



HISTORIC SAINT PAUL PRESENTS



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About Historic Saint Paul

Historic Saint Paul is a nonprofit working to **strengthen Saint Paul neighborhoods by preserving and promoting their cultural heritage and character**. We have been around more than twenty years.

We work in partnership with private property owners, community organizations, and public agencies to leverage Saint Paul's cultural and historic resources as assets in economic development and community building initiatives.

Round 1

1. A beautiful mansion in Irvine Park is known for being haunted, most notably by a maid who is rumored to have hung herself in the third floor stairwell. What house is it?

- A. Justus O'Hage House
- B. Wright-Prendergast House
- C. Joseph Forepaugh House
- D. Alexander Ramsey House

Bonus point if you
know her name!



2. The owners of the Chauncey Griggs mansion at 476 Summit experienced this unfortunate circumstance in 2012, due to seven ghosts who haunt it.

- A. Fire of unknown origin damaged the entire first story**
- B. Their real estate value decreased by nearly 40%**
- C. The windows of the third floor atrium shattered unexpectedly**
- D. They were forced by DSI to move out and fumigate the home**



3. The State Fair grounds are no strangers to ghosts. Name the man who is said to keep employees on their toes to this day...

- A. Founder, Henry S. Fairchild**
- B. General Mngr, Douglas Baldwin**
- C. State Fair President, Dan Patch**
- D. Coliseum Custodian, Lee Warner**



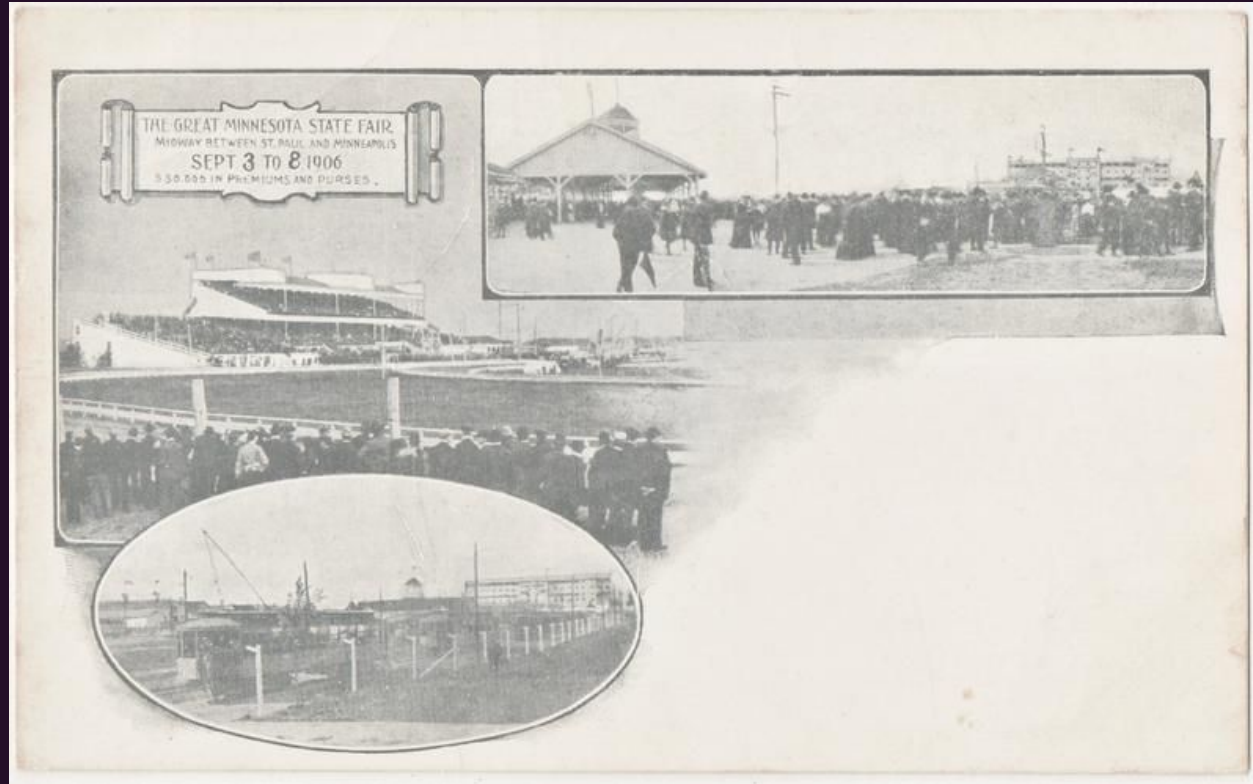
4. The Minnesota State Fair arrived at its current site in 1885. It has hosted a small number of ghostly apparitions in the ensuing 135 years, one of the strangest involving a sighting of a ghostly animal in one of the livestock barns. Was this State Fair phantom animal a:

- A. Race horse
- B. Rooster
- C. Pig
- D. Billy goat



5. This location of the fair, which is said to be haunted, has been the site of no fewer than eight deaths...

- A. Coliseum
- B. Cattle Barns
- C. Grandstand
- D. Medical Tent/Bldg



1906 postcard for the Minnesota State Fair

6. Historic Mounds Theatre, a movie theater and entertainment venue on St. Paul's East Side, has long been rumored to be haunted. Three ghosts are said to reside there, which of these is not one of them?

- A. Gail, a performer who died on stage**
- B. Red, the theater's longtime projectionist**
- C. Jim, who worked as a main floor usher**
- D. Mary, a little girl whose apparition often appears on stage**



7. This 1883 building is on the campus of one of St. Paul's colleges. It is said to be haunted by the ghost of a student who died there in the 1920s. This building is on the campus of what college? Is it:

- A. Concordia University**
- B. University of St. Catherine**
- C. Macalester College**
- D. Hamline University**



8. On January 28, 1959 “The Winter Dance Party Tour” came to Saint Paul with Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the “Big Bopper.” Five days later they performed in Clear Lake, Iowa and afterwards their plane crashed and the three were killed.

**Where did the trio
perform
in Saint Paul?**



9. St. Paul was a favorite “haunt” of what famous film actor from Hollywood’s Golden Era?

- A. Gary Cooper
- B. Cary Grant
- C. Clark Gable
- D. Fred Astaire



10. This Saint Paul site is said to be haunted by a young boy who died of smoke inhalation at the age of 9, after beating back grass fires that threatened the family home which still stands on the site.

Where is this?

- A. Alexander Ramsey House**
- B. Crosby Farm**
- C. James J. Hill House**
- D. Gibbs Farm**



Check your answers

Let's see how
you did...

1. **C. Joseph Forepaugh's House** ~ Legend tells about the story of **Molly**, the maid who had an affair with the master of the house, Joseph Forepaugh, becoming pregnant. When Joseph's angry wife insisted the relationship end, Molly committed suicide—allegedly, by hanging herself from a light fixture on the third floor.

Now closed to visitors, the mansion was in operation as a restaurant From 1976-2019. Joseph and Molly sightings have been reported inside the mansion and both ghosts are said to be quite sociable.



2. The owners of the Chauncey Griggs mansion at 476 Summit experienced **B. Their real estate value decreased by nearly 40%** in 2012 thanks to the mansion's spiritual occupants which include a young maid, a gardener, a child apparition, a thin man in a black suit, a teenager, Amy, and a Civil War general, perhaps Chauncey Griggs himself.

Built in 1883, designed by Clarence Johnston.

The carriage house was built first and used as a workshop to construct the two mansions that it sits behind.

476 Summit suffered a massive fire in 1910 gutting the house. It was completely rebuilt, and was home to Carl Llewellyn Weschcke, owner of Llewellyn Worldwide, a New Age publisher. It remains one of St. Paul's most celebrated haunted houses.



3. The State Fair employees say the grounds are graced by the ghost of: **B. General Manager, Douglas Baldwin**

Keri Huber, archivist for the State Fair, knows all the ghost stories, her office is in the Administration Building, near what used to be the apartment of longtime State Fair GM Douglas Baldwin, who died in 1962. Huber said Baldwin's ghost has been known to keep other fair employees on their toes. The Minnesota State Fair employs nearly 90 year-round full-time staff members, 450 summer staff and approximately 2,300 fair-time staff members.

Source: CBS/WCCO News

4. The Minnesota State Fair arrived at its current site in 1885. It has hosted a small number of ghostly apparitions in the ensuing 135 years, one of the strangest involving a sighting of a ghostly **C. Pig!**

According to Haunted St. Paul, there have been “several accounts of people who, while strolling through the swine barn, have noticed the apparition of a pig inside one of the pens.”



5. **Grandstand (C)**, the state fair location with the most ghost stories (not surprisingly) is the place which has seen the most tragedy. No fewer than eight thrill show performers and race car drivers have been met their demise in front of spectators at the State Fair Grandstand.

The deaths include:

Kitty Middleton, a famous wing walker, who died along with a pilot when their plane crashed north of the Grandstand in 1951. Many have spotted a man standing on the roof of the Grandstand, maybe the ghost of one of the daredevils who met an untimely end.



A daredevil jumps his car over a bus in the grandstand, August 27, 1944 Source: MNHS

6. Historic Mounds Theatre has long been rumored to be haunted.

A. **Gail, a singer who suffered an aneurysm during a performance**

...is not one of them. Red, Jim and Mary are all said to haunt the historic Dayton Bluff 1920s theater, which was one of Saint Paul's first to show talkie movies.

The theater sat dormant for over three decades and the ghosts didn't leave after the theater reopened in 2001. The theater offers night tours on Fridays and Saturdays in October.



7. (D) **Hamline University** is said to be one of the most haunted places in Minnesota, and they don't shy away from it —the University's website even has a page dedicated to the campus' three most haunted halls. According to Haunted St. Paul, there have been several sightings of the ghost of a young man who hung himself in Hamline's Old Main in the 1920s. The ghost is said to wear a brown suit and, in a gruesome detail, the ghost wears a noose around its neck.



(left to right): Drew Hall, Manor Hall and Old Main.

8. On January 28, 1959 “The Winter Dance Party Tour” came to **The Prom Ballroom**. The dance hall (1190 Univ Ave) opened in 1941 with Glenn Miller. A popular dance hall for big band acts of the era, it boasted a 9,000 sq ft hard maple dance floor and sprawling spaces to accommodate big crowds.

For years the Jules Herman Orchestra served as the house band, hosting dance competitions and New Year’s Eve celebrations.

It was torn down in 1987.



9. **B. Cary Grant** regularly visited St. Paul from the late 1960s through the early '80s. Born Archibald “Archie” Alexander Leach, Grant made 74 movies during his 34-year film career. In 1942, he visited the Twin Cities as part of a star-studded World War II Hollywood Victory Caravan. Then, from the late '60s to the early '80s, he was here periodically for business meetings, serving on the board of Faberge.

One of its divisions — Rayette Inc., which made hairsprays — was headquartered in a 1909 building in St. Paul's Lowertown. Faberge closed its last St. Paul Rayette facility in 1983. (A friend tells of sharing an elevator ride with Grant — and him asking her to throw away one business report he had finished reading. She *still* regrets not keeping it as a souvenir!)

Sources: MinnPost, Minnesota Historical Society



10. D. Gibbs Farm Jane and Heman Gibbs had a large family of 5 children, when tragedy happened in 1867. Their third child, William (9), died of smoke inhalation after helping to beat back a grass fire. Stories of manifestations include doors and cupboards open and close by themselves and the rocking chair likes to rock on its own power. Sensitive people feel a tenseness in the atmosphere in various areas of the house. Toys on display, always locked away after hours, sometimes are found the next morning out of their locked closet and laying around the boys room.

An entity of a young boy has been spotted in the house. A patrolman checking out the grounds saw the face of a boy peering at him out a second story window. A tour guide was sitting on the porch, when she glanced in the window to see a boy standing there, looking at her. He disappeared into thin air.



Questions, comments?
& Intermission

Round 2

11. Name this St. Paul lawyer who had his wife murdered in their Highland Park home in 1962?

- A. M. H. Boutelle**
- B. T. Eugene Thompson**
- C. Andrew Matthias Baese**
- D. Peter Stephen Popovich**



12. This famous gangster pulled off both the William Hamm Jr. and Edward Bremer kidnappings, then did a long stint at Alcatraz, and finally retired in Spain.

Who was he?



Edward Bremer



William Hamm Jr. circa 1935
Minnesota Historical Society

13. This house on River Road was, in the 1930s, Saint Paul's most successful speakeasy. What was it called?

- A. Hollyhocks Club**
- B. Green Lantern**
- C. The Commodore**
- D. Volstead House**



14. The owner of the speakeasy (in previous question) is said to haunt this St. Paul institution...

A. The Landmark Center

B. City Hall

C. Sweeney's Saloon

D. W. A. Frost

Bonus point if you can name the speakeasy owner.

Hint: It's a gangster!

15. Speaking of speakeasies... this famous Saint Paul site was transformed into a speakeasy during Prohibition and one can still see bullet holes in the façade of the fireplace. Where is this?

- A. Governor's Mansion**
- B. Griggs Mansion**
- C. Wabasha Street Caves**
- D. Mounds Theatre**



16. It was one of St. Paul's first breweries, built into the West Side bluffs south of downtown. It survived Prohibition, but not the fire that destroyed its facilities in 1958. What was the name?



17. When the Volstead Act went into effect in 1919, saloons and beer parlors closed up shop and new establishments began to take shape to entertain audiences. During Prohibition, these venues kept the music flowing in a dry state. Which of these was NOT one of them?

- A. Hot Box Club
- B. Boulevard in Paris
- C. Than's
- D. Victoria Cafe



Comedian Moe Thompson with his wife and business partner Audre (left) and performers. (Photo courtesy of Audrey Thompson and Kurt Gegenhuber, www.thecurrent.com)

18. St. Paul's tendency toward lawlessness was exacerbated with the appointment of new police chief in 1900. Over the next 22 years, it became known among the nation's criminals that they were safe in St. Paul, as long as they promised to behave while in town. Who was this police chief?

- A. Leon Gleckman**
- B. Andrew Volstead**
- C. Michael Gebhart**
- D. John O'Connor**



19. During the 1985 restoration of what is now known as the Fitzgerald Theater (originally the Sam S. Shubert Theater) workers opened up a second balcony after removing a false ceiling, where they found a note written to a man known as Ben, a former employee of the theatre. After this, a male entity began to make his presence known. Which of the following have been reported as manifestations of an unworldly presence?

- A. Unexplainable cold spots in the theatre which weren't there before.
- B. A dark apparition of a man walking about the cat walks 60 feet above the auditorium and stage area, which disappears.
- C. Workmen's tools moved around, sometime vanishing for a time and found in odd places.
- D. An empty antique bottle of Muscatel appearing in off the wall, out of the way places in the theatre.
- E. A chunk of plaster, which didn't come from the theatre fell down, nearly hitting two workers in the stage area. The affected workers immediately shined their flashlights up from where it fell and they saw the shadowy male form walking around the cat walks which abruptly disappeared.



20. Oakland Cemetery has been the burial site for many Saint Paul residents since 1840. One statue was removed due to legend of its hauntings.

What was it?

- A. Statue of a stallion
- B. J. J Hill's grave
- C. Black Angel Statue
- D. Statue of a young girl



Check your answers

Let's see how
you did...

11. What St. Paul lawyer had his wife murdered in their Highland Park home in 1962? **B. T. Eugene Thompson**

On Dec. 6, 1963, after deliberating for 12 hours, a jury convicted Mr. Thompson, a leading local criminal defense lawyer, of first-degree murder after a bungling hit man killed his wife, Carol, in their St. Paul home. Many Minnesotans came to believe that the case had been an inspiration for the 1996 movie “Fargo.”

After serving 19 years of a life term, Mr. Thompson was paroled in 1983. He died on his 88th birthday, Aug. 7, at his home in Roseville. His son, Jeffrey, a former defense lawyer and prosecutor who was 13 at the time of the murder and is now chief judge for the southeastern district of Minnesota, confirmed the death.



Carol Thompson was insured for over \$1 million.
United Press International

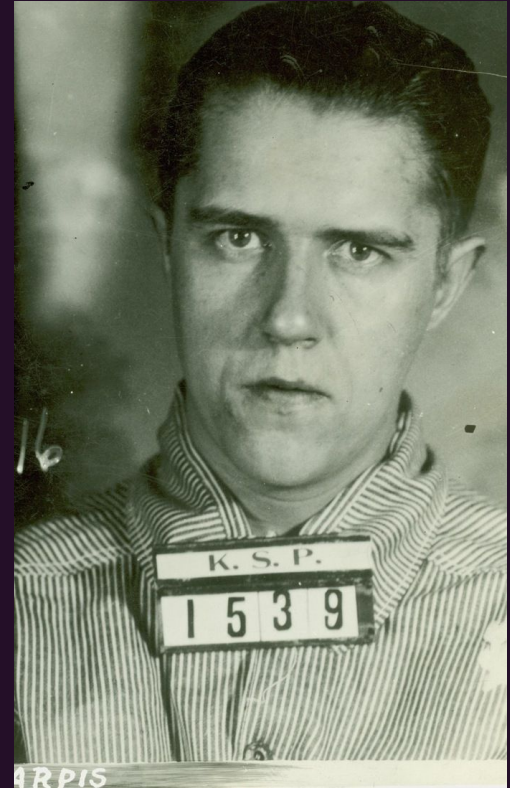
12. **Alvin “Creepy” Karpis** pulled off the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, then did a long stint at Alcatraz, and finally retired in Spain.

In 1933, nine months before it repealed the 18th Amendment, Congress passed a law that re-legalized 3.2 beer. St. Paul's breweries were inundated with orders. The infamous Barker-Karpis Gang, which called St. Paul home at the time, saw their own opportunity in this bonanza.

"All the breweries were doing a landslide business, and in St. Paul the Hamm plant was open twenty-four hours a day trying to keep up with orders," Alvin Karpis wrote in his autobiography.

Karpis was confident the Hamm family "had quite a chunk of dough handy," he wrote. They snatched William Hamm Jr., as he walked home for lunch one day in June 1933. Hamm was released four days later after a \$100,000 ransom was paid to the kidnappers -- much of it ending up in the hands of local police complicit in the crime. Following the success of the Hamm kidnapping, the Barker-Karpis Gang next targeted banking scion Edward Bremer, whose family also owned the Schmidt Brewery.

Carjacked by members of the gang in January 1934, Bremer was released after a \$200,000 ransom was paid. Karpis was declared Public Enemy No. 1 by the FBI and was eventually arrested. These shocking abductions shook St. Paulites, and led to the cleaning up of city hall and the police department.



Alvin Karpis

13. This house on River Road was, in the 1930s, Saint Paul's most successful speakeasy was called, **A. Hollyhocks Club**

Hollyhocks is just one example of the private clubs that allowed well-off Minnesotans to carry on with their glamorous drinking habits during Prohibition. The club's owner, John Pfeiffer would visit City Hall each week with an envelope of cash containing 20 percent of the Hollyhocks' earnings. With this bribe, the police allowed him to run his business, which included selling alcohol to high-paying clients. Guests wore tuxedos and evening dresses and the elevated atmosphere had live music supplied by big bands.



14. The owner of this speakeasy, **John “Jack” Pfeiffer**, is said to haunt **A. Landmark Center**

Today the Landmark Center serves as a cultural center for the community, but it was originally the federal courthouse and post office for the region. In the 1930s, Jack, the owner of the speakeasy Hollyhocks—Jack Pfeiffer, was held here after running into trouble with the law. Fearing jail time, he killed himself in his cell. Today, Jack goes to weddings and other parties in the Landmark Center and enjoys hanging around the women’s bathroom on the third floor.

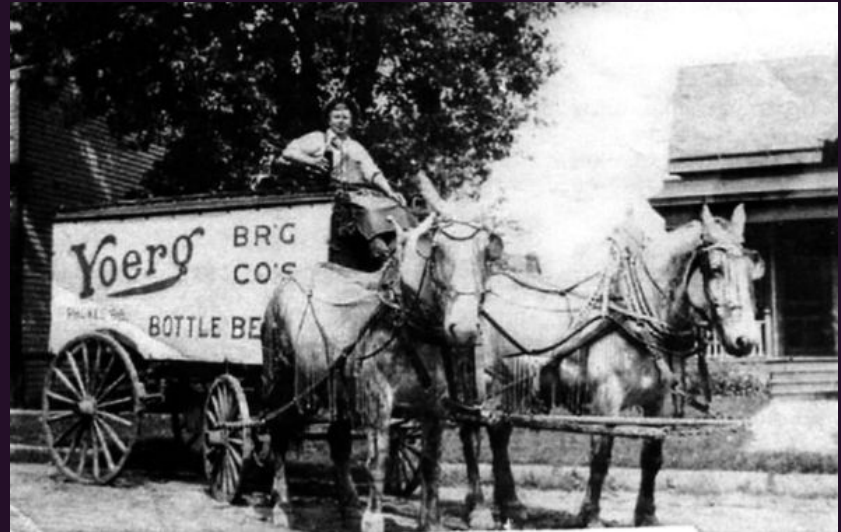
Source: www.visitsaintpaul.com

15. C. Wabasha Street Caves were transformed into a speakeasy during Prohibition and one can still see bullet holes in the façade of the fireplace. It became a hotspot for gangsters (yes—even John Dillinger). Although Saint Paul Police records show that nothing ever happened there, we've heard a few stories and seen a few ghastly faces that suggest otherwise.

Nearly 30 apparitions are said to haunt this Prohibition-era speakeasy that has since been converted into an events center. One ghostly fellow, who has been spotted more than once straightening his tie in front of a mirror in the men's restroom, wears a dark, double-breasted suit and is assumed to be a gangster who was murdered at the caves.



16. **Yoerg Brewery** was one of St. Paul's first breweries. By the time it was destroyed by fire in 1958, Yoerg's "cave aged beer" had already disappeared. Prohibition of course devastated the brewing industry, but Yoerg's found a way to survive that, with soft drinks, milk, and near-beer. Though no trace of it remains, it was nestled into the bluff at Ohio Street. Follow Isabel Street west to Ohio; there you will see an outcropping of the limestone. Follow Ohio, then, down to the flats, and look back at the bluffside; somewhere there, stood the Yoerg brewery.

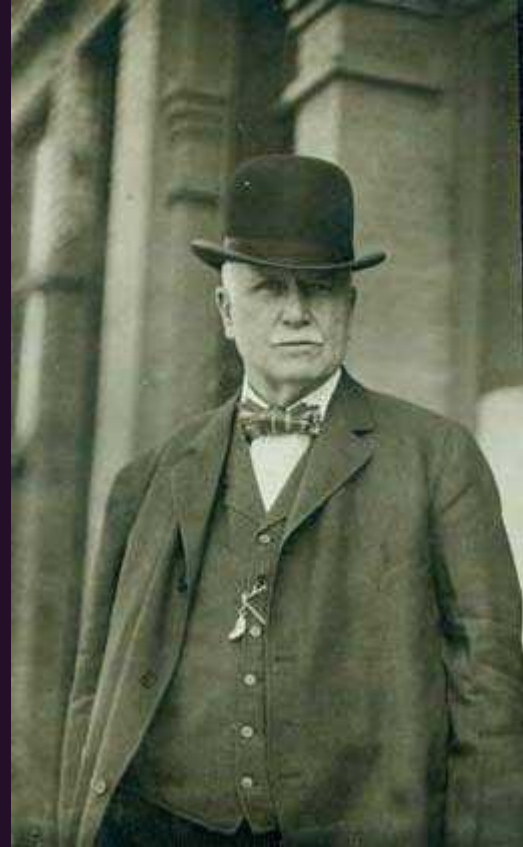


17. **Hot Box Club (A) was not one of St. Paul's bootlegging businesses.** Boulevard in Paris, Than's and Victoria Cafe were all part of the scene as Minnesota's drinking culture moved underground. Jazz musicians mingled with gangsters, dancers trotted to Dixieland, and new songs boasted about St. Paul's freewheeling, moonshining underbelly.



Comedian Moe Thompson with his wife and business partner Audrey (left) and performers. (Photo courtesy of Audrey Thompson and Kurt Gegenhuber, www.thecurrent.com)

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John O'Connor during the height of his power in Saint Paul, c. 1912.
Minnesota Historical Society

19. Which of the following have been reported as manifestations of an unworldly presence in what is now known as the Fitzgerald Theater? **Answer: All of the answers below!**

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Source: www.ghost.hauntedhouses.comurce

20. In Oakland Cemetery, the legend of a **C. Black Angel Statue** has been removed from the cemetery because it was rumored that if you looked directly into her eyes, you would fall deathly ill.





Questions?
Comments?

What did
we miss?

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