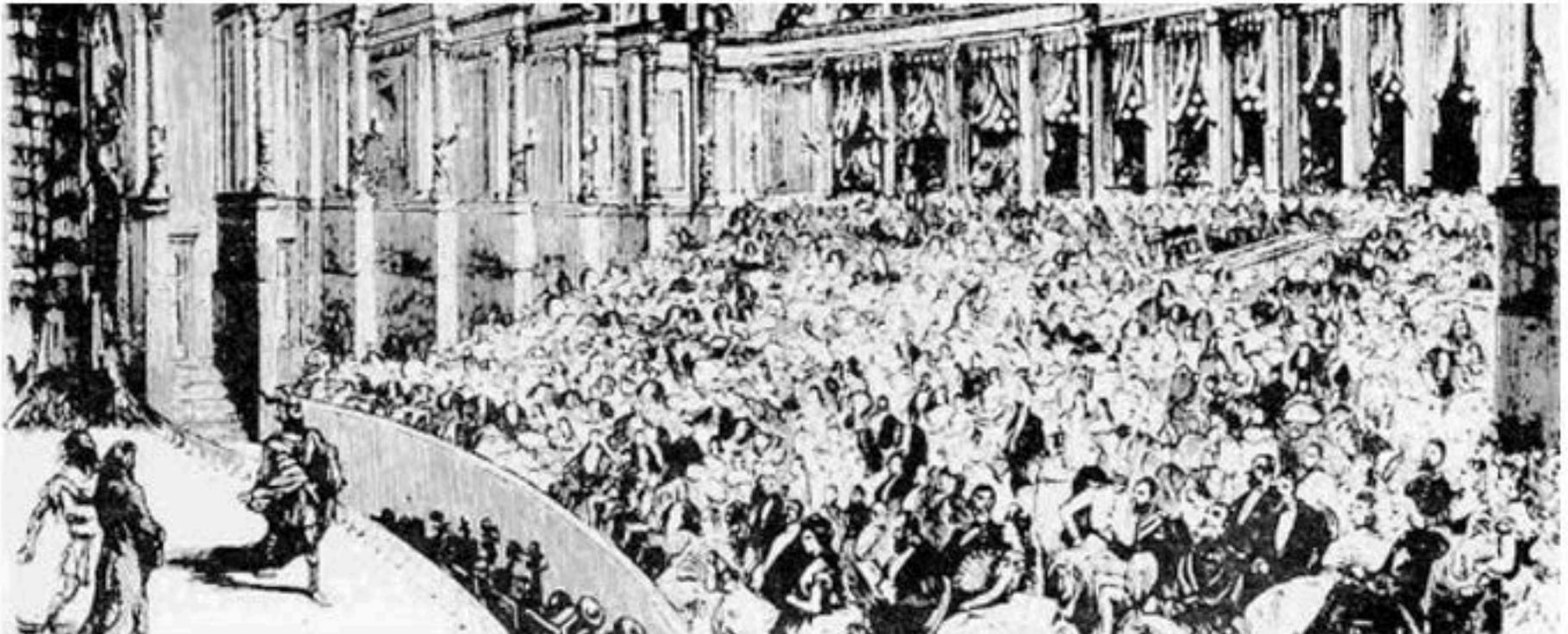
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Exploring the Horn of Africa

"During the most recent expedition to the Day Forest, we traveled for four hours to reach our destination north-east of Djibouti City. This forest is a very special place within Djibouti and only one of two high elevational closed forests in the country..."

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Frenzy Over "Ring Cycle" Premieres

Based on Norse myths with gods and magic, giants and dwarfs, and a dragon and Rhine maidens, Wagner's Ring cycle operas captured the souls of 19th-century music lovers—sending them into a state of ecstatic frenzy.

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The Redesign of U.S. Money Shows the Power of Protest

Since the news broke that the U.S. Treasury will redesign three U.S. banknotes, news articles have lauded the historic significance of the redesign of the 20-dollar bill, where a portrait of Harriet Tubman will replace that of Andrew Jackson.

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Smithsonian Folkways Playlist – Sounds of California

Listen to a new playlist by radio producer Betto Arcos featuring artists from the *Sounds of California* program at the 2016 Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Enter code ENEWSCALI and save 20% off your next order through May 31 at folkways.si.edu.

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Trivia

America has a rich history in brewing. Which is the oldest operating brewing company in the United States?

- A) F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company
- B) D. G. Yuengling & Son
- C) Pabst Brewing Company
- D) Minhas Craft Brewery
- E) Anheuser-Busch

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