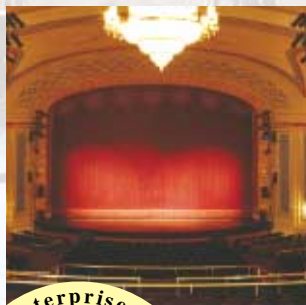
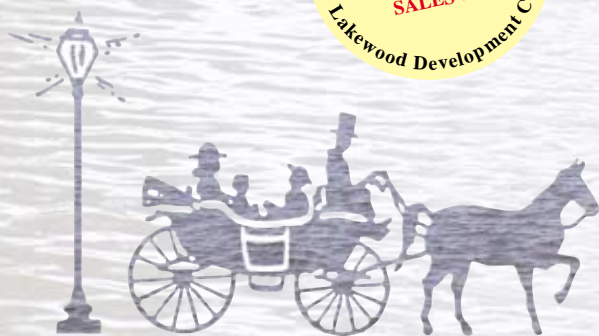


Visitors Guide

UNIQUE, HISTORIC LAKEWOOD NEW JERSEY



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information.



The old Lakewood was a sleepy, little town, a well-known resort for the wealthy and a retreat for presidents and the celebrated of a gilded age. Today's Lakewood is a vibrant, exciting place of natural beauty and urban cosmopolitanism. Its lakes, parks and the quaint touches of its Victorian past are ongoing reminders of the town's resort heritage. Home to New Jersey's second Catholic university and the world's largest Rabbinical college, Lakewood today brims with the youthful vitality that is part of an academic community drawn from many corners of the world.

Business opportunities abound in Lakewood not only

because of its location, but also because of its on-going growth and phenomenal development. Lakewood is situated near several major roads, including the Garden State Parkway. It is within an hour and a half of New York City,

Philadelphia, Atlantic City and the state capitol of Trenton, and only a few miles from beaches, boardwalks, and malls.

Its central location in the state and access to major roads have continued to spur on major building projects, touching all aspects of life in Lakewood. In April 2001, a \$22 million baseball stadium built with Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) funds opened with the first game of the Lakewood BlueClaws, a "Single A" Minor League affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies. By April 2003, the Lakewood BlueClaws drew one MILLION people to its stadium, FirstEnergy Park – recording New Jersey's and the South Atlantic League's quickest baseball team to reach that mark in the shortest period of time.

The newly renovated historic Strand Theater, designed by world-renowned theater architect Thomas Lamb and opened in 1922, is listed on the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places. Offering year-round entertainment in plush, air-conditioned surroundings, the Strand continues

to be a perfect venue to showcase its season of comedians, musicals, dinner theater, stars from television and movies, and legendary musical entertainers. A new gallery for dinner-theater-in-the-round, smaller shows, and receptions includes a catering facility, dance floor, and handicap accessible restrooms.

Besides business opportunities, Lakewood abounds in leisure and cultural activities. There are 15 free municipal playgrounds, a township park, lakes, three county parks, two public golf courses, a private golf course, historical sites to visit, and many fun-filled summer events. And the parking is free!

Parks are popular for relaxation, picnics, and recreation of all kinds...from hiking, biking, and fitness trails to volleyball, basketball, tennis courts, and open playing fields for almost

every sport. Ocean County Park, once the 323-acre estate of John D. Rockefeller, has three lakes, one for swimming and one for fishing. Many recreational activities surround beautiful Lake Carasaljo, including an exercise trail; a 4.5 mile path for walking, running, and biking; fishing and picnicking. Rowboats and paddle boats can be rented Memorial Day through Labor Day and the All Wars Memorial Amphitheater is the site of many community events and concerts, scheduled throughout the summer. Most sites have restrooms and are handicap accessible.

For business or pleasure, leisure, excitement, and fun – it's Lakewood! Lakewood looks like a small, scenic town, but its 25 square miles and over 60,000 residents encompass everything: large corporations, small businesses, a brand new baseball stadium, a historic theater, all types of leisure and recreation, and even an easy commute to the hustle and bustle of nearby cities. Come see for yourself.



Welcome to...

Unique, Historic
Lakewood, NJ

Historic, Cultural & Educational Sites

M. Christina Geis Art Gallery

Located in the Arts and Sciences Center, Georgian Court University • (732) 364-2200, Ext. 348
Monthly exhibits of professional artists from the Middle-Atlantic States are displayed October through March. The works of Georgian Court art majors are displayed February through September. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 9 am - 8 pm. Weekends and summers by appointment.



Did You Know?
...Ocean County Park was formerly the estate of John D. Rockefeller.

Ocean County Park

700 Route 88
(Ocean Avenue)
(732) 506-9090
This magnificent facility has a rich and fascinating history. Many specimen trees imported by John D. Rockefeller still stand. Open: 9 am - Dusk.

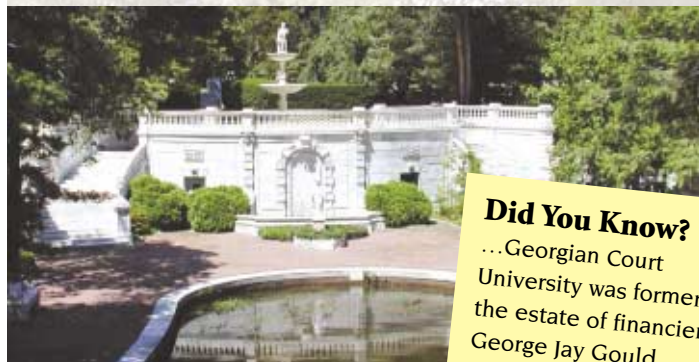
Full Spectrum Gallery

316 Main Street (Route 88), Lakewood • (732) 363-7500
Exhibits change monthly at this charming downtown location. There is always something new to see in the recently renovated gallery. Art classes, picture framing, and art supplies are also available. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm.

Lakewood Heritage Commission Museum

655 Princeton Avenue (School Administration Building)
Exhibits of Lakewood memorabilia and artifacts. Handicap accessible from the 6th Street entrance. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday, 2 - 5 pm; Closed Sundays during July & August.

... **and** additional exhibits are located at 231 Third Street (Municipal Building) - 1st & 2nd Floors, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 5 pm.



Did You Know?
...Georgian Court University was formerly the estate of financier George Jay Gould.

Georgian Court University

900 Lakewood Avenue • (732) 364-2200
Established in 1908, Georgian Court is a comprehensive Catholic university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. This beautiful campus features an elaborate mansion, casino (both of which are on the New Jersey and national Register of Historic Places), gardens, and fountains. Tours are available for groups of 15 or more by appointment.

Beth Medrash Govoha

601 Private Way • (732) 367-1060
Founded in 1897 and established in Lakewood in 1943, Beth Medrash Govoha is the leading school of advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic studies in the United States.

Sister Mary Grace Arboretum Historic Gardens

Georgian Court University
900 Lakewood Avenue • (732) 364-2200, Ext. 345
Tours are available for groups of 15 or more by appointment to visit four classically designed gardens: an Italian Garden, a Sunken Garden, a Formal Garden and a Japanese Garden.

The Strand Theater

Fourth Street & Clifton Avenue • (732) 367-7789
Designed by world-renowned theater architect Thomas Lamb, this 1,066 seat theater, opened in 1922, is listed on the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places. This air-conditioned theater is open all year. Tours available by appointment. (See pages 10 & 11 for more information.)

Annual Events

Big Band/Jazz Music Spectacular

The Lakewood Community School sponsors a popular twelve-hour jazz ensemble each spring at the historic Strand Theater. This event always features a well-known visiting jazz artist. For information, contact (732) 905-3685.



Ocean County Park Annual Events

- **Fishing Contest (May)**...for over a quarter century, kids and adults alike have been casting their lines at Lake Shenandoah Park in pursuit of freshwater "big fish" honors.
- **Kids' Stuff Flea Market (May)**...a unique event that has become a major recycling of kids' toys, furniture and clothes.
- **Funtasia Festival (July)**...for kids with educational exhibits and demonstrations, inflatable playground and crafts.
- **Lakeside Children's Theater (July & August)**...story time, theater and live entertainment.

For information, contact Ocean County Parks Department (732) 506-9090.

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Our Memorial Day Parade marches down Clifton Avenue and ends with a ceremony at the All Wars Memorial Amphitheater on Lake Carasaljo. For information, call (732) 364-2500 x5283.



South Jersey Canoe & Kayak Classic

Try a variety of canoes and kayaks on the waters of Ocean County Park (Route 88). This June paddle-sport event offers clinics, equipment, and technique demonstrations along with contests for both kids and adults. Rain or shine. Free admission. For information, contact Ocean County Parks Department (732) 506-9090.

All outdoor events are subject to inclement weather cancellations.

"Music in the Parks"

Some of the finest school music ensembles in the United States perform for top honors at this annual spring "Music in the Parks" festival. Nearly 10,000 school musicians perform over a seven-day period every May and June. Admission to the performance is free. For information call (732) 367-5606.



Lakewood Lions Charity Renaissance Festival

Come experience the days of yore and the excitement of the "Middle Ages," including jousting, games, exhibits, and demonstrations. This annual event is held in September at the Village of Pine Park in the Realm of the Barony of Carillion in the East Kingdom.

For information call (732) 905-1065.

"Summer Carousel of Music" Free Concerts

The 45-piece Lakewood Municipal Band, one of the oldest active municipal bands in the country, and The Lakewood Jazz Ensemble, a professional 30-piece big band that has played with Dizzy Gillespie, Maynard Ferguson, Arturo Sandoval, and the Glenn Miller Band, give performances throughout the summer. For information call (732) 905-3685.

July 4th Concert & Fireworks

The Lakewood Municipal Band performs an evening concert at the Lakewood Amphitheater. The concert is followed by a spectacular fireworks display over Lake Carasaljo at 9 pm. For information, call (732) 905-3685.



The Lakewood BlueClaws

Lakewood is the home of the award-winning "Single A" Minor League baseball team, the Lakewood BlueClaws. The BlueClaws, the South Atlantic League affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, play their April to September season at FirstEnergy Park, Lakewood's "fan-friendly" 6,588 seat stadium located at the intersection of New Hampshire (CR623) and Cedar Bridge Avenues (CR528).

Reserve seating tickets are \$9.00 (\$6.00 for children 5-12 and 60+ seniors). General admission tickets are \$6.00.* Reservations are available for group outings, picnics, birthdays, luxury suites, and for the party decks as well. For more information contact the Lakewood BlueClaws at (732) 901-7000 or visit them online at...

www.lakewoodblueclaws.com.

Phone: (732) 901-7000

Office: Mon. - Fri., 9 am - 5 pm;
Sat., 9 am - 3 pm.

ClawsCove: Store hours...

Mon. - Fri., 10 am - 5 pm;
Sat., 10 am - 3 pm;
and during all games.



Did You Know?

...Lakewood was the home of New York Baseball Giants' spring training in 1895, 1943-45
...and Lakewood won the Little League National Championship in 1975.



*Lakewood BlueClaws.
Minor League Baseball...
...Jersey Shore Style!*

*Prices represent 2004 Season Ticket pricing and are subject to change in the future.



The Strand Theater

Sit back in a plush seat, enjoy the magnificence of your surroundings, and let us entertain you, your family, and friends in the air-conditioned environment of the historic Strand Theater in downtown Lakewood. Broadway quality shows, dance, symphonic and popular music, famous entertainers of stage and screen, and many classic children's programs will captivate you and add a touch of grand theater to your shore-area visit.

Charge your tickets by phone!

(732) 367-7789

www.strandlakewood.com

Fourth Street & Clifton Avenue



Great Entertainment in Historic Lakewood, NJ!

Did You Know?...

In the early 1900's, renowned theater architect Thomas W. Lamb was commissioned by the Ferber Amusement Company to design a theater in Lakewood, a quality resort location, as a "try out" town before moving a show to New York.

Opened in 1922 in an era before electronic amplification, the Strand features excellent acoustics, exemplary sightlines. The Strand Theater is listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

Golf Courses



Eagle Ridge Golf Club

Semi-Private • Par 71
12 Augusta Boulevard
(732) 901-4900

Lakewood Country Club

Semi-Private • Par 72
145 Country Club Drive
(732) 364-8899

Woodlake Golf & Country Club

Private • Par 72
25 New Hampshire Avenue
(732) 367-4500

Did You Know? ... The PGA Tour attributes its beginning to a golf tournament that was held in Lakewood in 1899.



Amphitheater



Visitors and residents alike flock to the All Wars Memorial Amphitheater, on the north shore of Lake Carasaljo near Routes 9 and 88, to enjoy such annual community events as July 4th fireworks and free concerts performed by the 45-piece Lakewood Municipal Concert Band or The Lakewood Jazz Ensemble, a 20-piece big band. The amphitheater is an inviting place to relax and enjoy a magnificent view of the lake. Call (732) 905-6085 for dates.

Lakewood Township Airport



The public is invited to visit the Lakewood Airport, situated near FirstEnergy Park, home to the Lakewood BlueClaws. The airport is the base for more than 60 private aircraft, two flying clubs and the Pinelands Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. With the new 3,450 ft. long runway, it can accommodate most single- and twin-engine aircraft. The airport has facilities for fuel and repair services, a flight school, aircraft rental and sales, charter service, and tiedowns. The airport is a "work in progress" with plans for hangars; a new access road; and terminal building and restaurant in the near future.

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Recreation

Whatever your interests or your age, visitors will find Lakewood an ideal place to relax, picnic, or simply enjoy recreation of all kinds. Visitors can play or watch sports at Lakewood's many softball and soccer fields, or volleyball and tennis courts. Besides more than a dozen playgrounds, there are exercise and bike trails; on-site row boats, paddle

boats, and canoe rentals; and several parks, some of which have swimming and fishing. The John F. Patrick Sports Complex, due to open in the summer of 2005, will add an additional four baseball fields and four soccer fields.

Lake Carasaljo

Route 9 (River Avenue) • (732) 367-6737

Lake Carasaljo, named for the three daughters (Caroline, Sally and Josephine) of Joseph W. Brick, land baron and industrialist, is surrounded by a 4.5 mile hiking trail, complete with exercise stations. Boat rentals are available during the summer season. A boat ramp, playground, and picnic facilities are also available. The summer concert series "Summer Carousel of Music" takes place at the All Wars Memorial Amphitheater, located near the lake. The 4th of July fireworks display is held on the lake each year.

Pine Park

500 Country Club Drive, off County Line Road (Route 526)
(732) 367-6737

Pine Park encompasses 158 acres of recreation, including softball fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, handball courts, and picnic areas (by reservation).



Lake Shenandoah County Park

Route 88 (Ocean Avenue)
(732) 506-9090

One-hundred-acre Lake Shenandoah Park boasts soccer and softball fields, and one of the most productive fishing spots in Ocean County. The lake is trout-stocked, and the park has a bait and tackle shop that also offers boat rentals. There also is a boat ramp for small boat access.

Ocean County Park

Route 88 (Ocean Avenue)
(732) 506-9090

Biking, walking, swimming, and cross country skiing are popular activities within the park. Other facilities include tennis courts, soccer and softball fields, and picnic areas (reservation required).



Municipal Playgrounds



Bartolf Field

- 1 **D'ZIO PARK**, Locust & New Hampshire Avenues
Basketball, baseball, playground, picnic area, shelter, parking lot.
- 2 **HEARTHSTONE PARK**, Hearthstone Drive
Playground, baseball, parking lot.
- 3 **SUNSET PARK**, Sunset Avenue
Basketball, baseball, playground, picnic area, shelter, parking lot.



▲ **Pine Park** ▼



- 4 **PINE PARK**, W. County Line Road & Country Club Drive
Basketball; six softball fields, four with lights; three sheltered picnic areas, one with covered stage; six handball courts; five tennis courts; walking and running trails; parking lot.
- 5 **CANTERBURY PARK**, Canterbury Drive
Basketball, playground.
- 6 **FRANK BARTOLF SPORTS COMPLEX**, Brook Road
Little League field, playground with shelter, football field, two soccer fields, parking lot.
- 7 **NORTH BEACH PARK**, North Lake Drive
Playground, parking lot.
- 8 **NUMBER 5 SCHOOL**, East 4th Street
Playground, shelter, parking lot.
- 9 **REVEREND CLAYTON PARK**, John Street
Playground, shelter, softball field, basketball.
- 10 **SOUTH BEACH**, South Lake Drive
Playground, parking lot.
- 11 **OAK STREET SCHOOL**, Oak Street
Playground with apparatus for special needs, and a regular playground, parking lot.
- 12 **CLIFTON AVENUE SCHOOL**, Between 6th & 7th Streets
Playground, parking lot.
- 13 **SPRUCE STREET SCHOOL**, Spruce Street
Playground, basketball, parking lot.
- 14 **HEAD START**, East 8th Street
(between Princeton Avenue and the railroad).
Playground.
- 15 **COMMUNITY CENTER**, 20 4th Street
Playground, basketball, Community Center building with weightroom and indoor recreation.
Monday-Friday, 9 am - 9 pm. (732) 367-0040.



D'Zio Park

Restaurants

Lakewood boasts a variety of culinary delights, including fast food, kosher, and American, Chinese, Italian and gourmet restaurants. Below is just a sampling of what you can expect to find...

Angles Cafe & Grill

In the Ramada Inn
2373 Route 9 (River Avenue)
(732) 367-6400

Attilio's Pizzeria

1091 Route 9 (River Avenue)
(732) 363-3533

Bacoli Pizza

Rt. 88 &
New Hampshire Avenue
(732) 886-7054

Bagel Nosh (Kosher)

380 Clifton Avenue
(732) 363-1115

Brandy's

1380 Route 88
(732) 364-4860

Burger King

Seagull Shopping Center
1328 Route 9 (River Avenue)

Charlie Brown's Steak House

400 Route 70
(732) 367-4818

Chianti Ristorante

15 Route 9 (River Avenue)
(732) 364-4461

Claflin House at Lakewood Country Club

145 Country Club Drive
(732) 363-8125

Crystal Palace Restaurant & Diner

1601 Route 9
(Corner Route 526)
(732) 364-7272

Finnigan's

101 Locust Street
(732) 364-7900

Frank's Pizza & Restaurant

Town & Country
Shopping Center
1900 Route 70
(732) 477-4103

Glatt Bite (Kosher)

184 E. Kennedy Boulevard
(732) 363-6884

Granny's Homemade Kitchen

1900 Shorrock Street
(732) 477-6777

Green House Restaurant

978 Route 9 (River Avenue)
(732) 730-9955

The Grille at Woodlake Country Club

25 New Hampshire Avenue
(732) 367-4500

Italian Affair

1203 Route 70
(732) 370-4111

La Dolce Vita Restaurant

1880 W. County Line Road
(732) 370-9870



*Call ahead for restaurants
hours of operation.*



La Petite France (Kosher)

185 Kennedy Boulevard
(732) 942-9926

Laketon Inn

100 Second Street
(732) 364-8192

Little Sicily

Route 9 (River Avenue) &
Chestnut Avenue
(732) 905-5007

Madison Diary Restaurant (Kosher)

68 Route 9 (Madison Avenue)
(732) 886-7054

McDonald's

Town & Country
Shopping Center
1900 Route 70

M&J Café

1200 Route 9 (River Avenue)
(732) 901-4400

Pagoda Tea House

700 Route 70
(732) 363-8888

R&S Kosher Restaurant

416 Clifton Avenue
(732) 886-7054

The View at Eagle Ridge Golf Club

Augusta Boulevard
(off Cross Street)
(732) 901-4900

Lodging

Best Western Leisure Inn ♦♦

1600 Route 70, Lakewood, NJ
(732) 367-0900

Econo Lodge ♦♦

450 Route 9 (Madison Avenue), Lakewood, NJ
(732) 363-8530

Ramada Inn ♦♦

2373 Route 9 & Route 70 (River Avenue),
Lakewood/Toms River, NJ
(732) 905-2626

Diamonds following lodging name represents
"AAA Tourism Editors Evaluation" as of 2004.

Houses of Worship

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION

Bethel AME Church
(732) 367-5116

St. John's AME Zion Church
(732) 364-4849

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Calvary Lighthouse Church
(732) 363-1239

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
(732) 363-0885

Macedonia Baptist Church
(732) 905-3878

Sixth Street Baptist Church
(732) 370-9140

EPISCOPAL

All Saints Episcopal Church
(732) 367-0933

ISLAMIC

Islamic Center of
Ocean County
(732) 363-1940

JEWISH

Congregation Ahavat Shalom
(Conservative)
(732) 363-5190

Congregation Dov V Schmueel
(Conservative)
(732) 367-1999

Congregation Sons of Israel
(Orthodox)
(732) 364-2230

Temple Beth Am
(Reform)
(732) 363-2800

Congregation Anshei Sfar
(Orthodox)
(732) 370-8782

LUTHERAN

Immanuel Lutheran Church
(732) 363-1599

Holy Ghost Estonian
Lutheran Church
(732) 370-8317

METHODIST

Christ United
Methodist Church
(732) 363-8885

PENTECOSTAL

Bethel Church
of God in Christ
(732) 363-8383

Missionary Pentecostal
Church of God
(732) 363-8129

Emanuel Pentecostal Church
(732) 363-9850

Future Glory of Zion Church
(732) 367-3823

Christian Missionary Church
(732) 363-4016

Assemblies of God Bethel
Spanish Pentecostal Church
(732) 367-6585

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
(732) 363-1444

Hope Presbyterian Church
(732) 364-8318

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Mary of the Lake Church
and Holy Family Church
(732) 363-0139

St. Anthony Claret Church
(732) 367-8486

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Lakewood Spanish
7th Day Adventist Church
(732) 367-4585



Park & Shop

SAVE HERE! Lakewood offers buyers an Urban Enterprise Zone **3% SALES TAX** in its quaint downtown stores, several small malls, and designated shopping areas. Shop at any retail establishment that has the **3%** emblem as shown above and save!

Don't worry about parking in Lakewood — it's **FREE PARKING** either on the street or in six Township municipal lots located in the downtown area .

Phone Numbers & Websites

Lakewood Township

(732) 364-2500 • www.twp.lakewood.nj.us

Lakewood Chamber of Commerce

(732) 363-0012 • www.mylakewoodchamber.com

Lakewood Airport

(732) 363-6400 • www.lakewoodairportnj.com

Lakewood BlueClaws

(732) 901-7000 • www.lakewoodblueclaws.com

Ocean County Park System

(732) 506-9090 • www.oceancountygov.com

The Strand Theater

(732) 367-7789 • www.strandlakewood.com

Kimball Medical Center

(732) 363-1900 • www.sbhcs.com

UNIQUE, HISTORIC Lakewood New Jersey



“Peaceful, pleasure-loving Lakewood.” This quote appeared in Rudyard Kipling's 1891 *American Notes*. At the turn of the century, Lakewood was a haven for the rich and famous. It was a premier resort visited by presidents, financiers, literary figures, entertainers and famous sports personalities. U.S. Presidents Grant, Cleveland, Wilson, Taft, and T. Roosevelt all visited or stayed at one of Lakewood's luxurious hotels. Oil baron John D. Rockefeller and financier George J. Gould maintained estates here. Literary giants Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain, William Cullen Bryant, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Joseph Pulitzer, and Sholom Aleichem visited and met at local residences and hotels. Boxers “Gentleman Jim” Corbett, Max Baer, Buddy Baer, Max Schmeling, and Joe Louis trained for bouts in Lakewood. The New York Giants baseball team chose Lakewood for spring training during 1895 and 1943, 1944, and 1945. Visiting entertainers included Italian tenor Enrico Caruso; famous bandmaster John Philip Sousa; actress Helen Hayes; comedians Milton Berle, Burns & Allen, and Alan King; and song stylist Pearl Bailey.

Though far from complete, the list of luminaries who visited the small town of Lakewood was indeed extraordinary. Not many local towns can boast of having such an array of famous and influential people as part of its history.



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