History of Narragansett, RI from 1800-1999: A Chronology of Major Events

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INTRODUCTION

The longer an author waits to write the final draft of the introduction, the better that draft is. A project as long as this has many twists and turns until a real understanding of the project finally comes together.

Ultimately the overriding goal was the “instant archive” available for the Narragansett Historical Society over 16 time periods for 35 topics. The author has been involved in historical research for well over 50 years and has not seen an “Instant Archive” anywhere in his many travels throughout the world. This “Instant Archive” should be of great help to researchers of Narragansett, RI history. The author plans to add time periods for 2000-2005 and 2006-2010 within a year. He hopes others will add various topics before 1800.

The most visible part of this “Instant Archive” is the chronology of Narragansett, RI history from 1800 through 1999. The author has done many different chronologies, so he does have much academic and popular-type history experiences. His goal is to have readers enjoy the items in each time period, so that they would do a complete read of the chronology. Hopefully, the author will achieve this goal. In addition to this chronology, researchers can view all the index cards collected from this research. These cards contain caption titles with additions in ( ) parentheses. The researcher will be able to view a chronological collection of each of the 35 topics by each of the 16 times periods. The author plans to be available to assist researchers of this collection at the office of the Narragansett Historical Society.

The author’s academic area of expertise is in the history of accounting and of accounting thought. He has numerous publications in that area. He also has done many company-type histories for professional organizations and for the University of Rhode Island. In recent years he has done much writing on local Narragansett topics.

The author has lived in Narragansett since 1971. He was very involved in local Republican politics from 1975 through 1979. However, he was amazed at all he did not know of this time span. While the current longest-lasting member of the Narragansett Republican Town Committee, his political career is long since over. He has been involved with Canonchet Farm issues in 1978 and in 2006. He is a founder of the Friends of Canonchet Farm in 2007 and is still on that Board. He is also a member of the South County Museum and the Narrow River Preservation Association. He also helped reestablish the Narragansett Historical Society and serves on its Board.
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The 35 categories are even more controversial than the time periods. The author did all the research so, at least, the problem of consistency of classification is minimized. These 35 items are very broadly defined and the author expects to be criticized. Please do not be too harsh on him.

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The author realizes much happened in Narragansett prior to 1800. Those happenings are better handled in a topical manner by others. It is essential that not only prior work on these topics be collected but much more can be done with these topics.

**Topics Not Covered Prior to 1800**

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The author primarily relied on microfilm of the Narragansett Times, which is spotty in the 1850s and early 1860s but continues on today. The author mostly used the URI film machines, especially since they were free. The Narragansett Herald is not available at URI and costs 75 cents per photo at the RI Historical Society. Needless to say, as this project was self-funded, this paper was not used for this study. The South County Independent was not available at URI. Unfortunately, the microfilm printers became problematical at URI near the end of the project. Luckily, the Peace Dale
Library has allowed copies at 15 cents. The author does plan to push for a local source for the microfilms of the Narragansett Herald and will use both the Narragansett Times and the South County Independent for 2000 and beyond.

Here are the various sources the author used for the first 3 time periods. These sources will be donated to the Narragansett Historical Society, so researchers can use them there.

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(12) Registration of the Papers of Nathaniel Terry Bacon, James P. Adams Library. This register includes much information on the Hazard family, especially Joseph P. Hazard, Helen Hazard Bacon, and Nathaniel Terry Bacon.


(14) Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission—Historic and Architectural Resources of Narragansett, Rhode Island, 1991. There is a wealth of information here that is quite useful.


(16) Watson, Irving. Narragansett Pier: As a Fashionable Summer Watering Place. 1873. Providence. A. Crawford Greene at URI Archives. This is quite a piece and was written by the chief booster for Narragansett Pier and the longtime editor of the Narragansett Herald.


Please join the author on this quest to collect and add to the history of Narragansett. Remember, he is available to help and advise for researchers at the Office of the Narragansett Historical Society. Thanks for your attention and please enjoy your reading research.

This project took more than two years and, while worthwhile, was extremely tedious. Please allow me two caveats. The first is that the first three time periods are slightly different from the remainder. However, I have provided index cards that give a more specific reference. I also will be available for questions.

The second caveat is the realization that all abbreviations may not be consistent. However, they are necessary to reduce the number of pages. I now give you most (I know all of them is a task beyond me):
C of C—Chamber of Commerce
CG—Coast Guard
EG—East Greenwich
FDR—Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Gov.—Governor
LIA—Ladies Improvement Association
Narr.—Narragansett (However, Narragansett Indian Tribe is not abbreviated.)
NE—New England
NK—North Kingstown
NPIA—Narr. Pier Improvement Association
NRPA—Narrow River Preservation Association
NPRR—Narr. Pier Railroad
NT—Narragansett Times
NYC—New York City
NYT—New York Times
PJ—Point Judith
PJCC—Point Judith Country Club
PJL—Point Judith Lighthouse
PJYC—Point Judith Yacht Club
PWA—Pubic Works Administration
Prov. J.—Providence Journal
RI—State of Rhode Island
RIAG—RI Attorney General
RICRMC—State of RI Coastal Resource Management Council
RIDEM—State of Rhode Island Dept. of Environmental Management
RIDOT—State of RI Dept. of Transportation
SC—South County
SCM—South County Museum
SK—South Kingstown
SVRR—Sea View Railroad
UN—United Nations
URI—University of Rhode Island
US—United States
USEPA—US Environmental Protection Agency
USFHA—US Federal Housing Authority
USFW—United States Fish and Wildlife
USHEW—US Housing, Education and Welfare
USHUD—US Housing and Urban Development
USNSF—US National Science Foundation
USRepr.—US Representative
US Sen.—US Senator
VFW—Veterans of Foreign Wars
VNS—Visiting Nurse Services
WPA—Works Progress Administration
WWI—World War I
WWII—World War II
**Time Period 1**

**South Kingstown, 1800-1888**

1801  A pier (then called Narragansett Pier) was built on the North Pier site (along Ocean Road near the Village Green). This was destroyed by the gale of 1815 and was rebuilt soon after. Watson

1830  The South Pier (now called Monahan’s Dock) was built by Joshua Champlin. It became a commercial area. Watson

1832  John Armstrong, a carpenter, accepted boarders. His house had various names: (1) The Armstrong House; (2) Hadwen House; and (3) Elmwood House. Watson


1852  Dulles organized Sunday afternoon church services at Indian Rock. St. Peters

1854  James H. Rodman built the first hotel. NT

1856  Mr. Dulles took housing at “Uncle Esbon’s” (“The Narragansett House”) – the second hotel in Narragansett. “Uncle Esbon” invited Dulles’ church assembly into his hotel. 1888 Souvenir

1857  The Point Judith Lighthouse was rebuilt. The 1810 structure was felled by the Gale of 1815. Its replacement was considered inadequate. A Life Saving Station was built in 1870. Latimer

1866  When title passed to A&W. Sprague Manufacturing, Kate Chase Sprague and William Sprague started their Canonchet Mansion on their Canonchet Farm – previously called the Mumford and/or Robinson Farm. The mansion became quite famous for its contents, cost, size, and owners. Lost in SK

1866  William Sprague – former RI Governor 1860-1863 and then U.S. Senator (1863-1875)—donated $1000 to build a bridge over Narrow River. Boston Neck Road was to be completed along the edges of various farms (hence, the meanderings now called “Old Boston Neck Road”.). The new bridge fell not long after it was built. Lost in SK

1866  A late October Gale blew down a large boarding house being built. NT

1867  A building boom of boarding houses began which “may yet rival Newport as a watering place.” NT

1868  Chief Justice S.P. Chase visits his daughter, son-in-law and grandson Willie. NT
1868  Rowland Hazard (1829-1898) and William Sprague are granted a charter to build a railroad from West Kingston to Narragansett Pier. Heppner

1868  A 100-foot covered bridge was constructed over Narrow River and Boston Neck Road was extended from Saunderstown. Latimer

1869  September. The wooden edifice of St. Peter’s was blown down by the Gale of 1869, after being finished on July 11 of that year. Episcopal services were conducted for 3 years in Canonchet Hall. Watson

1871  The Tower Hill House opened. Watson

1872  April. Horace Greeley—the presidential candidate of the Democrats and the Liberal Republicans—dined at the Sprague’s Canonchet Mansion. Salmon P. Chase attended. There is a beautiful illustration of the dinner in Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper of April 24. Sprague

1873  Irving Watson in 1873 noted almost all of the 1888 hotels were there, even though they grew and moved with much regularity.

1876  Rowland G. Hazard built the Narragansett Pier Railroad. The first train was on July 16. Heppner

1879  August 10. The infamous chase of Senator Roscoe Conkling by Gov. Sprague becomes national news and rumors of Conkling, Sprague, Kate Chase Sprague, and their marriage. Sprague

1881  The Presbyterian Church was built on the former site of Canonchet Hall. Latimer

1881  The Steamer “H.S. Caswell” started service between Newport and Narragansett in the summer. It landed at South Pier. Latimer

1882  Whale Rock Lighthouse was built. Latimer

1882  Aug. 15. The infamous auction of the Canonchet Mansion and Farm took place. Pro.J.

1883  William Sprague kicked off his gubernatorial bid at Wright’s Hall. Sprague

1883  July 19. The Narragansett Casino Association decided to build at the Coates’ property. Rush

1884  The Hazard Memorial Tower was completed. Latimer

1884  A suggestion was made in the NT of March 14 for a very permanent channel for the Great Salt Pond. This takes a long time to happen.
1884 The second edition of “Sketches of Narragansett Pier and South Kingstown” by William C. Crandall was announced. NT

1884 July 13. The formal opening of the Casino took place. McKim, Mead & White were its architects and Frederick Law Olmstead did the grounds. Rush

1884 Oct. 3. Workmen excavated the foundation for the stores and theater at the Casino. The bowling alley was operational. Rush

1885 DruidsDream was built. Across the street was to be the antemortem of Joseph Peace Hazard. Latimer

1886-87 The Earls Court Water Tower was built. Latimer

1886 Canonchet was sold to Mrs. Inez Sprague by Mrs. F.D. Moulton. Gerritt Wheaton strove to make this happen. NT

1886 Charles Dudley Warner in Harper’s Magazine in July tells of the arrival of travelers at Narragansett Pier from Newport.

1887 The NT printed a special edition devoted to Narragansett Pier. NT

1887 A series of sketches of the Pier and the Bathing Hour was published in the July 30th edition of Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper. Latimer

1887 The New York Times printed in late July two articles on Narragansett Pier. NT

1887 The Seaview Railroad Company was organized in Providence. NT

1887 Aug. 27 Harper’s Weekly featured the Casino. Rush

1888 Sept. 2 A Story “At The Old Castle, Narragansett Pier” is published in the NT

1888 “A Sketch of Narragansett Pier: It’s Past, Present, and Future,” is published by the NT. 18 large hotels and over 60 elegant cottages, and a Casino are noted. Sketch

1888 The Narragansett Electric Light and Power Co. was incorporated. Sketch

1888 Jan. 13 The Narragansett Polo Club competed and won by a score of 11 to 3 against the Westerly Kangaroos in Westerly. NT

1888 Greene’s Inn was featured in the American Architect and Building News of late January. NT
Time Period 2
Move to Separate, 1881-1888

1881  Sept. 2  There was an announcement in the NT that there will be a meeting on Sept. 10 at the Mount Hope House to consider the desirability of forming the “Narragansett Pier Improvement Association” (NPIA).

1881  Sept. 9  A circular for the meeting was circularized by W.A Nye; Edward Austin; James G. Burns; W.G. Caswell; S. Coates; and C. Hitchcock. The Editor of the NT wrote: “But bathing does not fill up the whole daily of our visitors. They want to ride, and drive, and walk; to enjoy all the beauties which nature has lavished upon the surrounding country; and to do this thoroughly they want good roads. … There is no monotony in our coast line.” … “If the Pier prospers all the neighborhood around shares in the prosperity.”

1881  Sept. 16  The NT reported the founding of the NPIA.

1881  Oct. 7  The SK Town Council decided to have the Narr. Lobby group start by improving Front Street.

1883  March 20  The NT reported that the split of SK into two towns has met with a defeat but not to give up hope. “The division is asked for the better facilitating the needs of the business portion of the Town.” The NT stressed the success that Old Orchard Beach has had since it split from Saco, ME.

1883  Aug. 17  The Old Orchard Beach analogy was used in the description of the new electricity system in Old Orchard Beach. NT

1883  Oct. 26  The NT included an inclusion of the “Importance of Roads.”

1883  Nov. 30  The NT described the ongoing road work in Narragansett Pier.

1884  Feb. 22  Another initiative was announced in the NT and that was opening the breach for the Point Judith Pond.

1884  Sept. 19  The NPIA reported on its projects on improving roads like the Point Judith Road costing $8,000 for 2 1/2 miles. NT

1884  Oct. 3  The NPIA stated it spent $1,208 to defray the general expenses of police, street-watering, repairs to plank works. There was a listing of contributors for $6,725 for Ocean Road with another $1,325 donated by SK.

The list of contributors must be noted, especially such significant men as: R.G. Dun $1,000, the founder of Dun & Bradstreet and bosom buddy of President Chester Arthur; J.N. Hazard, the CEO of the Hazard enterprises; N.P. Robinson $750; H.O. Havermeyer of American Sugar fame; F.D. Moulton a New York socialite $400; F.A.P.
Barnard $300; G.V Cresson $300; Edward Austen $200; S. Colgate $200; J.M. Davies $200; R.N. Hazard $200; Howard Lapsley $200; F.B. Grant $150; W.R. Babcock $100; Francis Wharton of the U.S. State Dept. $100; Mrs. Wister $50; and J.D. Caswell $25.

1884 Oct. 10 The NPIA list of 76 contributors totaled $1,169.50.

1885 Oct. 2 The council for NPIA was Edward Austen, President; W.A. Nye; W.G. Caswell; J.C. Tucker, Jr.; S.W. Mathewson; W.C. Clark; and Dr. C. Hitchcock. NT

1885 Oct. 9 59 contributors gave $856.56 to the NPIA. NT

1885 Nov. 13 The NT made another reference to the significant earnings to workers working on the building boom at the Pier.

1886 July 16 The NT called for a better road between the Pier and Wakefield.

1886 Aug. 20 The NT called for a road from Little Neck to the Narragansett (South) Ferry so that visitors could make an excursion through the Robinson mansion.

1886 Oct. 6 66 contributors—one of them SK for $37.00—donated $7,098.75 to the NPIA.

1886 Dec. 3 Central Street has a completed concrete sidewalk, while Boon Street between the depot and Central Street “is a most lamentable quagmire.” NT

1887 Sept. 2 The proposed division of SK was the topic of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, along with the R.I. Lieutenant Governor, at the SK Town Hall. William C. Clarke gave the first testimony about the petition. He felt that the Pier was totally different from the rest of SK. Clarke felt that so many laborers from the SK villages of Wakefield, Peace Dale, and Rocky Brook worked at the Pier almost as much as in those villages. However, a number of SK residents disagreed. Thomas G. Hazard spoke in favor of the split.

1888 Feb. 24 Another hearing on the split was heard in the State House of Representatives, chaired by Repr. Lapham of the Judiciary Committee. Apparently the division requested was larger than in September and included villages running as far west as Curtis Corner, and in the direction of Matunuck, to the northerly line of E.F.Watson’s property. Clarke stressed the 7 member SK Council includes 4 members from distant sections of SK. Daniel Whaley of Wakefield disagreed with the division. “It was not right to tax the poor for luxuries for the rich.” Benjamin R. Curtis expressed the negativity of Rocky Brook residents. Others joined that feeling from Gould to Wakefield. Point Judith was for the division. The Narragansett Pier proponents had a powerful lobbyist in City Solicitor Van Slyck from Providence. Governor of RI John W. Davis also attended the meeting.
1888 March 9 The editor of the NT was quite critical of the 1887-1888 lines of the proposed Narragansett:

The lines of the new town were drawn so as to include the villages of Wakefield, Peace Dale and Rocky Brook. This took in the wealthiest and most compact portion of SK, leaving a large part of the people in the old town devoted to the pursuit of agriculture. From the first the people of the three villages and the proposed old town have exhibited a strong feeling against a division. The next step of the dividers was to change the lines of the town, leaving out the three villages named and including The Pier and Point Judith.

1888 March 9 The NT reported on an inconclusive meeting in Wakefield about Wakefield, Peace Dale, and Rocky Brook leaving SK.

1888 March 9 The NT then reported on another hearing at the State Capital with the Judiciary Committee of the State Senate. There was a contentious discussion of Point Judith Pond. A copy of the bill was included.

1888 March 22 The District of Narr. in SK was established. For some unstated reasons the South Ferry village was included in Narr. but not the Middlebridge Village. (Pro. J.)
Time Period 3
Golden Era, 1888-1900

1888  March 28  The celebration for the division from SK took place at The Metatoxet House. W. Herbert Caswell escorted Wm. Sprague to the chair. J.H. Caswell spoke about his hope for no political parties in Narragansett. Various speakers followed. Gov. Sprague was enthusiastic over Narragansett. It is the finest location on the coast line of the country. NT

1888  April 2  William Sprague was elected moderator and W. Herbert Caswell clerk to serve until the elections in June. Five members will be elected annually.

1888  April 4  The state-wide election was held with 200 voting in District 2 (Narr.).

1888  June 4  There was a contested election for some of the district seats. A union caucus nominated Sprague’s team all of whom won: (1) William Sprague; (2) George G. Pearse; (3) Joseph G. Johnson; (4) S.W. Mathewson; and (5) F.P.W. Tefft. Mathewson and Tefft were uncontested.

1888  Nov.  Greene’s Inn was opened during the winter months.

1888  Nov.  A four day severe storm of snow, rain, and wind (up to 76 miles an hour). Much damage was suffered by structures on the beach. Beach structures flooded into the pond. Sea Road was filled with large stones. “Had the wind been from the opposite direction on Monday the damage done would probably have exceeded that of the September gale of 1869.”

1888  December 14  The Engineering Office of the U.S. Army recommended a Harbor of Refuge at the PJ Pond. There was included a schedule of 18 wrecks near Point Judith from 1883-1888. NT

1888-1889  The Louis Sherry Cottages, designed by McKim, Mead and White, were built. Latimer

1889  The directors of Wakefield Water will hasten its efforts to have water by the first of May. NT

1889  Jan.  There is a life-saving station next to the casino. The station received a very negative review. NT

1889  Late Feb.  Dr. Francis Wharton, solicitor of the State Dept, died in Washington at 68 years old. He graduated from Yale in 1839 and practiced law in Philadelphia. He taught English literature at Kenyon College and then was ordained an Episcopal minister. He was a noted writer of legal treatises. NT
1889 March The District Council put sewerage on hold until a detailed review. NT

1889 May The Nelson Harvey sunk near Whale Rock. Captain Parker was lost. NT

1889 May Ten miles from the Casino to SK, PJ Road, Boston Neck Road, etc. were to be macadamized. NT

1889 June 4 Four of the five Sprague men won, along with W. Herbert Caswell and Esbon S. Taylor. All 5 district council seats were contested. NT

1889 July Louis Sherry opened his restaurant off Gibson Ave. NT

1889 Aug. 4 The New York World devoted four columns to “Gay Narragansett.” It received mixed reviews in the NT.

1889 Aug. 12 A brilliant spectacle was held at the Casino and a baseball game at the Sprague field. The Casino team beat Jamestown 13 to 1.

1889 Nov. 27 Thomas R. Hazard led the fight at the District Council meeting against dumping sewage into Narrow River. NT

1889 Dec. The Council defended the Narrow River plan versus the Chase plan, which would have its outlet near the South Pier. NT

1889 Dec. late There was a petition presented to the R.I. Harbor Commission for a breachway and wharves in PJ Pond. “Previous to the great storm of 1815 there was a permanent and substantial opening at Sand Hill Cove, connecting the pond with the open sea.” NT

1890 The Hazard Block had businesses on the first floor with the upper two floors for guests. It burned down in September of 1900. Latimer

1890’s The South Ferry ended its services as a link to Jamestown and Newport after about 200 years, when it was replaced to a new dock in Saunderstown.

1890’s Charles F. Thurber, “Reckless Charlie,” was an infamous photographer in Narragansett Pier. Latimer

1890 April 29 A fire in one of the stoves in the Casino Block was quickly extinguished.

1890 June 02 The Sprague team was crushed by an opposing slate. 190 of the 234 voters were in opposition to the Sprague team. NT

1890 June 7 The former sewerage plan was cancelled and a new plan will be adopted by a committee of Thomas G. Hazard, James E. Anthony, and Edward Earle. NT
1890 June 13  The First Baptist Church opened its new and beautiful chapel.  NT

1890 August  William A. Havermeyer and family from Chicago, of the great firm of sugar refiners, are at the Continental for the balance of the season. “F.W. Vanderbilt and his handsome steam yacht Alva paid their first visit this summer to the Pier Tuesday. The Alva is the largest steam yacht afloat, being over 360 feet in length…”

1890 August  “The present issue of the Illustrated American is a seaside number. It contains a well written article on Narragansett Pier, …”  NT

1890 August  The Ladies’ Narr. Pier Improvement Association has been established to improve and adorn Narr. Pier.  NT

1890 October 21  Willie Sprague was buried. “The sad story of his untimely death on the seventh of October need not be repeated here.”  NT

1890 October  The sewer contract has been awarded and will have an outlet near Taylor Street where the sewage will enter the ocean.  NT

1890 November  $75,000 has been appropriated (out of an estimated cost of $1,250,000) for a breakwater at PJ.  NT

1890 Dec. William Sprague and others were being sued in the RI Supreme Court over sewage being dumped into Narrow River.

1891 February  A new town hall is being erected on the corner of Rodman and Fifth Avenue.  NT

1891 March  Harper’s Monthly had a love story written by Brander Matthews set in Narr. Pier  NT

1891 April 6  Esbon S. Taylor—“Uncle Esbon”—died at 80. He was the founder of the Narragansett House.  NT

1891 May 03  The Prov.J. had a four-column article with several illustrations on Narr. Pier in its Sunday Edition.  NT

1891 May  The Ladies’ Improvement Association (LIA) donated a new drinking fountain at Ocean Ave. and South Pier Road, just south of Greene’s Inn.

1891 June 1  While Gov. Sprague did not run, his team seemed to have regained control of the District Council. W. Herbert Caswell was chosen district clerk.  NT

1891 June  The new building at the Sherry cottages is designed for bachelors with private dining rooms is nearly finished.  NT
1891 July The widow of Jefferson Davis and daughter Winnie will summer in Narr. Pier at the Revere.

1891 July Great improvements are made for the increased use of incandescent lights. NT

1891 July 5 Schooner Wake sank when it was unable to reach Narragansett Pier. The crew was rescued by Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Vanderbilt on the Alva. NT

1891 July 21 The New York World has a two-column bright and chatty letter from Narr. Pier. NT

1891 July 23 U.S. Senator Nelson W. Aldrich made arrangements here for a meeting of the sub-committee on Tariff of the Senate Finance Committee. NT

1891 July 31 “A Day in Narragansett” was published in Illustrated American. The illustrations were by Arthur Jule Goodman and the story written by Philip S. Minton. Two more articles are to follow. NT

1891 Aug. 18 Mrs. R.G. Dun gave her annual reception and ball at Dunmere. Louis Sherry catered.

1891 Aug. Walter Francis Brown finished “The Narragansett Dunes” and it is on exhibition at his studio in the east tower of the Casino. NT

1891 Aug. 27 An auction sale of 316 choice lots from the “Canonchet” property occurs. Flyer

1891 Sept. “The raid on a supposed gambling resort did not prove much of a success, nothing of an incriminating nature being found.” NT

1891 Sept. 25 In “The Season Ought to be Longer”—The Old Refrain of Narr.—the NT suggested: “Let the management of the Casino and of Sherry cottage company unite in saying that they will keep their music and all departments of their places open until the 15th (of September) and let the various hotels assure their guests that their houses will keep open until the 15th. …”

1891 Oct. 14 The raising of funds for building a seawall was approved. NT

1892 May late The citizens caucus (the old Sprague group) and the people’s caucus met to announce candidates. Only Charles J. Tucker of the peoples caucus won a District Council seat. NT

1892 July 6 The LIA held its annual meeting in the parlors of the Casino. NT
1892  July 15  Forty shelter tents have been erected on the beach in front of the bathing houses. Children love these tents and “the beach at Narragansett Pier is a veritable children’s paradise.”  NT

1892  Aug. 28  A vile article on life in Narr. Pier is in Sunday’s New York Tribune.  NT

1892  Oct.  William H. Taylor – son of “Uncle Esbon” – has designed and is constructing an improved lifeboat.  NT

1892  Dec.  There is additional funding for the PJ Breakwater.  NT

1893  A Financial Statement for completing part of the seawall was published.  Most of the funds of $9,640 came from donors.  NT

1893  May  The competing parties were renamed.  The people’s caucus became The Reform Ticket.  The citizens caucus became The Citizens and Reform.  NT

1893  June 9  W.A. Nye, the proprietor of the Gladstone and Columbus Hotels, published “Nye’s Illustrated Monthly” – a new publication issued from Narragansett Pier.  NT

1893  late June  Cardinal Gibbins of New York has engaged rooms at The Hotel Berwick.  NT  It was reported that the LIA was keeping the streets from litter and the Committee on the Sea Wall is trying to build a concrete walk for the entire length of the wall.  NT

1893  early July  Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Mrs. U.S. Grant will be meeting at the Rockingham.  A new telegraph office has opened at Green’s Inn.  The LIA will be presenting a gala for the Sea Wall fund in August.  NT

1893  July 30  William H. Billington died.  NT

1893  Aug. 15  A lawn party was held at Lasata Cottage, the summer residence of the Misses Bouvier, for the benefit of the Pier Catholic Church.  NT

1893  Aug. 25  “The breakwater is to be about 2 ½ miles long, 150 feet wide at its base, and 30 feet wide on top of the water.”  NT

1893  Sept.  H.S. Bloodgood has a beautiful stock at Anawan Farm.  NT

1893  Nov.  “An equestrian club has been formed at the Pier and now comprises ten members.”  NT

1893  Dec. 1  The NT presented “Engineer Bisby’s Reports on The Harbor of Refuge at PJ and PJ Pond.”
1894  June 5  The election results were the same of the preceding year.  NT

1894  late June  A Country Club was organized by Dr. Charles Hitchcock. Some key members of the board were R. G. Hazard, Franklin Moulton, and Philip Randolph. Also the first hunt of the Narragansett Hounds was not too successful.  NT

1894  Aug. 29  The first of a series of contests for a silver cup offered to the shooters of NP by P.S.P. Randolph took place.  NT


1894  Sept. 3  Five persons narrowly escape drowning at the Pier.  NT

1894  Feb.  A new depot at NP will be built by the NPRR.  NT

1894  Feb.  William and Inez Sprague sold land on the beach to Louis Sherry.  NT

1895  March  Louis Sherry bought the Casino, which had cost $150,000, for $80,000 from R.G. Dun who had purchased it at a bankruptcy sale.  NT

1895  May  Comber & Morrison began to erect a dance hall in the rear of their place on Boon Street.  It will be named the “Tally-Ho Athletic Hall.”  NT

1895  May 21  A bicycle club is formed.  NT

1895  June 3  The Citizen’s Ticket won each District Council Seat.  NT

1895  June  Mr. and Mrs. Philip S.P. Randolph are ready to lead the Philadelphia contingent at the Pier.  NT

1895  July 10  The LIA had its annual meeting with Mrs. R.G. Dun as president pro-tem.  NT

1895  July 13  A series of races and jumping contests occur at The PJCC.  NT

1895  July 18  The clay pigeon shoot was won by J.D. Tucker, Jr.  Next week is the first match for the Randolph Cup.  NT

1895  July 25  Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Hazard and daughter Caroline arrived at the Pier from Santa Barbara in a special car.  Mrs. Hazard is ill.  NT

1895  July late  “Francis Kinney has moved with his family from the Mathewson to his magnificent new villa on Ocean Road.  The green lawn in front of the residence adds greatly to the beauty of this handsome estate”.  NT
1895 July 30 Theodore Havermeyer and party of friends came over to the Pier from Newport on his handsome four in hand drag. NT

1895 Aug. early The U.S. Department Weather Bureau gives daily Weather forecasts, frost and cold wave warnings displayed by flags in the north window of W. Herbert Caswell’s real estate office on Beach Row. NT

1895 Aug. 9 Charles Dana Gibson, a famous New York artist, is a guest at Greene’s Inn. NT

1895 Aug. 28 A paper chase took place at the Point Judith Country Club. The course run lay over the Bailey farm, across the old Point Judith country road and around and about the woods and pastures of Wildfield Farm. NT

1895 Sept. 06 The NT included sketches of the front view and court view of the new Mathewson.

1895 Sept. In an article “A Colored Man’s Rights” the NT described the race and color discrimination of Joseph H. Monroe, a lawyer legislator from Providence. He was not allowed to eat in the regular dining room of Briggs.

1895 Sept. 13 The NT reported a new waltz “Narragansett Breezes.”

1896 March 6 The NT had an illustration of the patented lifeboat of W.H. Taylor.

1896 March 10 PJCC is to host polo games of the Polo Association from August 3 to 12. NT

1896 March 20 The PJ Breakwater is half-complete but still offers protection for ships. NT

1896 William Chase Clarke, Sr. received a charter for the Sea View RR to unite the Pier with the Union Electric RR System. SVRR

1896 April 10 James G. Burns is to build a very handsome cottage on Central Street. NT

1896 April 17 E.S. Taylor will enlarge his store at the Casino.

1896 June 1 Two councilmen of the Citizen’s group lost to two Peoples group because of their support of Sunday liquor sales. NT

1896 July late 35 St. Louis people are at the Rockingham. NT
1896 Aug. 11 “P.S.P. Randolph gave a delightful dinner party to the visiting polo players at Wildfield Farm. A collation was served by Sherry on the lawns and music was furnished by the Casino orchestra.” NT

1896 Sept. 1 John Jacob Astor’s beautiful yacht Nourmahal steamed over from Newport to the Pier and dropped anchor off Ocean Road. …” NT

1896 Sept. 24 The Bathing Pavilion erected by Louis Sherry in 1895 was entirely consumed by fire. NT

1897 Feb. The steamer Herman S. Caswell is to be replaced by a new steamer. NT

1897 May A new highway is needed from Beach Street on Boston Neck Road to the Narr. Pier bathing beach. NT

1897 June 7 There were limited contests in the annual election. The Citizen’s group won all the seats. NT

1897 July A golf match will be played between John Tucker of the South County Club and Willie Anderson of Watch Hill for 36 holes. NT

1897 July 16 Sherry’s New Pavilion opens. NT

1897 Aug. 3 The fleet of the Atlantic Squadron passed through the Pier on their way to Newport. NT

1897 Aug. 8 The South County Golf Club hosts a 36-hole match between John Tucker—brother of Willie Tucker, the international champion of Canada and America—and Willie Anderson of Watch Hill. NT

1897 Aug. 30 A party of Narragansett fishermen fished in Salt Pond with 575 perch caught in four hours. NT

1897 Sept. Mrs. Joseph Dulles of Philadelphia reached 100 years. She was one of the early visitors of Narragansett forty years ago at the Narragansett Hotel. NT

1897 Oct. 13 Work started by the Providence, Fall River and Newport Steamboat Co. on a new pier a short distance from the Sherry Pavilion. NT The pier was dismantled in 1908. Latimer

1897 Nov. 30 Mrs. Inez Sprague was ordered by the District Council to fill some of a pond lying between Narragansett Bay and Ouida Street. NT

1897 Dec. James G. Burns will build a 325 foot long building designed by McKim, Mead & White. The first floor is for stores and the second and third floors will be suites to be rented by Burns’ Rockingham Hotel. NT
1898 Jan. Congress was informed by experts that PJ Pond was not worthy of improvement. NT

1898 Jan. 31 A severe storm hit. Much damage occurred at the Providence Telephone Company’s lines. NT

1898 June 6 The Citizen’s Group was more successful than the Peoples Group in the annual election. NT

1898 July 22 The NT sketched the new Russian Ambassador, Count de Cassini, and his niece at summer cottages at Narragansett Pier.

1898 July 28 The maiden trip from Saunderstown to Narr. Pier was made by the SeaView RR. SVRR

1898 July 27 A well-attended polo tournament opened on the grounds of Wildfield Farm. The Westchesters of New York and the Myopias of Boston were competing for the Point Judith Challenge Cup. Myopias won 25-22. NT

1898 July late The Casino Hop was well described in the NT: “Mrs. P.S.P. Randolph of Philadelphia, in a lovely gown of pink satin, cut décolleté, with trimmings of point lace…”

1898 July 28 About 90 people took the initial ride of the Sea View RR from Narragansett to Saunderstown. It was quite a scenic run. NT

1898 Aug. mid 350 passengers landed at the Pier from the Steamer Mount Hope on Tuesday. 666 excursionists arrived from Providence on Sunday. NT

1898 August mid Captain A.M. Knowles of Narragansett led his crew of the U.S. Life Saving Station in a life-saving exposition at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. NT

1898 Sept. 5 The Steamer Lewiston with 125 ill soldiers went ashore on the rocks off the breakwater near PJ in a fog. All were saved. NT

1898 Sept. 18 Miss Winnie Davis—once the widely known and beloved “Daughter of the Confederacy”—died at the Rockingham. NT

1898 Sept. late Joseph Pulitzer left the Pier and is to sail to Europe. Mrs. Pulitzer, who accompanied Mrs. Davis to Richmond last week with her daughter’s remains, will close the cottage here in a few days. NT

1898 Oct. 11 Four parties visited the Old Robinson House. NT

1898 Nov. 27 A great blizzard hit New England. Much damage happened in Narr. NT
1898  December late  The damage of that storm to the new dock of the Providence, Fall River, and Newport Steamship Company is to be repaired at once.  NT

1899  Francis S. Kinney built a Bungalow at Sunset Farm.  Latimer

1899  Feb.  The full sum to finish the PJ Breakwater has been appropriated by Congress.  NT

1899  Feb. 13  The life-saving men had a tough time in a winter storm.  NT

1899  Feb. 24  There are to be extensive improvements made on the Rockingham.  NT

1899  March mid  There was a scene of Narr. Pier in the fete season in the “Belle of New York” at the Providence Opera House.  NT

1899  March 24  A memorial window to Miss Winnie Davis is soon to be placed in the transept of St. Peter’s Church.  NT

1899  June 5  The Citizen’s Party continued its domination of elective offices.

1899  June 18  This was the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of the Point Judith Baptist Church.  NT

1899  June  Captain H.M. Knowles designed a new surf boat, which was built by Fred Beebe of Greenpoint.  NT

1899  June 8  The Canonchet Gun Club held its weekly shoot at its grounds on the Sprague land.  NT

1899  June 18  “The completion of the line of the SeaView electric railroad between Narragansett Pier and Wickford was celebrated with a trolley ride and a dinner at the Metatoxet.”

1899  July 28  Fred B. Hall—in charge of the billiard room at The Casino and champion exhibition pool player of the world—was featured in the NT.

1899  Aug. 20  Police Chief Lewis Champlin and John L. Taft saved a colored waiter from the Gladstone from drowning in high surf.  NT

1899  Sept.  PJCC is to improve and smooth down the polo field.  Nine holes will be added to the golf course which will be separated from the polo field.  A new ballroom with a promenade will be added to the clubhouse.  NT

1899  Oct. 28  James H. Rodman died.  He was credited with opening the first hotel in Narragansett.  This hotel eventually became The Revere.  NT
1899  Nov. 14  The Elm Cottage was the setting for a reception to honor Captain Frank M. Allen, First Officer of the victorious yacht Columbia. W. Herbert Caswell was toastmaster.

1900  The North Pier near the present site of The Towers was still used by small crafts. Latimer

1900  March  Francis S. Kinney is to build an East Indian Bungalow. NT

1900  Mar. 20  The Narr. Pier Golf Club was organized by a number of the hotel proprietors. This would be the fourth golf course in Narr. The new golf course will be located upon The Pearse farm, west of the old PJ road, between the highway and Salt Pond. NT

1900  Mar. 30  It was announced that Charles Hitchcock, Jr. will be one of the contestants against Harry Vardon, the winner of 6 British Opens. “He was the supreme golfer of his generation. His powerful, fluid swing and the Vardon grip remain the basis of the modern fundamentals of golf.” Vardon toured the U.S. in 1900. (Sidorsky, Golf 365 Days).

1900  April  Thomas Wanamaker, the son of John, is to make great improvements on his villa. The location is the estate of the late John K. Brown, near Dunmere. NT

1900  June  The South County Golf Club has moved to the Kenyon farm, near the upper end of PJ Pond. NT

1900  June 4  There was only one ticket (the Citizen’s Party). W. Herbert Caswell was District Clerk. The five district council members were: Stephen C. Browning; Charles J. Tucker; H.B. Kane; George T. Briggs; and Frank M. Allen. NT

1900  June 25  Admiral George Dewey and wife arrived at Narragansett from New York. They received a royal reception. They were the guests at the Emmet Cottage on Ocean Road, owned by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Washington McLean. NT

1900  July  The tower of the New Rockingham is 150 feet above the sandy beach. NT

1900  July  Everything is blooming at the PJCC. NT

1900  July  Maurice Barrymore will play Orlando in “As You Like It” at the PJCC. NT

1900  Aug.  Walter A. Nye of the Imperial has chartered an electric wagonette for August from the Electric Vehicle Company of Newport. The battery can be charged at Perkins & Whaley’s Stable. NT
1900 Aug. 10 “As You Like It” was performed. The audience was the “cream of society.” Most of the mobiles and automobiles were in use for the occasion. NT

1900 Aug. 11 The great gala was held at the Casino. NT

1900 Aug. 29 The Vanderbilt party arrived at the Pier from Newport on the steam launch, the Mirage. It was quite a party at the Casino. NT

1900 Sept. 1 The SeaView RR was completed to East Greenwich. SVRR.

1900 Sept. 12 “The Casino burned only leaving the stone towers across Ocean Road as a remembrance. The fire started in the Rockingham Hotel across from the Casino and quickly demolished the hotel, the Casino and Hazard block which was located directly behind the hotel.” Rush. The NT reported these additional losses: Knights of Pythias Hall; the Burns block on Beach Row; John Murdock, the candy dealer and soda water dispenser, Daniel E. Roake of the Bijou apartments; Price & Bannon, druggists; F.E. Ballou, boots and shoes; Dr. I.N. Wheeler, dentist; H.V. Gardiner, groceries; Kitaoka Brothers, Japanese goods; L. Small, tailor; an F.L. Bond, general house furnishing. NT
Time Period 4
Rebuilding, 1900-1914

1900  Sept. 28 Mrs. Jefferson Davis sent condolences to J. Burns for the fire.

1900  Oct. 5 Narr. taxpayers held a special town meeting to develop plans to the opening of Salt Pond.

1900  Oct. 19 Narr. is to use the McTammany Voting Machine.

1900  Nov. 16 Robert Graham Dun died in NY City. Mr. Dun’s “Dunmere” at Narr. Pier is one of the finest homes in this country.

1900  Nov. 30 The Narr. Pier Free Library opened in the Hornblower Block near the depot.

1900  Dec. 7 The South Ferry farm was sold to the U.S. government.

1900  Dec. 24 The Sea View RR granted permission to extend its track on Beach Street.

1901  Jan. 25 J.C. Tucker moved to change the District of Narr. into a full-fledged town.

1901  March 8 The harbor of refuge at PJ will take another $400,000 to complete.

1901  Mar. 29 The state legislature voted for Narr. to be a town as of June 1, 1901.

1901  June 7 There was only one ticket for the town council.

1901  June 28 The new America’s Cup defender, the Constitution, sailed near the shore of Narr. Pier.

1901  July 5 The Gladstone introduced Grecian tents and Casino arrangements to replace the lost casino.

1901  July 19 Four sports flashes: (1) a 55 pound bass was caught off the rocks; (2) croquet is displacing golf at the Country Club; (3) the polo season was announced; and (4) P.F. Collier, noted polo player, broke his collar bone. Collier was the son of the owner of Collier’s magazine.

1901  Aug. 2 Jack Bouvier of NY (father of Jackie Bouvier Kennedy Onassis) visited his aunts, the Misses Bouvier. He is a polo enthusiast. Also “Fighting Bob” Evans was at Willard P. Ward’s cottage, Breezecote.

1901  Aug. 9 The Sea View RR will carry freight.
1901 Aug. 30 Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the U.S., is staying at the Mathewson. He went bathing.

1901 Sept. 27 More than 100 subscribers gave $951 to the street-watering fund.

1901 Oct. 11 With first elections as a town both parties held caucuses.

1901 Nov. 8 Democrats Joshua C. Tucker, Jr. (Senate) and Thomas G. Hazard, Jr. (Repr.) beat the Republican candidates.

1901 Nov. 29 A severe storm on Sunday was the worst for many years.

1901 Dec. 20 All of the children of Narr. Pier were invited with their parents to Canonchet for Christmas tree festivities.

1902 Jan. 3 Martin W. Ekman, assistant keeper of Whale Rock lighthouse, drowned while attempting to land on the rock.

1902 Jan. 24 William C. Clarke from South Kingstown requests Narr. to join in an opening of a permanent breachway from the ocean to Salt Pond.

1902 Feb. 26 The Town Council approved J.G. Burns’ request to move the Continental Hotel to the beach.

1902 Apr. 18 The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce approved: $60,000 for the Great Salt Pond and $14,000 for the entrance at PJ Pond.

1902 Apr. 25 Archibald Clavering Gunter published The Surprises of an Empty Hotel about Narr. Pier.

1902 Apr. 25 The Sea View RR will abandon the trestle at Narrow River and build the track on solid land.

1902 June 6 Republicans controlled the Town Council.

1902 July 11 The Little Casino opened.

1902 July 25 The initial horse show at the PJCC will happen on August. 2.

1902 July 25 P.F. Collier brought 40 hounds to Canonchet for fox hunting.

1902 Aug. 1 Mrs. Benjamin Harrison lunched at the Imperial. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore will be a guest of Dr. J.E. Sullivan, a Pier Cottager.

1902 Aug. 1 Councilman Nye notified Chief Champlin of all places where gambling was conducted at the Pier.
1902  Aug. 1  The July 19 issue of *Collier’s Weekly* had a highly favorable article about the Pier.

1902  Aug. 8  Col. John Jacob Astor visited the Pier with Miss Alice Roosevelt.

1902  Aug. 15  The annual lawn fete was held at St. Peter’s by the Sea and raised a goodly sum for charity.

1903  Mar. 27  John H. Hanan is having a gasoline boat of 144 feet build in Narr.

1903  July 03  *The NY Evening Journal* had a portrait of Herman Podrat of Narr. surrounded by his cartoons. He is 15 years old.

1903  Aug. 7  Col. A.J. Dexter of Boston—noted magnetic healer of Judge Chamberlayn’s blindness—is at the Metatoxet for August.

1903  Aug. 21  President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia is visiting Professor Brander Mathews at Shinglenook.

1903  Aug. 21  The Duryea’s gave their seventh annual Panoramic Pictures at the Mathewson.

1903  Aug. 21  Dr. Charles Hitchcock for the Sea Wall Committee requested a new 3 foot wider sidewalk on the east side of Ocean Road, hopefully to be privately funded.

1903  Aug. 28  The RI Reds defeated the RI Blues in bicycle polo 9 ¾ to 6 ¾.

1903  Aug. 28  Alfred G. Vanderbilt of NY and Newport entered 6 horses at the Narr. Horse Show.

1903  Oct. 2  It was reported that the completion of the breakwater will lead to the Pennsylvania RR using a large wharf at PJ for transferring passengers and freight.

1904  Jan. 1  A new automobile station is to be built at the old Rockingham Hotel site. A dynamo will be located there.

1904  Feb. 19  The masquerade ball given by the Narr. Pier Volunteer Firemen was a great success.

1904  Apr. 8  The U.S. government dock at Ft. Kearney is nearing its completion.

1904  Apr. 29  James E. Brougham was feted after 37 years of service to the Narr. Steam Fire Engine Company in Peace Dale. He was there at its beginning.
1904 May 20 Louis Sherry will build a new casino on the lot of the old Rockingham Hotel. A temporary casino will be used for a year.

1904 June 10 The Narr. Republicans swept in an almost uncontested election.

1904 July 1 About 750 people landed at the Pier. Most were employees of the Lorraine Mills in Pawtucket.

1904 July 15 The Sea View carried 3,000 passengers on Sunday. The Prov. Sunday Telegram featured a well-written article on it.

1904 July 29 The PJCC will host the national polo championship.

1904 Aug. 19 Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Miss Lucy Aldrich were guests at the Imperial.

1904 Aug 19 Alton Wiles exhibited his art at the Gladstone. He showed “Along the Rocks of Narr. Bay.”

1904 Aug. 26 The NT noted a very harsh article in the Aug. 22 Providence Journal about liquor and gambling on Sunday at the Pier.

1904 Sept. 30 The harbor of refuge was well used during the gale of Sept. 15.

1904 Dec. 2 The former manager of gambling resorts on Beach Street—“Big Frank” Felton—was indicted in NYC on a murder charge.

1905 Jan. 13 The largest storm in 19 years struck at the Pier on Jan. 7. The Steamboat Pier was heavily hit. The lighthouse on Whale Rocks was almost submerged.

1905 Apr. 7 An illustration of the new Catholic church was made.

1905 Apr. 28 The Providence, Fall River and Newport Steamboat most likely will not run this summer.

1905 July 14 The New Casino opened on Saturday featuring its Italian Gardens. W. Herbert Caswell and John Hanan were lauded for their efforts.

1905 July 28 Associate Justice Joseph McKenna of the U.S. Supreme Court and his family are at the Atlantic for the season.

1905 Aug. 4 The annual lawn fete of St Peter’s Church was run by the women of high society.

1905 Aug. 4 Polo results were given, featuring Mr. P.F. Collier.
1905  Aug. 18  The North Atlantic squadron will visit the Pier today. Rear-Admiral “Fighting Bob” Evans will be there. A Naval Ball is to be held at the new Casino.

1905  Aug. 25  The 28th annual meeting of the American Bar Association opened on Wednesday at the Mathewson.

1906  Jan. 26  U.S. Senator Nelson Aldrich is pushing for a deep channel at the PJ Breakwater.

1906  Mar. 30  Thousands of bushels of oysters are being taken from Salt Pond.

1906  Apr. 13  An illustration of the new addition to the New Casino was drawn. It is to be 136 ft. long and 33 ft. wide and adjoin the dining room.

1906  June 5  Democrats took 4 of the 5 seats on the Town Council.


1906  Aug. 3  The PJ RR was incorporated, hinging on the completion of the PJ breakwater. The hope is to ferry passengers from Long Island and connect from there to other RRs.

1906  Aug. 3  P.F. Collier’s new French racing machine—a C.G.V. auto (150 hp)—will be raced in Newport by Ned Crane, the well-known chauffer and racer.

1906  Aug. 10  45 women sponsored a grand vaudeville entertainment at the new Casino.

1906  Aug. 31  An amateur society circus was held at the PJCC.

1906  Nov. 23  The Schooner Lugano was wrecked at PJ and three lives were lost.

1907  Apr. 12  Irving H. Chase of CT purchased the “Miramar” cottage.

1907  May 24  Two lifesavers—William G. Tucker and Fred Tucker—saved the assistant keeper of the Whale Rock lighthouse.

1907  June 21  A movie theater came to the Burns Block.

1907  June 21  Miss Inez Sprague threw a clambake at Canonchet for her friend Miss Anita Watson.

1907  July 2  Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Truman H.) Newberry of Washington visited the Pier in an auto party and lunched at the Casino.
1907 Aug. 9 The American Ambassador to Russia, Robert McCormick, sailed over from Newport with Oliver H.P. Belmont on the Tarantula. The party had lunch at the Casino.

1907 Aug. 9 Voters at the Special Financial Town Meeting unanimously agreed to build a fire station on Rodman St.

1907 Aug. 23 Chief of Police James D. Caswell visited all gambling sites to get them to close at once.

1907 Aug. 23 A petition to the Town Council from leading citizens called for the end of gambling at the Pier.

1907 Aug. 23 Gibson Ave. was to become a public highway.

1907 Sept. 27 A special town meeting is to be held to approve the moving of the town hall to a lot near Boon Street.

1907 Sept. 27 One hundred and one members of the Standing Committee of the Narr. Betterment League were listed.

1907 Oct. 11 J.C. Tucker is producing the “Narr. Sausage.”

1907 Oct. 25 Mrs. John Hanan gave a huge event at “Shore Acres.”

1907 Nov. 8 A Democrat became the state repr. from Narr.—John Bromly beat Edward D. Taylor, 160 to 156.

1907 Nov. 22 Work on the new wireless station is moving on.

1908 Jan. 3 The town hall is being turned around before its journey down Rodman Street.

1908 Mar. 20 The Town Council voted to have the Providence, Fall River and Newport Steamboat Company tear down its abandoned pier.

1908 April 10 Francis S. Kinney died. His mansion was built on the former property of the Mount Hope Hotel.

1908 June 26 U.S. Senator Aldrich will host the Currency Commission at the Pier.

1908 July 17 The Town Council appropriated $1,500 to preserve the bathing beach at the Pier.

1908 July 24 R.I. Bishop Harkins dedicated the St. Philomena Catholic Church.
1908  July 31  The Point Judith CC will host the National Tennis Tournament.

1908  Aug. 14  Warren Fairbanks—son of U.S.V.P. Fairbanks—and wife were guests at the Imperial.

1908  Aug. 14  $30,000 was appropriated for a sewerage system at the Pier to improve the beach.

1908  Aug. 21  John G. Cross, a recent Harvard law graduate, brought gambling charges against owners of two Beach Street houses—George H. Cooke and William J. Britt.

1908  Sept. 19  John G. Cross had Town Sergeant James D. Caswell arrested for neglect of duty to stop gambling.

1908  Oct. 2  The Provincetown Tribune belittled Narr. Pier for its open gambling.

1908  Oct. 9  Town Sergeant Caswell was acquitted in District Court.

1908  Nov. 20  The defendants in 5 gambling cases at the Pier were found probably not guilty.

1908  Nov. 20  The old historical Baptist Church at Narr. Ferry is to remain in its present location.

1908  Dec. 11  Greene’s Inn will close for the winter months after being open each day since May 19, 1888.

1909  June 11  The People’s Party swept the Town Council election over the combined Republicans and Democrats.

1909  Aug. 13  The dinner tendered Gov. Pothier by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hanan at the Casino was a brilliant success.

1909  Sept. 10  It has been decided to build a new polo field at Wildfield Farms, in order to host an international polo tournament.

1909  Oct. 15  “Canonchet,” the home of ex-Governor Sprague, was destroyed by fire.

1909  Dec. 31  The highest tide in 25 years on Dec. 26 caused some damage.

1910  Feb. 18  William Sprague wrote a memorial for Civil War officers urging the passage of the retirement fund. It was published in the Congressional Record.

1910  May 20  The old Casino arch is to be restored.
1910 June 17 A Narr. Baseball Association was formed. Their games will be played on a lot south of the ruins of Canonchet. John Miller is the manager.


1910 Aug. 26 Mrs. Nicholas Longworth—“Princess Alice Roosevelt”—attended the polo matches in Narr. She came from Newport with Mrs. Payne Whitney on the yacht Atlantic. “Princess Alice” presented the PJ cups to the winner—the Meadow Brook team.

1910 Aug. 26 Chief D. Caswell was arrested by Constable John G. Cross.

1910 Sept. 2 A new 9-hole golf course will be built at the PJCC.

1910 Oct. 7 The Narr. Pier Village Improvement Society was formed.

1910 Oct. 7 The malfeasance case against Police Chief Caswell was dismissed by Judge Lewis.

1910 Nov. 25 The new parish house of St. Peter’s was opened.

1910 Dec. 23 Edward D. White—a summer resident of the Pier at Needwood at Boston Neck for a number of years—has become the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

1911 June 2 The NY, NH and Hartford RR obtained control of the Sea View RR. This acquisition is part of the plans of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada.

1911 July 21 The PJCC polo tournament runs from July 21 through August. The national junior and senior championships will be decided.

1911 July 28 The Colored A.M. Zion Church on Rodman St. was destroyed by fire.

1911 Aug. 4 Dr. Charles Hitchcock led a group of 59 citizens in offering to purchase a steam fire engine.

1912 Feb. 2 The NY Tribune lamented the delay of the PJ Harbor of Refuge.

1912 Mar. 1 The US Government purchased the Hazard property for the new post office.

1912 Mar. 8 State Senator Caswell requested state approval for ten additional liquor licenses for Narr..

1912 Apr. 5 The Sea View RR will be electrified.

1912 June 7 Voters gave Republicans 82 votes to 3 for the Democrats.
1912 Aug. 2  U.S. Senator Lippitt and wife with a party lunched at the Casino.

1912 Aug. 2  A fire destroyed 4 cottages at Kentara Green, 3 at Earlescourt and 1 badly damaged.

1912 Aug. 9  Matty Bennie, the well-known singer, made a hit at Café Baur with his song “Narr. Pier.”

1912 Sept. 6  An original play “Hannah Robinson,” was presented by the young people at the Parish House.


1913 May 23  “Sunset Meadows” will be the new home of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Depew.

1913 July 11  The Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakhmeteff visited the Casino. Mme. Bakhmeteff is the sister of John R. McLean, a cottager.

1913 July 18  Mayor John F. Fitzgerald of Boston with a party of six lunched at the Casino.

1913 Oct. 3  Howard Lapsley died. He was a visitor to the Pier for 65 years.

1913 Nov. 14  Albert Church, long-time Captain of the Narr. Pier Lifesaving Station, died.


1914 Mar. 16  Much damage was done at the Pier and PJ by a 75 mile an hour gale with rain.

1914 July 10  Miss Emily Randolf married Philip Stevenson at Wildfield Farm.

1914 Aug. 28  William and Inez Sprague have converted the front of their apartments in Paris into a convalescent hospital for the wounded of all nationalities.
Time Period 5  
World War I, 1914 - 1921

1914 Dec. 11 Life-savers rescue two off PJ.

1915 Feb. 5 The Coast Guard replaced the Life Saving Service.

1915 May 14 Charlie Chaplin is featured in “The New Janitor” at the Scenic Theater.

1915 May 21 Mrs. Irving H. Chase is making many improvements at the Kinney place at PJ.

1915 May 28 The Narr. Pier baseball team will play its home games at Sprague’s Crossing grounds, one of the best amateur parks in RI.

1915 June 15 The Scarborough Beach bathing pavilion opens.

1915 June 29 M.C. Bouvier opened a stock exchange branch at the Burnside Hotel on Beach Row.

1915 July 9 The monster sea turtle captured off PJ was exhibited at the Pier for paying customers.

1915 July 16 Sunday was a banner day for the Pier, most of the visitors coming in automobiles.

1915 Sept. 10 Mrs. John Hanan gave her annual open dance for the local communities at the Casino.


1915 Sept. 24 Over $5,000 was subscribed for PJCC for enlarging the golf course.

1915 Oct. 29 Taxpayers vote $5,000 to complete South Pier Road.

1915 Nov. 26 Prizes and premiums were awarded at the exhibition of SK and Narr. Poultry Association.


Note: One of the plusses of this effort was the rediscovery of the missing Jan. 6, 1916 through Sept. 1, 1916 reel. The RI Historical Society found the missing volumes in its vaults and made a copy available to URI. Thanks to Sarina Rodrigues. THANKS AGAIN, SARINA.
1916  Jan. 28  Thomas Greene now has 28 raccoon skins and only needs a couple more to make a fine fur coat.

1916  Jan. 28  A Free Lecture on (War) Preparedness takes place at the Town Hall.

1916  Mar. 24  With the death of Thomas G. Hazard at 92 years, James H. Gardiner is the new holder of the “Boston Post” Cane, as the oldest inhabitant in the town.

1916  Apr. 17  The chief engineer of the army opposed extending a direct channel through Salt Pond not less than ten feet deep to Wakefield.

1916  Apr. 17  Mildred Booth Grossman, the only granddaughter of the tragedian Edwin Booth, is married to C. Livingston Waterbury of New York. Edwin Booth was a familiar figure in Narr.

1916  May 26  Work begins on a two-storied building erected by the Sherry Casino Co. on the vacant lot in the rear of the new post office.

1916  June 09  There will be a meeting on June 15 to consider the subject of forming a company of Boy Scouts in Narr.

1916  June 16  John R. McLean, owner of the Washington Post and sometime occupier of the Kinney Villa, died. His sister is the wife of Admiral Dewey.

1916  June 23  August Busch, president of Anheuser Busch Brewing Assoc., has rented “Stonelea.”

1916  July 1  $60 was netted by the Boy Scouts from the Preparedness Ball.

1916  July 21  Miss Lucia Chase won the silver cup for dancing the one-step at the Casino.

1916  July21  Mrs. Irving H. Chase will host at Sunset Farm a two-week school as a National Service Corps for Women so to give American women an opportunity to acquire sufficient training to be of national service in the event of war.

1916  Aug. 4  Misha Elman, the great Russian violinist, and other Metropolitan Opera stars will appear at the Mathewson Hotel to aid the Red Cross Society.

1916  Aug. 11  “Buster,” a 14 year-old Boston terrier and credited with 40,000 sittings for his owner—J.H. Hollingsworth, photographer—died when he was run over by an automobile.

1916  Aug. 11  The new Casino Theatre opens and will hold over 800. John H. Hanan funded the building and his son, Talbot Hanan, did the interior decorating.
1916  Aug. 25  Joseph G. Johnson, who owned about 1200 acres of land in Boston Neck, died. He was a farmer.

1916  Sept. 8  The new military camp for women at Sunset Farm is on a tract of land donated by Mrs. Irving Chase.

1916  Sept. 8  The Village Improvement Association continued its war on mosquitoes.

1916  Sept. 15  Mrs. Edith Hanan led the effort to reopen the Towers by throwing a "Village Ball."

1917  Feb. 23  PJ Polo Club will host the National Series, junior and open polo tournaments.

1917  Mar. 23  "Shore Acres" was rented to August Busch of St. Louis.

1917  Apr. 6  A branch of the National Security League of America was started in Narragansett.

1917  Apr. 20  A local W.C.T.U. chapter met here.

1917  Apr. 20  A special taxpayer’s meeting approved a new schoolhouse for the Pier.

1917  May 4  Four firemen will be on duty each night during the season.

1917  May 18  Senator Henry B. Kane of Narr. will present an act for women suffrage at the General Assembly.

1917  Sept. 21  Frank L. Caswell is the first president of the Chamber of Commerce at Narragansett Pier.

1917  Oct. 12  Miss Eleanor K. Chase married Charles P. Taft, the son of ex-President William Howard Taft and Mrs. Taft.

1917  Nov. 2  The Arlington Hotel is to be torn down to make room for bungalows: "...the Pier at no distant day will become a resort known as one of many cottages and very few hotels."

1917  Nov. 16  The New Mathewson Hotel will be sold at mortgagees sale.

1918  June 14  German aliens over 14 years old must be examined at the Pier post office.

1918  June 21  The Narr. Pier C of C resolved that taxpayers approve a suitable sum for reconstructing the jetty on the bathing beach.
1918 Sept. 13 Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo—also Director General of the Railroads—stayed at the Emerson Villa as the guest of his daughter-in-law.

1918 Dec. 06 A serious fire at the J.C. Tucker Plant destroyed garage and grain elevator and damaged store building.


1919 Mar. 26 The Narr. Village Improvement Association continued its three year effort against the mosquito pest.

1919 May 23 Canonchet Farm, owned by Mrs. Borda, has a new employee, new dairy barns, 10 more Guernsey cattle, and a refurbished cottage and other buildings. Mrs. Borda is also dredging the Pier Pond and adding grass plots to beautify Boston Neck Road and to control mosquitoes.

1919 June 6 Prohibition will not hurt the cottage rental market.

1919 June 6 Mrs. Borda purchased the Potter Farm of over 100 acres at Boston Neck. Mrs. Inez Sprague Stiness purchased Little Neck Farm, which includes the Pettaquamscutt Hotel. A new bridge across the river will be built by the State.

1919 July 4 Efrem Zimbalist, the well-known violinist and his wife, Madame Alma Gluck, the famous Metropolitan Opera star, are staying with Jascha Heifitz at Vinton Lodge.

1919 July 4 Lou Carle Allen, an assistant town clerk, was the first women to register in Narr.

1919 Aug. 8 Talbot Hanan presented 100 copies of his book of poems “Thoughts” to people on the lawn of St. Peter’s.

1919 Sept. 26 The restaurant at the Elms Cottage will close because of prohibition.

1919 Oct. 24 Mrs. Avice Borda purchased the 200 acre Hazard farm near the north line of Narr. from the State Road to Narrow River.

1920 Jan. 16 Mrs. John H. Hanan died. She was born at the Pier and the daughter of Jeremiah Briggs of the Elmwood House.

1920 Jan. 30 Talbot Smith Hanan dies at 27. He had managed the Casino and Towers for the last 2 years.
1920 Feb. 13 and Feb. 27  There was great difficulty in restructuring the finances of the Narr. Pier RR, as it was separated from the Federal Government, after the war-time emergency ended.

1920 Apr. 30  Polo will resume at the PJ Polo Club.

1920 May 28  The WWI Memorial was dedicated at Sprague Park.

1920 July 02  215 women and 194 men registered to vote in November. Mrs. Caroline Knowles did register at 92.

1920 July 30  Slot machines are clicking along.

1920 Aug. 27  John H. Hanan died.

1920 Aug. 27  With the end of the Seaview RR, local milk producers will use an auto truck.

1920 Sept. 3  People like Capt. Isaac Emerson, Rowland Hazard, Mrs. Avice Borda, Mrs. Irving Chase, Dr. Charles Hitchcock, M.C. Bouvier, and W. Herbert Caswell are uniting to radically change the Pier.

1920 Sept. 24  Further plans were made by the above group, now called the Narragansett Improvement Association. 5,000 shares of no par value stock and 1750 shares at $200 par were authorized.

1920 Oct. 15  The Gladstone Hotel will be torn down.

1920 Nov. 05  Republicans swept the Nov. election. Of the 218 women registered, 205 voted.

1920 Nov. 05  The Narr. Pier RR is in trouble. Pres. N.T. Bacon explored various solutions.

1921 Jan. 14  Prohibition enforcement officers raided several establishments.

1921 May 13  The Kinney Cottage is to become the Carlton Hotel.

1921 May 13  Taxpayers approved $5,000 for the Narr. Pier RR. The Town will be represented on the Board of Directors.

1921 June 17  The Pier Park Commission is doing considerable work at Sprague Park.

1921 July 29  The Radcliff Chautauga met under the big tent on the Gladstone lawn.
1921 Sept. 23  The new bridge over Narrow River is named the “Governor Sprague Bridge.”
Time Period 6
Flappers, 1922-1929

1922 Jan 27 The Pier Orioles beat Wickford in basketball 52 to 39.

1922 Feb. 10 A bond of $75,000 was requested from the General Assembly to reconstruct Old Point Judith Road to Kingstown Road.

1922 Mar. 10 The Pettaquamscutt Hotel will be raised.

1922 Apr 14 James O. Watts, Narr. Town Solicitor, was elected Justice of the Second District Court.

1922 May 5 Mrs. Avice Borda was granted approval to dredge Narrow River and to build a breakwater to give direct passage to the ocean.

1922 May 5 A sketch of the proposed new school building for the Pier was shown.

1922 Aug. 11 The first annual flower show is to be held at the Pier.

1922 Aug 18 General John Pershing visited the Polo Club to see the U.S. Army Four and Meadowbrook. He was the guest of P.S.P. Randolph at Wildfield Farms.

1922 Sept. 08 The Narr. Casino has been purchased by Capt. Isaac E. Emerson, a Pier cottager, from the heirs of John H. Hanan for $40,000.

1922 Sept. 08 The first annual track meet of the Narr. Pier Athletic Association took place on the PJ Polo field.

1922 Oct. 27 The Pier football team beat the Waterman A.C. by 18 to 0.

1923 Apr. 27 Mrs. Avice Borda left an estate of about $2,350,000.

1923 Sept. 7 The Imperial Hotel burned to the ground.

1924 Aug. 15 The entire proceeds of the Polo Ball at the Casino was given to the SC Hospital Fund.

1924 Aug. 29 Waves, 15 feet high, did some damage. Motorists came to witness the biggest storm in many years.

1924 Sept. 5 Mrs. Dorothy Randolph Fell married U.S. Representative Ogden L. Mills of NYC.

1924 Sept. 12 The Coast Guard captured 528 cases of Scotch whiskey near the breakwater in the power boat “Maherhez.”
1924  Oct. 3  The Narr. Improvement Association purchased the Taylor land near the beach.

1925  Jan. 23  Charles F. Kenyon purchased the Lakeside Farm (210 acres) the “Foddering Place” (140 acres) and Ram Island (44 acres) from the Anne Hazard Land Co.

1925  Feb. 6  Considerable damage to fishing boats was done at the PJ Breachway during an exceptionally high tide.

1925  May 8  Frank Olivo became the proprietor of land just south of Scarborough Beach.

1925  May 29  Trap shooting is revived by the new Narragansett Gunning Club at the old gunning grounds north of Sprague Park.

1925  June 19  The NPRR’s new bus is serving the “Historical South County Route.”

1925  July 17  George Gershwin is visiting Jascha Heifitz.

1925  July 24  Senator Curtis of KS, Republican leader of the Senate, is here for the season and is visiting Pres. Coolidge at Swampscott, MA.

1925  Sept. 25  The Narr. team became county champions by a 13 to 5 victory over Shannock.

1925  Oct. 16  The new schoolhouse at the Pier was dedicated with appropriate exercises.

1925  Nov. 13  The Narr. Golf and Tennis Club was chartered for land bordering on Salt Pond.

1926  Apr. 30  A coal-laden barge struck ledge off Tucker’s Dock.

1926  May 14  U.S. Govt. boats and pontoons are raising a sunken submarine in the breachway.

1926  May 28  The “Ocean View” is opening with 23 rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Clarke Block at Post Office Square.

1926  July 23  A fishing boat from the breach way rescued 7 persons on a yawl in the breakwater.

1926  Sept. 17  Rowland Robinson won the Sunday Series and Charles Fletcher the Wednesday Series of the New one-design class of Knockabouts in Salt Pond.
1927  May 27  There was an ad for the PJ Marine Railway, just inside the breachway.

1927  June 24  The Le Touquet held a supper dance with Meyer Davis’s orchestra—the best in the world.

1927  Aug. 19  One drowned but 3 S.K. boy scouts saved a lady.

1927  Aug. 19  The British Army-in-India polo team will face the Meadowbrook-PJ team.

1927  Aug. 26  Miss F. Breevort Kane, a well-known sculptress, is visiting her parents after 7 years of work and study in France.

1927  Oct. 7  A sampler made by Alice Hall in 1728 is on display at the Camden H. Clarke homestead in Pt. Judith.

1928  Mar. 30  The Wayside Inn is soon to open.

1928  Apr. 6  The Twin Willows on Boston Neck Road will be opening.

1928  Apr. 13  The annual Easter play “Wives to Burn” and fair at St. Peter’s Parish House are great successes.

1928  May 4  An incendiary fire leveled the Revere Hotel, the oldest (1855) in the Pier.

1928  July 13  The RI Assoc. Golf Tournament will be held at the PJCC.

1928  Sept. 7  Miss Margaret Egan and Marshall Phetteplace won the dance contest at the Towers.

1928  Sept. 14  The exclusive Dunes Club will be built on land given to it by George T. Naphen.

1928  Nov. 30  Walter J. Caswell won the Carlton Cup of the Canonchet Gun Club.

1929  April 19  “Dunmere” practically destroyed by fire.

1929  June 28  Efforts will be made to improve access to Salt Pond.

1929  July 5  A special NT edition featuring Narr. businesses needs to be reproduced professionally.

1929  July 19  A gambling set-up in the Le Touquet led to two arrests.
1929  July 19  Prohibition officers raided the Surf Hotel and the Bayview Hotel and seized much liquor.

1929  Aug. 9  The Casino Theatre featured all talking-pictures.

1929  Aug. 9  The Dunes Club hosted a colorful Gypsy Party.

1929  Aug. 30  Rudy Vallee and his orchestra performed at the Dunes Club.

1929  Nov. 29  $3,000 was voted for the drafting of a zoning ordinance.
1930  Feb. 7  Nine men were arrested near Bonnet Point by Deputy Prohibition Administrator John W. Morrill. The goods were worth $25,000.

1930  Feb. 7  A new American Legion post, Eicke-Tefft Post, has recently been formed in Narr.

1930  May 16  The town purchase of the Casino Green won 51 to 37 in a special meeting. There will be a 25 cent tax on each $100 valuation.

1930  July 25  The Surf Hotel on Beach Street was burned down along with stores on that block.

1930  Aug. 1  An 18 boat race took place on Salt Pond for the PJ Knockabout Association.

1930  Aug. 8  On Sunday, 7109 autos used Shore Road and 7399 used Boston Neck Road between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

1930  Aug. 22  Harvey Firestone and family were at the Carlton Hotel, as 3 of his sons were in the polo tournament.

1930  Aug. 29  The Jitney Players performed outdoors at “The Castle” of Mr. and Mrs. I. Peace Hazard.

1930  Aug. 22  A new kindergarten class will start.

1930  Aug. 29  Nicholas Longworth, Speaker of the U.S. House, was at the Dunes Club from his summer home in Jamestown.

1930  Sept. 5  A tentative zoning map is displayed in the NT.

1930  Nov. 21  There was a revival of interest in improvements at Salt Pond.

1931  Jan. 30  Capt. Isaac E. Emerson died at 71 years old. He was the discoverer of Bromo-Selzer.

1931  Jan. 30  The Casino was purchased by J.W. Miller, Jr.

1931  Apr. 24  W.H. Caswell, the Town Clerk since Narr. was founded, died. He was replaced by Mrs. Lou C. Allen.

1931 Aug. 14 The first annual horse show was held at Canonchet Farm.

1931 Aug. 28 Mr. and Mrs. I.P. Hazard held an Italian Fiesta at “The Castle” to benefit girl scouts.

1931 Sept. 4 Work on the Casino Park included a bronze and gold fountain displaying dolphins given by Miss Sarah Baldwin.

1931 Sept. 25 The first synagogue service was held at Louis Kaplan’s restaurant on Beach Street.

1931 Oct. 16 By a close 42 to 36 vote, Narr. will buy the Hotel de la Plage for $34,400 and tear it down.

1931 Nov. 20 Twin Willows was gutted by fire.

1931 Dec. 18 Unemployed are to raze the Hotel de la Plage under the direction of the building inspector.

1932 Jan 1 28 unemployed mill workers raze the Hotel de la Plage, directed by Narr. Building Inspector, Franklin L. Caswell.

1932 Jan. 15 The former Presbyterian Church is being refurbished to house a local boy scout troop.

1932 Jan. 22 A six-year plan for refurbishing Narr. was submitted by the Town Council president Frederick Hazard.

1932 Feb, 12 Federal men seize the bar at Bay View Hotel on Congdon Street.

1932 May 6 The Citizens’ Ticket was chosen over the Republicans with 577 votes cast.

1932 June 2 PJ Ship wins the Sea Scout Regatta on PJ Pond.

1932 July 8 Police will regulate attire on Narr. Beach.

1932 Aug. 12 The Ladies Improvement Association will meet at the Avice Sprague Memorial Community House at the corner of Boon and Rodman. [This is probably Mrs. Avice Weed Sprague Wheaton Borda.]

1932 Sept. 16 Ambassador Mark Peter of Switzerland and his wife summered at the Morningside.

1932 Nov. 11 Republicans carry the election.
1932 Dec. 16 Narragansett Sea Scouts will receive a Navy cutter.

1933 Feb. 24 Councilman Westlake wants to build a dock for his fish business at the Breachway.

1933 Feb. 24 Wescott Smith, long-time supervisor of roads, died.

1933 Mar. 24 Democrat Joe Miller will oppose Republican incumbent Mrs. Lou Allen for the Town Clerk position, marking the first contest for that position.

1933 May 5 Republicans sweep over the Democrats and Citizens tickets.

1933 June 16 The golf team of the Narr. CC beat the West Warwick team 12 to 3.

1933 June 30 Aetna Co. held an outing at the Scarborough Beach Club.

1933 July 21 The Narr. Legion will host 400 legionnaires at the Scarborough Beach Club.

1933 Aug. 4 Rudy Vallee and his Connecticut Yankees with Alice Faye will play at the Casino.

1933 Aug. 25 Narr. will have no polo this year.

1933 Sept. 1 or 8 The RI Unemployment Relief Commission will build a new recreation field on land next to Sprague Park. This land has been granted free to the Town for 10 years by Gov. Sprague’s granddaughter Mde. du Chazaud of France.

1934 Jan. 12 Mrs. (Jenness) Arthur N. Peckham of SK gave a recent history of the complex Salt Pond issue. The WPA was the savior of this project, via the RI Harbor Commission. Charles Champlin of Narragansett is seeking funding for the engineering study by that town.

1934 Apr. 6 A person using the pen-name of “Jolly Roger” attacked Mrs. Peckham.

1934 Apr. 13 Mrs. Peckham answered the 5000 miles away “Jolly Roger.” She stated that progress had been attempted for nearly 60 years. (Mrs. Jenness R. Peckham deserves plaudits 82 years later for her 1934 effort).

1934 Apr. 27 Mrs. Peckham was appointed by Gov. Green to represent RI at the annual meeting of the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D.C.
1934  May 11  The layout of the PJ Pond project and a discussion of it was made. It was #28 of the 28 Public Works Projects in a referendum election on May 18. It passed.

1934  Aug. 31  A successful Ambulance Ball almost funded the ambulance. The remainder will hopefully come via small donations in a mailer.

1934  Nov 23  W.H. Taylor at 84 of FL wrote a song “Florida’s Bright and Silvery Moon.”

1935  Feb. 8  A town planning board for WPA projects was established.

1935  May 24  A summer cottager, Benjamin Sullivan, purchased an oil painting of Narr. Pier Beach in 1865, done by W.H. Taylor – a direct descendant of President Zachary Taylor.

1935  Aug. 2  M.C. Bouvier of the NY Stock Exchange died.

1935  Aug. 9  An audience of 1500 attended at “Casa Nostra” for “Animated Magazine” for South County charities.

1935  Oct. 16  79 voted “No” and 61 voted “Yes” for the proposed project for the bathing beach.

1935  Dec. 6  Gov. Green inspected several projects at PJ.

1936  Jan. 31  The Scarborough Beach project is one of the 14 WPA projects in RI.

1936  Apr. 24  A second spring concert of the Narr. Choral Society is to take place at the Narr. Grammar School.

1936  Jun 12  After nearly 37 years, Rev. W.H.B. Allen of St. Peter’s Church was feted at the Breakers Hotel.

1936  June 12  An ad for the PJ-Block Island ferry mentioned “Sailings from State Doc, Galilee, PJ.”

1936  July 5  Duke Ellington will appear on July 24 from 8:00 pm to 4:00 am at the Casino.

1936  July 31  A performance of the “Animated Magazine” will be held at the Hazard Castle.

1936  Aug. 7  After an absence of five years, polo returned.

1936  Aug. 14  Louis Armstrong and is famous Radio Band will be at the Casino.
1936  Dec. 12 The Beachwood, built in 1865, was sold.

1937  May 7 The combined “Democrats and “Insurgent Republicans”—running as democrats—beat the regular Republicans 2 to 1 in the Town election.

1937  June 18 The RI VFW will be at the Breakers Hotel for 3 days.

1937  July 16 Mrs. R.H.I. Goddard will host at “Indian Rock” an exhibition and sale of the art works disabled veterans.

1937  Aug. 6 Narr. defeated Meadowbrook 16 to 14 at the Narr. Golf Club.

1937  Aug. 6 The National Junior Polo Championship games were held at PJ Polo Field.

1937  Aug. 13 Much activity takes place at Salt Pond.

1938  Jan. 28 Mrs. Inez Weed Sprague died suddenly at her home on Central St.

1938  Mar. 11 The PJ Branch of Southern NE Fishermen’s Assoc. voted unanimously against the RI General Assembly proposal to ban fish traps within 200 feet of the shore.

1938  May 4 The Republicans regained control in Narr. in a relatively close election.

1938  May 13 The WPA will soon complete the State Beach at Scarborough.

1938  Aug. 5 Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare of the PJCC scored a 78 at the triangular meet at the Misquamicut CC.

1938  Aug. 5 The crew from the PJCG Station is trying to keep its surfboat championship.

1938  Aug. 12 Former Narr. solicitor, Dennis J. Roberts, is here with mother, brother, and sister for the rest of the season.

1938  Aug. 12 The 17th annual Horticultural Show is to be at the Narr. Community House.

1938  Sept. 23 The Hurricane of 1938 (Sept. 21) was the “worst storm in history.” Damages and deaths in Narr. were unimaginable.

1938  Sept. 30 More horrors were listed.

1938  Oct. 7 The Narr. Development Assoc. published a 15 point improvement plan. The sea wall will be the first project undertaken by the WPA. Descriptions of the 1869 and 1815 gales were given.
1938 Oct. 14 The Casino was condemned along with 13 other buildings.

1938 Nov. 28 Narr. claimed the RI semi-pro football championship.

1938 Dec. 2 Narr. Taxpayers voted to allocate $55,000 to widen Beach St.

1938 Dec. 2 The Inez Sprague Memorial Fund is to be administered by the Eicke-Tefft Post. The net income of $1,200 is to go to the needy of Narr.

1938 Dec. 2 The directors of The Dunes Club will spend $120,000 to replace its main structure.
Time Period 8
WWII, 1939-1945


1939  Jan. 13  Earl C. Whaley of Wakefield gave a “History of Fishing in PJ Pond from 1815 to now. “ It is a must read.


1939  Mar. 24  All 250 voters approved the town’s acquisition and operation of the Pier Beach.

1939  Apr. 14  The Narragansett Salt Water Fishing Club heard a talk on deep sea fishing.

1939  Apr. 14  The town’s bathhouse will have 660 rooms.

1939  Apr. 21  Frank J. Smith was appointed chief of police with two other permanent officers.

1939  June 2  The new Liberty Inn opened with its old bar.

1939  June 2  A big ad gave the rates for the town beach.

1939  July 28  The beach boardwalk is now open from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.

1939  July 28  The fence at the beach will not be removed.

1939  Aug. 25  Red Norvo and his swing orchestra will play at the Casino.

1939  Aug. 25  Ocean Road is to be widened.

1939  Sept. 1  Betty Jameson, the new national woman golf champion, is visiting Glenna Collett Vare, former national champion. Warner Keaney pitched Narr. to a 2 to 0 win over Shannock in the RI-CT Baseball League. Narr. is 11 and 1.

1939  Nov. 3  Narr. was chosen over NK for the first day cover sale of the Gilbert Stuart stamp in the “Famous American Series.”

1940  Jan. 26  Philip S.P. Randolph, Sr. died. He owned the former John D. Austin farm (Wildfield). The farm included the land for the PJCC. He was the organizer of the PJ Polo Team.

1940  Mar. 29  A mission chapel, St. Mary, Star of the Sea, was authorized by Bishop Keough.
1940 Apr. 5 The Town Beach cleared about $14,000.

1940 July 26 Tallulah Bankhead is at the Carlton Hotel.

1940 Aug. 9 Mr. and Mrs. I. Peace Hazard are hosting seven English evacuees at “The Castle.”

1940 Aug. 23 Glenn Miller drew 5,000 at the Casino.

1940 Sept. 20 The Narr. Townies won its 26th straight baseball victory.

1941 Jan. 24 “Spotters” met at the Dunes Club to locate “enemy” planes.

1941 Mar. 14 The cliff walk between the former Tucker Dock and the land of the S. Foster Hunt estate may be restored.

1941 Apr. 18 The Towers is being restored by Dr. Bolster, who also bought the old CG Station.

1941 May 9 The new Ocean Rd. between the Towers and Beach St. was opened.

1941 Aug. 3 (from P.J. 10/16/2014) FDR sails to PJ and is secreted to Newfoundland to meet Churchill.

1941 Aug. 15 A Chinese Ball to benefit United China Relief will happen at the Dunes Club.

1941 Sept. 5 About 1,500 persons attended the 3rd annual Narr. Salt Water Fishing Club Tournament. The Narr. baseball team won its 41st consecutive game.

1941 Sept. 12 Volunteers for the Civilian Airplane Warning Service are being sought.

1941 Dec. 12 The Narr. Choral Society will be at the Narr. Grammar School for its annual Christmas Concert.

1941 Dec. 19 62 men and 54 women will be on duty to cover 24 hrs. a day at the Narr. Air Raid Observation Post.

1941 Dec. 24 300 people attended the Christmas Party given by the Inez Sprague Fund Committee.

1942 Apr. 10 Women of Narr. will be air raid wardens in the day and assist men air raid wardens during night emergencies.
1942 Apr. 17 I. Peace Hazard has been appointed chairman of the Narr. Salvage Committee by the head of the Narr. Civil Defense Council.

1942 Sept. 25 There was a list of Narr. men in the service.

1942 Oct. 9 Narr.’s scrap metal drive is 60 tons.

1942 Nov. 6 Republicans narrowly defeat Democrats in statewide elections.

1943 Mar. 19 The first meeting of the Narr.’s Victory Garden Committee is called by Miss Edith E. Tucker with approval of Mrs. Caleb Mann, director of Women’s Defense Activities.

1943 July 23 200 orphaned or underprivileged children will profit by health-building camp life this summer because the Jewish Children’s Home and Foundation of RI believe war conditions make it more necessary than ever that Camp Jori be operated as usual.

1944 Feb. 25 The Narr. Town Council approved a post-war planning board for the town.

1944 Apr. 14 Corporal Arthur Andersen, Jr. graduated as a “Sharpshooter of the Sky.”

1944 May 5 Democrats win 6 of 8 contests in Narr.

1944 May 19 Pte. Kathryn Chappell of the Canadian Women’s Army Corp. is visiting her parents at Inez St. Lieut. Ann D. Bruce of the WAVES is transferred to Shawnee, OK.

1944 July 14 The Narr. C of C favors the development of PJ harbor as a post-war project.

1945 Jan. 26 Belgian square was named to honor Lt. Col. Peckham of Narr.

1945 June 22 SK and Narr. will get bus service to NYC for the first time.

1945 June 29 Princess Windish-Graetz is at Wildfield Farms on the Cliffs.

1945 Aug. 3 Wrestling will be at the Casino.

1945 Aug. 10 Ali Jawdat, minister from Iraq, and family are at the Dunes Carlton.

1945 Oct. 05 Troop 1 of Narr. Boy Scouts will conduct a Victory Paper Drive.
Time Period 9
Cold War 1946-1954

1946  Mar. 15  The Towers Ice Cream Bar placed an ad.

1946  Mar. 22  A roof garden at Scarborough Beach will feature concessions and a natural aquarium.

1946  May 10  Democrats win 3 of the 5 town council seats.

1946  Aug. 9  David Niven is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Pershing on Ocean Road.

1946  Aug. 23  The SK Rangers bet the Narr. Townies 4 to 2 to even up the “Little World Series.”

1946  Aug. 30  Narr. Townies beat the SK Rangers in the SC’s “Little World Series.”

1946  Oct 11  Chester Whaley game warden for Washington County bemoaned the loss of natural resources due to increased population and draggings.

1946  Nov. 8  Rev. William J. Gordon, chief missionary to Eskimos, will be a part of a Convocation at St. Peter’s.

1947  Jan. 17  George M. Westlake was chosen as chairman of the RI Senate Fisheries Committee.

1947  Feb. 14  Residents of Jerusalem and Galilee were invited to discuss beach erosion at a meeting at town hall.  [This is the first NT reference to Jerusalem.]

1947  Mar. 21  The Narr. Teachers’ Association requested a standardized contract and a wage increase.

1947  Mar. 21  A Striped Bass Derby from Sept. 1 to Oct. 15 will extend the summer season.

1947  June 13  Eddie Zack and his Dude Ranchers with Cousin Ritchie and the Dude Ranch Sweethearts will be at the Casino.

1947  July 11  The former Polish Ambassador and his wife are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Gazda.

1947  Aug. 1  Tomorrow night Vaughan Monroe will be on a world-wide broadcast from the Casino.
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1947  Aug. 1  U.S. Sen. McGrath and wife are at their summer home, Sunnybrook.

1947  Aug. 8  A brief history of the Towers was given.

1947  Aug. 8  Sammy Kaye will also be on a world-wide broadcast from the Casino.

1947  Oct. 10  A brief history of the NPRR was given. It was purchased by Royal Little in 1946 “whose Textron empire is national news.”

1947  Oct. 24  The PJ Fishermen’s Co-op was founded.

1947  Dec. 19  Petitions to hold a biennial election and to increase the School Board from 3 to 5 will be heard at a public meeting.

1948  June 25  PJY Club opened its second season.

1947  July 23  The Narr. C or C endorsed two breakwaters at either end of the Pier beach front.

1948  Oct. 29  An artillery battery was activated at Camp Varnum by the RI Nat. Guard.

1949  Mar. 11  The Narr. Planning Board recommended a 750 foot jetty at the south end of the beach to prevent erosion.

1949  Apr. 22  8 wooden buildings at Fort Green are to be sold.

1950  Feb. 3  The First Baptist Church of Narr. will feature a talk by Rev. Harold A. Allen, a radio preacher.

1950  Feb. 17  Gov. and Mrs. Pastore purchased the Bosworth House on the southerly side of Clarke Road in PJ.

1950  Feb. 24  Exchange Place has been renamed “Memorial Square.”

1950  Mar. 24  A fire destroyed the Boy Scout Community Hall on Boon Street.

1950  Apr. 21  21 residents of Jerusalem protested the zoning change of 23 state acres from Residential B and Business D to Commercial E.

1950  May 12  Only 125 persons attend the Annual Financial Town Meeting and approved the work of the budget committee.

1950  July 21  Two articles featured Glenna Collett Vare of the PJCC.

1950  Aug. 12  U.S. Attorney Gen. McGrath was pictured with his guest, the Duke of Winsor, a couple of years ago at Narr.
1950  Oct. 20  Canonchet Farm was sold by Inez S. DuChazaud to Canonchet Realty.

1951  Jan. 19  John Oakley purchased the Dunes Carlton Hotel.

1951  Apr. 20  The Narragansett VFW protested the dismissal of Gen. MacArthur in a letter to President Truman.

1951  July 20  Police Chief Smith was replaced by Lt. Newton of the State Police, after a riot at Moy Lee’s Restaurant on Beach St.

1951  July 20  The PJYC is increasingly active.

1951  July 27  Guy Lombardo and his orchestra attended a clambake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Burt.

1951  Aug 3  Hazard’s Castle was sold at public auction to a Pawtucket resident.

1951  Aug. 10  Royal Little argued for either SK/Narr. subsidizing the NPRR or buying it.

1951  Aug. 24  The 100th anniversary of the South Ferry Church drew 200 attendees.

1951  Nov. 16  Elmer C. Crossley, Deputy-Chief, replaced F. Newton as Chief of Police.

1952  Feb. 29  A huge Fishing Derby is planned by the Narr. C of C from May 15 to Nov. 1.

1952  July 10  The contents of the Breakers Hotel will be auctioned.

1952  July 24  The NPRR is suspending passenger service until repairs can be made.

1952  Nov. 6  “Republicans Register Clean Sweep at Pier.”

1952  Dec. 18  PJ Co-op pays 6% of dividend.

1953  Jan. 15  The NPRR notified the public of the discontinuation of passenger service.

1953  Feb. 19  Jacob Dykstra was elected president of the PJ Co-op.

1953  June 11  The PJ Golf Range on Old PJ Road was advertised.

1953  July 2  Bishop McVinney dedicated the Retreat Center for Boys, Our Lady of Peace Retreat House.
1953  July 19  Six Narr. scouts will attend a week at Camp Yawgoog for the National
Jamboree in Southern California.
1953  Aug. 13  $35,000 was appropriated for a fire truck with an aerial ladder and the
vehicle can be inspected at the Rodman St. Fire Station.
1953  Aug. 20  The US Atlantic Tuna Tournament lured sports fishermen to Narr.
1953  Aug. 20  James Durkin is president of the five-year old Scarborough
Improvement Assoc.
1953  Dec. 10  RI Repr. U.G. Cooper died. He was in office since 1938. He and his
wife owned “Aunt Carrie’s.”
1954  Feb. 18  Rex Coman won the special election to replace RI Repr. Cooper.
1954  Apr.  8  Brownie Troop 4 was presented an America’s Flag by the Narr. VFW.
1954  June 24  Little League is in its fourth year and has enrolled 140 boys and 30
adults.
1954  July 8  Florence Brevoort Kane presented Pres. Eisenhower her sculptured bronze
bust of him.
1954  Sept. 2 and 4  Hurricane Carol caused immense damage in Narr.
1954  Sept. 4  The NT editorialized that the 1938 and 1954 hurricane should be enough
of a warning not to allowing rebuilding along Beach Street.
1954  Sept. 16  Hurricane Edna was uneventful compared to Carol.
1954  Sept. 23  A Beach Restoration Committee was appointed.
1954  Oct. 7  Will Beach Street be cleaned up?
1954  Nov. 4  Arthur L. Quirk, as First Councilman, and Joseph A. LaBelle, as Surveyor
of Highways, are the first Democrats elected since 1936.
1954  Nov. 25  The Narr. Planning Board released its map for an improved “Beach
Street” and “New Boston Neck Road.”
1954  Dec. 2  Gov. Roberts gave a green light to Pier rebuilding program ‘[As with the
previous entry, I am unsure of what parts of these plans were implemented. Much more
study by others is needed here.]
1954  Dec. 9  Narr. voters, at a special meeting, voted 191 to 85 to appropriate $400,000
“to put the town back in the bath house business.”
1954 Dec. 16 The 1955 US Atlantic Tuna Tournament will be held in PJ on Aug. 9, 10, and 11.
Time Period 10
1955-1960 IKE

1955 Jan. 6 Narr. will open bids for construction of new beach facilities. RI will build an 800 foot breakwater fishing pier.

1955 Jan. 13 Narr. wants to limit the beach to residents and some others.

1955 Jan. 27 Michael Traficante’s architectural plans for the new Narr. Beach are beautifully displayed. Names are “Canonchet Bathing Club; “Canonchet Club House;” and the open area of “Little Neck Pond” and “Lake Canonchet.”

1955 Feb. 10 The Rev. Ernest M. Hoyt, Senior Chaplain of VA’s Bronx Hospital, will be the rector of St. Peter’s.

1955 Feb. 17 Blue and Gold Dinner marks 5th year of Pier Cub Scouts.

1955 Apr. 21 The Narr. Ground Observer Corps is used as the model for US and is the best in RI.

1955 July 7 The Escape Road for Galilee relieves congestion.

1955 July 21 The Narr. School Committee chose 20 acres on Lakewood Highlands next to Sprague Memorial Park for the new school.

1955 July 28 Tuna Derby reports 25 teams entered.

1955 July 28 A children’s croquet tournament will be at the Sprague Memorial Field playground.

1955 Aug. 18 Heavy seas cause two Pier drownings.

1955 Sept. 1 A doll carriage parade drew many entries at Sprague Memorial Park.

1955 Nov. 10 The Sea Breeze Improvement Assoc. of Sand Hill Cove was formed.

1955 Nov. 17 Joseph Monahan is the Chair of the RI Open Salt Water Fishing Derby.

1955 Dec. 15 The US Atlantic Tuna Tournament returns next August.

1955 Dec. 22 Gov. Roberts, after getting 800 signatures from PJ, announced an 128 acre wildlife sanctuary between the new Galilee Road and Sand Hill Cove Road.
1956  Feb. 2  Artie Quirk from Narr. was chosen the 1955 RI School Athlete of the Year. His chief athletic skill was pitching. [He spent parts of the 1962 and 1963 season in the American League with Baltimore and Washington respectively.]

1956  Feb. 23  The Anchorage on Beach Street was closed for 70 days for serving a minor.

1956  Apr. 12  The RI First Annual Open Salt Water Fishing Derby will run from Aug. 14 to Nov. 3 with $13,500 worth of prizes.


1956  July 5  The Dunes Club hosted the annual outing of the RI Bar Association with 400 members and guests. Some of these availed themselves of the PJCC.

1956  Aug. 2  The Planning Board revived a 1938 plan to move businesses inland. Businesses on Beach Street would be relocated on the west side of Boon St. Beach Street would be higher. Boston Neck Road would be relocated.

1956  Aug. 2  300 houses will be built on the site of the former Narr. CC on Woodruff Ave and Old PJ Road. The homes are the subject of a 16-page article in Aug.’s House and Garden magazine.

1956  Aug. 9  78 teams will compete for the fourth try at Galilee for the Atlantic Tuna Tournament.

1956  Sept. 13  The PJ Yacht Club announced winning junior skippers.

1956  Sept. 13  Jacob Dykstra was allowed to construct finger piers and a retaining wall on PJ Pond.

1956  Sept. 13  Gov. Roberts and Senator Kennedy had lunch at the Dunes Club.

1956  Nov. 8  The Christian Brothers acquired the unfinished Newberry mansion and 105 acres to operate a novitiate. Also the O’Shaughnessy estate on Boston Neck Road was sold to Thomas J. McNamara.

1956  Nov. 29  The noted sculptress Florence Brevoort Kane died.

1957  Jan. 3  The Narr. VFW will replace its burned-out post home. Sketches of the new building were shown.

1957  Jan. 10  A special financial town meeting will discuss the purchase of the casino site.
1957  May 16  A small number of voters voted and approved a bond not to exceed $850,000 for a new school.

1957  May 23  Over 400 pre-school children and young adults from 6 months to 20 years old are registered for the Narr. Polio Clinic at the Fifth Ave. school.

1957  June 27  John Verges was master of ceremonies at the dedication of Narr. Memorial Post No. 5686.

1957  July 18  A “For Sale” ad was placed for the Ocean View Hotel on Beach Street.

1957  Aug. 15  The 1957 Tuna Tournament is off to a slow start.

1957  Aug. 22  The residents of Great Island complained about the odor coming from PJ Dehydrating Processing Plant.

1957  Oct. 10  Emilio Papa was elected President of the Narr. Rescue Corps.

1957  Jan. 23  John H. Stiness spoke on plans to extend the tourist season.

1958  Feb. 6  The US Army Corps of Engineers met with town officials about the proposed beach barrier.

1958  Mar. 12  RI Sen. Westlake requested $40,000 to restore Tucker’s Dock.

1958  Apr. 3  Sen. Westlake resigns to be on the RI Board of Elections after 20 years of service in the RI Senate.

1958  Apr. 17  The 75th anniversary of the First Baptist Church will be celebrated by 3 events. (See history of May 1, 1958).

1958  May 15  Fire caused severe damage to Casa Grande on the westerly side of Ocean Road.

1958  May 29  The Christian Brothers will spend in excess of $1,000,000 to convert the unfinished Newberry mansion into a novitiate.

1958  June 5  Night time blaze destroys Beechwood Hotel.

1958  June 5  Former RI Repr. Coman is elected to replace Sen. Westlake but Democrat Harold N. Nichols is chosen for the RI Repr. seat over Richard Caswell. This is the first time a Democrat has won a RI Assembly seat since 1908.

1958  June 12  A storm observation post will be set-up at the Coast Guard Station in PJ.

1958  July 5  Fort Greene is getting a new look under Army Reserve Program.
1958    July 24  The first annual NE Championship 20 Kilometer Marathon Run will be held in Narr.


1958    Aug. 14  Over 2000 attended the Flower Show at the VFW Post.

1958    Aug. 21  After the US Atlantic Tuna Tournament ended with 51 giant blue fins, the RI Tuna Tournament will be held on Aug. 30 to Sept. 1.

1958    Sept. 4  Wilson Boothroyd, Tom Greene, and Robbie Leonard won events at PJY Club.

1958    Sept. 18  Two Vietnamese national police officers were house guests of Lt. and Mrs. Frank Robinson. The two police officers are studying scientific police investigation.


1958    Dec. 11  Nine improvements for PJ Harbor and Salt Pond will be discussed by SK, Narr., at a public hearing.

1959    Jan. 8  Fire, whipped by winds of nearly hurricane velocity, entirely destroyed the Narr. Marine Laboratory on South Ferry Road.

1959    Jan. 22  The US Air Force Ground Observer Corps. will be closed.

1959    Feb. 5  Roger C. Albistan, an engineer with the US Army Corps. of Engineers, spoke about plans to improve the beach economic area so to improve tourism. These plans were endorsed by Narr. Town Council (NT 2/19/59).

1959    Mar. 5  The fifth seminar in the Narr. Marine Lab series was given by Theodore A. Napor.

1959    Apr. 2  Salty Brine, chair of the Easter Seal Campaign, has many different acts for the benefit of that charity.

1959    May 14  Narr. Junior High students gave two evening performance of an abridged version of “Iolanthe” by Gilbert and Sullivan.

1959    May 21  Rev. Paul E. McMahon of Col. John Gardner Road will sing his first mass at St. Philomena’s.
1959 Aug. 13 Only one giant tuna of 458 ½ lbs. was caught on the first day of The Atlantic Tuna Tournament.

1959 Aug. 13 Johnny Kelley won the 2nd Annual N.E. Marathon (12 ½ miles) by a whole mile of the second place runner.

1959 Aug. 20 Teachers in SK, Narr. and Jamestown will vote on social security coverage.

1959 Sept. 10 Fort Kearney will be the site of the first state-owned and operated Nuclear Science Center in the U.S.

1959 Dec. 16 The newly constructed Junior High School on Mumford Road finally opens.

1960 Jan. 7 Narr. and SK are favorably disposed to a $2 million hurricane projection project with the Federal Government paying 70% for Matunuck and PJ Pond.

1960 Jan. 28 The Narragansett Beach Commission favors a new ballroom and a swimming pool.

1960 May 5 Twelve students from the 9th Grade Civics class visited the UN.

1960 June 2 The family of the late Peter Engledrun left the town an 1898 photo by W. Davidson of the “Pier Beach in its Heyday.”

1960 June 2 The Narragansett C of C will sponsor a children’s Fishing Rodeo.

1960 June 30 RI will start rebuilding Monahan’s Dock to result in an 281 foot pier.

1960 July 14 The 2nd annual RI Life Saving Week was held successfully at the Pier.

1960 July 21 Pros and Cons (about cost of) greeted the issue of sewers in Scarborough area.

1960 July 21 There was hope that a combination aquarium, marine land and museum would happen near the new marine lab.

1960 July 21 The Narr. Marine Laboratory has a new building in operation at Fort Kearney.

1960 July 28 Construction of the expanded PJ Dehydrating Process Co. is happening.

1960 Aug. 4 Buster Crabbe ranks Narr. as the best skin diving territory in NE.

1960 Aug. 18 This year’s Atlantic Tuna Tournament started slowly but picked up.
1960  Aug. 18  Gulf Oil Co. offered the former Casino property to Narr. for $38,000.

1960  Aug. 18  The Narr. Café will sponsor a pet show.

1960  Aug. 18  The Narr. Marine Lab of URI is studying SC ponds and rivers.

1960  Sept. 1  St. Philomena’s parochial school on Boon St. and Rodman will be the first Catholic School in Narr.

1960  Sept. 15  Prior notification of the storm modified the effects of Hurricane Donna.

1960  Sept. 22  James & Louisa Briggs petitioned successfully the Town Council for 300 lots to comprise a new residential development.

1960  Sept. 22  A large cattle barn at Canonchet Farms was destroyed by fire.

1960  Oct. 6  The Charles J. Fish Oceanographic Lab will be dedicated.

1960  Nov. 11  For the first time since 1936, the Democrats win control of the Town Council.

1960  Dec. 29  Judge James O. Watts was honored by the Town Council for his 38 years of service to the town.
**Time Period 11**  
**JFK, LBJ, 1961-1968**

1961  Feb. 2  Narr. plans to extend its sewer system, especially in the “uncivilized” Scarborough and Great Island areas.

1961  Feb. 23  SK and Narr. plan for a regional sewer system.

1961  Mar. 2  Gov. Notte will not delay the updating of rentals on state property in Galilee.

1961  Mar. 9  SK and Narr. received a multi-purpose plan for the PJ Pond area from the Army Corps. of Engineers.

1961  Mar. 23  The NT revisited a 44-year old plan to build a Pier to stop the decay of Narr..

1961  Apr. 6  Three new Class B liquor licenses were added. There were 4 more awaiting action.

1961  Apr. 27  Two URI professors of agriculture economics and a professor biological oceanography will study the RI fishing industry.

1961  Apr. 27  The US Atlantic Tuna Tournament will be in PJ again.

1961  May 11  The NT editorialized on the mess in the Casino area.

1961  May 11  John A. Knauss is the new Dean of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography.

1961  June 22  After 34 years of annual services, the South Ferry Church will hold weekly summer services.

1961  June 29  Young gangs during the summer months will have their “rowdyism” controlled by new ordinances.

1961  July 27  The Third Annual Auto-Rama will be held on Sunday.

1961  Aug. 10  The 4th Annual RI Tuna Tournament will be held on VJ weekend.

1961  Aug. 17  Giro’s was 11 and 0 and Iggy’s 9 and 1 to lead the local softball league.

1961  Sept. 14  Congregation Beth David will hold groundbreaking ceremonies for its synagogue.
1961  Sept. 14  Tony Blair caught a 758 lbs. tuna to lead the Atlantic Tuna Tournament.

1961  Oct. 12  The RI Oceanarium Inc. sold 12 ½ acres adjoining the Narr. Marine Lab to URI.

1961  Oct. 26  The Narr. Pier Free Library building on Kingstown Road is to be dedicated.

1961  Nov. 2  Marilyn Trainor will be a missionary in Dutch New Guinea and was commissioned at the First Baptist Church.

1961  Dec. 7  David Rubien wanted to build a motel on Beach Street, once occupied by the old Town Beach Pavilion.

1961  Dec. 28  Thirty people contributed $39,500 to buy the land formerly occupied by the Casino. 12 contributors of $2,500 were: Mrs. Wallace Campbell; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Donovan; Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Ewing; Thomas Ewing III; Mrs. R.H. Ives Goddard; Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Hazard; Mr. and Mrs. R. Henry 2nd; Margaret B. Levey; Royal Little; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M.F. Ott; F. Warren Pershing; and Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Vare, Jr. The land was to be a public park.

1962  Jan. 11  A shopping center development was proposed at the old Country Club property, near the US Route 1 relocation project.

1962  Feb. 1  Councilman Houston explored the possibility of constructing a breakwater for a boat harbor at Tucker’s Dock.

1962  Feb. 15  The School Committee did not include salary increases for teachers in its budget request.

1962  Feb. 22  The Narr. Town Council endorsed the PTA proposal for a non-partisan school board.

1962  Feb. 15  The US Army Engineer Division proposed many changes for the PJ area for hurricane protection, beach erosion, and navigation improvement at PJ.

1962  Mar. 22  Galilee will host the US Atlantic tuna Tournament for the 10th consecutive year.

1962  May 3  US Repr. Fogarty said emergency measure will be taken immediately to alleviate dangerous shoaling conditions in the PJ Breachway.

1962  May 17  The Breakers Hotel will reopen after almost three years.

1962  Aug. 9  Capt. J. Everett Clark claimed that he named “Galilee” and “Jerusalem.”


1962 Sept. 13 Four URI scientists left on the maiden voyage of the Trident from San Diego to RI.


1962 Oct. 4 There was a photo of the construction of a new annex at St. Peter’s.

1962 Nov. 8 Republicans win back town council and school committee.

1963 Apr. 4 A brand new Narr. Little League will be formed.

1963 May 30 The Atlantic House which recently changed hands will probably not be open this season.

1963 June 20 Narr. Solicitor Judge Watts recommended a town-owned water company.

1963 June 20 Narr. Town Council President, Richard Colvin, became temporary Chief of Police to replace the resigned Frank Robinson.

1963 June 27 There was a ten-day suspension of the liquor license at the Surf Hotel for sale to minors.

1963 July 18 The Dept. of HEW appropriated $206,800 for sewers in Scarborough.

1963 July 18 A Narr. Legion member threatened a reporter after an illegal gambling incident at the Eicke-Tefft Post.

1963 July 18 The two-day Narr. Festival is expecting more attendees than the 3,000 for last year.

1963 July 25 Owners of the Carlton Hotel face a gambling charge before the Town Council.

1963 July 25 The RI Tuna Tournament has more registrations than 1962.

1963 Aug. 22 The Annual Flower Show sponsored by the Narr. Garden Club and the Narr. C of C attracted a continuous flow of visitors during Saturday and even greater numbers on Sunday.
1963  Aug. 29  John W. Miller announced plans for a salt water pool and heated salt water baths at ocean side.

1963  Sept. 12  The PJ Yacht Club had the most activity in its history.

1963  Oct. 10  An estimate of $92,000 for the dredging of Narrow River north of Sprague Bridge was received by the Rural Area Development Committee.

1963  Oct. 17  NK and Narr. were satisfied with a joint effort for children of limited ability.

1963  Oct. 17  The Mettatuxet Community Hall has been completed.

1963  Oct. 24  The Trident logged 30,000 miles in 11 scientific cruises in the first year at URI.

1963  Nov. 7  The Narr. Planning Board refused to endorse the purchase of the VFW Hall on Kingstown Road.

1963  Dec. 12  The NT editorialized that Galilee, if improved by the State, could be self-sustaining.

1963  Dec. 19  The US Dept. of Interior will study sports fishing at Ft. Kearney as part of a US Govt. investment of $3,500,000 at URI’s Narr. Bay Campus.

1964  Jan. 30  28 persons from SK and Narr. from industry, fishing, government, restaurants, and educators propose a PJ Port Authority.

1964  Jan 30  There was a photo of Major League Baseball (senators) Dave Stenhouse congratulating Bobby Lancaster, the leading hitter for the Hawks—Narr. Little League champions.


1964  Feb. 27  (Judge) Harold Arcaro paid $21,500 for the mortgage to the Towers and paid $6,883 back taxes to Narr.

1964  Feb. 27  Galilee was once again chosen for the US Atlantic Tuna Tournament, continuing its run since 1953.

1964  Feb. 27  Galilee will host the 2nd annual Roger Williams Swordfish Tournament.

1964  Mar. 5  Graduate Dean Peter H. Nash (URI) said less nostalgia over the past and more enthusiasm for what Narr. might become in the future as the guideline for successful planning.
1964  Mar. 26  The Narr. Town Council approved a zoning change for an 80-acre tract off South Ferry Road for the $900,000 oceanarium.

1964  Apr. 23  Three Narr. fishermen are still missing after searchers find the dory of the PJ vessel “Questions.”

1964  Apr. 30  A $1,165,000 research center devoted to the study of shellfish problems, will be dedicated in the 82-acre Narr. Bay Campus of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography.

1964  May 7  John F. Toomey received a framed certificate of appreciation from the RI Heart Assoc. for outstanding performance in its record-breaking fund-raising campaign.

1964  May 21  The 108 year-old Bayview Hotel, which in two locations and under a variety of names, is up for sale.

1964  June 11  Henry Ise, Chief of RI Div. of Harbors and Rivers, blames inadequate funds and the fact that he is “compelled to hire help which is absolutely worthless” for a deterioration of state port facilities at Galilee over the past several years.

1964  June 18  93 graduated from Narr. Jr. High before an audience of 1,000.

1964  June 25  Class D and Class C championships of the RI World Golf Association were settled at the PJCC. Class B and Class A will be played next week.

1964  July 16  The 6th annual RI State Life Saving Week in Narr. was announced by Capt. Roger W. Wheeler.

1964  Aug. 6  A committee recommends cutting the work week of policemen from 60 to 48 hours, the hours for firemen from 77 to 63, and adding 5 hrs. to the present 30 hour week for Town Hall employees.

1964  Aug. 13  Summertime members will allow a new paint job for the South Ferry Church.

1964  Aug. 27  Peat, Marwick, Mitchell estimated a cost of $15,000 for it to study the economic potential of PJ harbor facilities and of the feasibility of a self-supporting, public port authority.

1964  Aug. 27  The 7th Annual RI Tuna Tournament will be held at Galilee.

1964  Sept. 3  An ad was placed for the Narr. Policemen’s Ball at the Hi-Lo Casino.

1964  Sept. 10  75 Youngsters exhibited pets at the 5th Annual Pet Show in Narr.
1964  Sept. 24  The Narr. Manor (formerly “The Carlton Hotel”) is now offering room and board for URI single male students and instructors.

1964  Nov. 5  Democrats capture 3 of the 5 council seats.

1964  Nov. 12  The Surf Hotel in Narr. was extensively damaged by a fire.

1964  Nov. 19  The PJ Fishermen’s Co-op purchased the fish byproducts plant at Galilee.

1964  Dec. 03  About 100 persons, including state and town officials, devotees of surfboarding, and interested observers agreed that bathing and surfing are not compatible at the same place at the same time.

1964  Dec. 10  John F. Toomey was named Heart Fund chair of the Washington County Area “B.”

1965  Feb. 25  Police Chief Colvin was reinstated. However, his lawyer suffered a fatal heart attack during a town council meeting on Colvin.

1965  Mar. 25  The Narr. Town Council did not grant permission for an American Legion summer carnival, because of an illegal gambling booth at a Legion-sponsored carnival two years ago.

1965  Apr. 1  J. Anthony Hannold purchased the dormant Narr. Pier RR and is planning to open up with excursions and with freight.

1965  Apr. 15  There will be two new buildings at URI’s Bay Campus.

1965  May 6  A move for charter reform in Narr. gains a lot of steam.

1965  June 3  Construction will begin at Galilee in August on a 64-unit motel including a restaurant and 2 salt-water swimming pools.

1965  June 24  Tom O’Hearn will be in Lima, Peru where he and 10 other RI schoolboy basketball players will embark on a four-week South American “People to People” basketball tour of 5 countries.

1965  July 8  Twelve emergency water tanks for use in Narr.’s drought-plagued North End will be available from RI civil defense officials.

1965  July 8  The newly-formed Narr. Preservation and Improvement Assoc. will oppose the U.S. Corps of Army Engineer’s multipurpose hurricane protection plan and investigate alternative ways of protecting shoreline areas from the Towers north. Among the 12 board members are: Alexander DiMartino; Frank L. Hinkley, Jr.; Paul J. Choquette, Jr.; Bernard V. Bonanno, Jr.; Mrs. Lila Delman; and Royal Little.
1965 July 15 A wind-swept blaze whipped through the Towers.

1965 July 15 A hurricane protection plan for Narr. first designed in 1939 and revived in 1954 will be an alternative to the Army Corps. plan.

1965 July 22 Harold C. Arcaro, owner of the Towers, still hopes to preserve it for the town.

1965 July 22 Narr. and SK are hopeful for an agreement on joint use of the Scarborough Hills Sewer System.


1965 Aug. 19 Opposition to the Corps’ plan will center on a study of relocating the town’s business district to Boon St.

1965 Aug. 26 There are 225 entries in the competitive groups of the Annual Flower Show of the Narr. Garden Club.

1965 Aug. 26 500 US Coast Guard Academy cadets will visit Narr. on Sept 6 and will take part in a reception, band concert, and block party.

1965 Sept. 2 The PJ Fishermen’s Co-op will open its new industrial fish processing plant at Galilee next week.

1965 Sept. 23 The Town Council approved a private study to be done by Arthur D. Little Co. for $8,000. It will study the feasibility of the so-called “Fritz Hazard” plan which razes a number of buildings on Beach Street, reroutes the street further away from the water, and makes a park of the present business district.

1965 Oct. 21 Narr. taxpayers dealt a tremendous 480-6 defeat to the Army Corps of Engineer’s plan for multi-purpose hurricane protection plan.

1965 Oct. 28 The NT editorialized that Narr voters turn their attention to structural improvements at Galilee.

1965 Nov. 18 Charter Study wins easily in 5 to 1.

1965 Dec. 2 512 new homes have been built in Narr. in the last four years.

1965 Dec. 16 A low-lying area of Sprague Park will soon become a large skating rink and may double in warm weather as an old fashioned fishing hole.

1965 Dec. 16 A Port Authority is recommended for Galilee by a NY consultant.

1965   Dec. 30   John W. Miller dies. He brought big bands and silent films to Narr. and owned the “New” Casino.

1966   Jan. 6   Arthur D. Little Assoc. recommend Harvard professor Charles W. Eliot to plan urban renewal within the mouth of Narrow River to the Towers.

1966   Jan. 13   SK and Narr. started to explore consolidation.

1966   Jan. 27   The owner of the Towers said he has no intention to tear it down and will fix the roof.

1966   Feb. 17   Police Chief Colvin bemoaned his lack of ability to discipline policemen.

1966   Mar. 3   The rock pile at Narr. Town Beach concerned the Town Council, which asked the US Corps of Engineers to halt erosion at the south corner of the beach.

1966   Mar. 10   Associates of Royal Little—a Harvard grad—raised $500,000 for the Royal Little Professor of Bus. Admin. at Harvard.

1966   May 12   Wakefield Water Co refused to relinquish its rights for north end water rights.

1966   May 19   The Narr. School Committee established the first summer school.

1966   May 26   Gov. Chafee signed a bill allowing the state to take title of the Towers.

1966   June 23   Leo E. Fournier will restore the Towers with funds provided from the Narr. Preservation and Improvement Association.

1966   June 30   The Bonnet Shores Terrace Assoc. strongly opposed an apartment building east of the new shopping center on Boston Neck Road.

1966   July 21   The RI Pub. Utility Admin. certified to the US Govt. that Wakefield Water is economically unable to supply water to the North End.

1966   Aug. 11   The Beth David Synagogue will dedicate a new Torah scroll.

1966   Aug. 25   Narr. School Committee took steps to acquired three future school sites.

1966   Aug. 25   Rockland Street is the first town highway to get sidewalks under a program of putting sidewalks on one street a year.
1966 Sept. 8 With reapportioned voting lines (“One Man, One Vote”), Sen. Coman and Repr. Caswell will face a primary with two SK Republicans.

1966 Sept. 15 The Narr. Town Council approved a zoning exemption to allow a 39 unit apt. bldg. adjacent to the SC Medical Assoc. building.

1966 Sept. 22 The federal govt. granted Narr. $489,000 to construct a municipal water system in the North End.

1966 Sept. 22 Narr. Democrats gave the proposed new charter unqualified support.

1966 Oct. 6 Town officials revealed the possibility of a $4 million Apt. Complex 17 stories high at Olivo’s Beach.

1966 Oct. 20 Narr. police asked for a 40-hour work week with 5 new full-time patrolmen.


1966 Nov. 10 The new charter was approved but Republicans regained control of town council and school committee.

1966 Nov. 24 The RI National Guard will greatly increase its use of Fort Varnum as a training facility.

1966 Nov. 24 Fourth and fifth grade students will be moved to six relocatable classrooms.

1966 Dec. 8 Maxine Mason, a math teacher at Narr. Jr. High, was selected as RI’s candidate for national “Teacher of the Year.”

1966 Dec. 15 The Beach House Motel at Scarborough will add 15 rooms and a pool.

1966 Dec. 15 The RI Dept of Natural Resources plans to allocate $500,000 to turn a Galilee picnic area into a 91-acre state park.

1967 Jan. 12 URI Oceanography School’s Dean John Knauss was appointed by Pres. Johnson to the National Commission of Marine Science, Engineering and Resources.

1967 Jan. 12 Gov. Chafee will deed the Towers to Narr. next week.

1967 Jan. 19 Narr. and SK will hold a public meeting to discuss joint dump and sewerage efforts.
1967  Jan. 26  Narr. Girl Scouts will canvass for the annual “Mothers’ March” campaign for the March of Dimes.

1967  Feb. 2  The Surf Hotel on Beach Street and Peterson’s Colony Motel will be sold by Narr. for non-payment of taxes.

1967  Feb. 23  The old Carlton Hotel may be razed to make way for a motel with a swimming pool and restaurant facilities.

1967  Feb. 23  The federal government approved six units for the elderly.

1967  Mar. 16  With Charlie Thomas scoring 68 points, the Narr. team is 10 and 0 in The Teenage League by beating the Mammoths 103 to 37.

1967  Mar. 30  Narr. taxpayers approved a $650,00 bond issue for a 13-room junior high addition.

1967  Apr. 6  The 7th annual RI Game Fish Award will run from April 16 through Oct. 31.

1967  Apr. 20  The first Striped Bass Tournament will be held on Aug. 11-14 for between 4000 to 6000 striped bass and bluefish anglers.

1967  May 4  Plans for a new road and a revised traffic pattern at Galilee were announced by the R.I. Dept. of Natural Resources.

1967  May 4  Sidney Kramer was appointed as redevelopment coordinator by the Narra. Pres. And Imp. Assoc.

1967  May 18  Taxpayers voted 172-122 to end the financial town meeting.

1967  May 18  Narr. town solicitor (Judge James O. Watts) argued that urban renewal can be gained only at the cost of regimentation by the Federal Government.

1967  June 22  The Narr. Citizens Com. For Urban Renewal completes the Housing Code, which is required by the fed. govt. before funds can be allocated.

1967  July 20  A seven-lot tract between Mansion and Atlanta Avenues is site for elderly housing project.

1967  July 27  It is possible that the fed. govt. would pay 75% and the state 12 ½% for Narr. urban renewal.

1967  Aug. 17  Sidney O. Young, Jr. from NJ was named the first town manager.
1967  Aug. 24  Freshman Skipper David Ousterhout and home-made PJ 15, “Pot O’Gold” were the victors at the PJ Yacht Club.

1967  Aug. 31  The Narr. Rescue Corps. has a new, two-bay headquarters building on Avice St.


1967  Sept. 28  A five-member urban renewal committee was established with 4 members appointed: Alexander A. DeMartino; Douglas M. Rosie; Royal Little; and Edward Nigrellli.

1967  Oct. 12  Narr. dissolved the Water Commission and The Beach Commission, assigning those tasks to the town manager.


1967  Oct. 19  URI educators recommend that Narr. and SK immediately regionalize their school systems and construct a new high school.

1967  Oct. 26  A proposal for an 120 unit apartment complex (in the old Narr. Country Club) was introduced for the west side of PJ Road about 1,800 feet south of Woodruff Ave.

1967  Nov. 7  The SK-Narr. regional school study committee unanimously recommended creation of a regional school committee which would serve both towns.

1967  Nov. 7  Construction has started on a 6 unit office building on the west side of Boston Neck Road.

1967  Nov. 14  The 120 apartments were approved by Narr. Zoning.

1968  Feb. 22  URI and 2 west coast universities were awarded the first sea grants from the federal government.

1968  Feb. 22  The newly-formed Sports Fisherman of Narr. started a campaign to obtain boat landing facilities between Anawan Cliffs and PJ, the dredging of Narrow River, and the reconstruction of a “cliff walk” between Tucker’s Dock and Scarborough Beach which was obliterated in the 1938 hurricane.

1968  Mar. 7  The Narr. town council endorsed school regionalization with SK.

1968  Mar. 21  Narr. officials strongly opposed the state camp grounds in Galilee.
1968   Mar. 21 About 110 projects are at the Narr. Senior High School third annual Science Fair.

1968   Mar. 28 A state planner singled out the Boon Street/Continental St. area as being in bad shape.

1968   Apr.  4 Narr. cub scouts had a display on Kingstown Road to remind motorists not to litter.

1968   Apr. 18 An ad “Why Regionalize Our Local School Districts” was placed by the SK-Narr. League of Women Voters.

1968   May  2 Despite rising and spiraling construction costs, home building in Narr. is reaching record proportions.

1968   May  9 SK voted for regionalization but Narr. voters went against it 443-325.

1968   May 16 John A. Mulligan will be honored for his 18 years as Narr. Town Clerk at the Lighthouse Inn.

1968   May 30 Mrs. Dorothy (Randolph) Mills, widow of Ogden L. Mills, died in New York City.

1968   June  6 Fire Chief Monahan and Police Chief Colvin, after two drown, call for water rescue operation within the Municipal Fire Departments.

1968   June 27 School Superintendent O’Brien will try to regionalize with NK and Jamestown.

1968   July  1 SK School Super. Sarkesian stated SK must either construct an addition to its high school or phase out students from Narr.

1968   July 18 Robert C. Hindle, 17 years-old, will sponsor his 5th annual Jimmy Fund event in honor of his late sister. The event is held on a miniature golf course on his parents’ lawn.

1968   July 25 A request for a 32-unit motel at Narr. Ave. and Boon St. is before the Narr. Zoning and Platting Board of Review.

1968   Aug.  1 Ted Williams and Curt Gowdy will enter the second annual PJ Bass and Bluefish Tournament.

1968   Aug. 22 The Fed. Govt. approved $204,500 for renewal planning and earmarked $2,275,000 more for construction costs. The 28.5 acre area has boundaries: Ouida St. on the north; Caswell St. on the west; Kingstown Road and Courtway on the south; and Beach St. on the east.
1968  Aug. 29  Two (Horacio Iglesias, Argentina and Abdel-Latep Abou-Herf, Arab Army officer) tie in a 15 mile swim from Sand Hill Cove to Block Island. Two others of the 17 starters finished.

1968  Sept. 5  The Narr. Zoning Board denied The Boon Street motel.

1968  Sept. 5  NT editorialized about town council elections being at large, like that of the school committee.

1968  Sept. 12  Charles A. Maguire and Assoc. found Narr. sewer plant inadequate and recommended SK and URI join Narr. in a regionalized sewerage system.

1968  Sept. 26  The Fifth Ave. school has added relocatable classrooms, in addition to that at the junior high.

1968  Oct. 3  Two new buildings will be dedicated on the URI Narr. Bay Campus, marking the first major expansion in 8 years.

1968  Oct. 3  School Super. O’Brien wants to try again to regionalize with SK.


1968  Oct. 17  $1 million of a $7 million Natural Resources bond issue will be used mainly to replace the steel bulk heading to the water line.

1968  Oct. 31  The SK School Board considers phase-out of Narr. students.

1968  Nov. 7  Democrats are seemingly in control, depending on absentee ballots.

1968  Nov. 21  SK and Narr. eligible for the federal food stamp program.

1968  Nov. 28  The count of absentee ballots formally elected 4 Democrats on the council and all 5 on the school committee.

1968  Nov. 28  Relocation interviews for residents of the proposed urban renewal projects will be started.
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1969  Jan 23  The Narr. Town Council approved two zoning changes which would permit the development of an 100 acre oceanographic research park off South Ferry Road.

1969  Jan 23  Carol Martin is in the Peace Corps in Botswana.

1969  Jan 30  Town manager Young resigned after only 16 months.

1969  Jan 30  The urban renewal area would include a shopping center; four “high rise” apartment units for 200 families; and a motel.

1969  Feb. 6  Jamestown dropped out of any attempt at regionalization.

1969  Feb 27  SK will not accept new students from Narr. as of Sept. 1970.

1969  Mar 13  John Mulligan is appointed second town manager.

1969  Mar 27  Prof. Frank White is temporary president of a Narr. Citizens’ unit stimulating exchange of ideas on its education system.

1969  Mar 27  In an article on the revised age for entering the Christian Brothers Novitiate, it was noted that Barnes Newberry had spent $800,000 in 1928-1929 on his mansion but did not complete it.

1969  June 5  Narr. and SK voters approved a regional sewer plan.

1969  June 26  Urban renewal was approved 1,172 to 474 along with a $200,000 bond issue.

1969  June 26  A citizens group finds the Fifth Ave. School to be pitifully neglected.

1969  July 3  The RI Dept. of Natural Resources has begun the 1969 Game Fish Awards Contest.

1969  July 10  61 artists exhibited over 2,000 paintings at the annual Narr. Art Festival. Anne Holdredge (15 years old and living at Harbour Island) won a third prize in the oils category.

1969  July 17  Charles A. Maguire Assoc. is to begin drawing preliminary plans and specifications to sewer all unserviced areas.
1969  July 31  Rev. Scott from St. Peter’s will let teens use the guild hall for a coffee house.

1969  July 31  The third Narr. Preservation Ball will be held at the Dunes Club to provide funds for planning urban renewal and for the Towers.

1969  Aug. 21  Sam Snead will take part in the third annual Pro-Am at PJCC. The tournament benefits the Narr. Preservation and Improvement Assoc.

1969  Aug. 21  The RI and the US Atlantic Tuna Tournament will be focusing on the “Nebraska Shoal.”

1969  Aug. 28  A sketch of the planned building and dock complex for the new Block Island ferry was shown.

1969  Sept. 4  A first-day head count showed an increase of 116 students or 14%.

1969  Sept. 11  URI purchased 40 acres and took a 2-year option on another 40 acres from the South Ferry Corp.

1969  Oct. 2  Mrs. Ella Iverson, R.N., a public health nurse in Narr. since 1945, was named “Woman of the Year” by the URI Business and Professional Women’s Club.

1969  Oct. 16  NK is unlikely to take Narr. high school students.

1969  Oct. 16  An 11-year-old Providence boy fell into the ocean off Newton Ave. and is presumed drowned.

1969  Oct. 23  Frank White will chair a citizens’ group to study a high school in Narr.

1969  Nov. 6  US Dept. of Interior granted $50,000 for the second stage of development at the campus area at Fort Greene.

1969  Nov. 6  A photo of Monahan’s Dock was shown of the 5th drowning victim in the last two years.

1969  Nov. 20  The Democrat Town Council replaced Douglas Rosie from the urban renewal board with the Democrat town committee chair, John Hickey.

1969  Nov. 27  Gov. Licht announced the Narr. Industrial Dev. Corp. is the first project to promote industrial development.

1969  Dec. 4  John Mulligan urged the town council to buy the Hi-Lo Casino for recreational use and extend the Thompson playground.
1969 Dec 4 The Towers is declared a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Dept. of Interior.

1969 Dec. 4 Saul B. Saila, URI Prof. of Marine Biology is experimenting in “Aquaculture.”

1969 Dec. 11 Raymond E. Trainor, Jr. is the West Bay Area Chairman for the 1970 RI Heart Fund.

1969 Dec. 18 Roger Wheeler of Narr., a RI recreational safety officer, died.

1970 Jan. 8 RI is ready for the first phase of a complete restoration of Galilee.

1970 Jan. 29 35 South County high schoolers are learning the mysteries of the ocean through Explorer Port 27, an organization sponsored by the federal Marine Game Fish Research Lab.

1970 Feb. 12 A 1,000 pupil junior-senior high would cost $3.5 million with $2.5 million being local money.

1970 Feb. 12 The first 2-year police contract was signed.

1970 Mar. 12 Sand Hill Cove State Beach was renamed for Roger W. Wheeler.

1970 May 7 The town set its renewal guidelines in one more version of the sketch, “A Mess” as editorialized by the NT.

1970 May 14 A $217,900 contract to improve a 560 foot strip of shoreline from George’s Restaurant to Champlin’s fish market is authorized.

1970 June 4 USHUD approved the Narr. Urban renewal process and added almost $300,000 to the original amount.

1970 June 18 The NT lobbied for completion of Monahan’s Cove, adding the final leg to Tucker’s Dock which would create a small boat harbor within a short distance of the renewal area.

1970 July 2 USNSF awarded a $900,000 sea grant to URI and a contingent grant of $1,125,000 in 1971.

1970 July 9 USFHA has approved Narr.’s $500,000, 32 unit moderate-income complex on an extension of Caswell Street.

1970 July 9 An ad was placed for the “Gail Frances” from Galilee to observe the America’s Cup event.
1970 July 30 Nine firms have requested guidelines for Narr.’s urban renewal project.

1970 Aug. 6 Town officials raised $1,300 for the Little League in a donkey baseball game before 1,000 spectators at Sprague Field.

1970 Aug. 20 More than 100 persons from NK and Narr. attended a meeting of the newly formed Narrow River Preservation Assoc. (NRPA) which, as its first task to save 225 acres of virtual wilderness for posterity.

1970 Aug. 20 Town councilmen protested the complete state of disrepair at Fort Nathanial Greene.

1970 Aug. 27 The NT strongly lobbied for Narrow River preservation of 225-acre (Kelgrant) from near Boston Neck Road to the eastern shore of Narrow River.

1970 Sept. 3 NT published a 1785 poem on the Pettaquamscutt by Emma Robinson.

1970 Sept. 3 The 13th annual RI Tuna Tournament drew 800 to track bluefins.

1970 Sept. 10 The Narr. Police Station was firebombed.

1970 Sept. 10 The NT editorialized: “More important, though, it (Narrow River) is probably the last major, unspoiled river in RI. It would be a crime to allow it to deteriorate to the condition of some of the open sewers in the northern sections of RI.”

1970 Sept. 24 The contents of Villa Vostra, a 22-room mansion on Ocean Road, set amid 13 acres of formal gardens, towering pines, and slate decorated patios, will be sold at public auction.

1970 Oct. 1 A softball field will be constructed at Sprague Park.

1970 Oct. 1 The owners of “Kelgrant” – the Narr. Council, Boy Scouts of America – rule out the 225 acres being sold to a housing developer.


1970 Oct. 29 More than 800 new voters are registered for the election next week.

1970 Oct. 29 In an editorial, the NT supported the charter change to have the top five council vote getters elected.

1970 Nov. 5 Democrats sweep the Town Council. All amendments to the charter passed.
1970 Nov. 5 The South County Women’s Club will sponsor a “Roaring 20’s” dance at the Christian Brothers Novitiate.

1970 Nov. 12 The Urban Renewal Board postponed property condemnations until Feb. 15, as property owners vehemently protested settlement offers.

1970 Nov. 19 The Narr. Town Council appointed a 7 member school building committee.

1970 Nov. 26 About 200 fifth and sixth graders spruced up the grounds at Narr. Junior High.

1970 Nov. 26 John Knauss is the first president of the 49 institution and new Associates of Sea Grant Program Institutions.

1970 Dec. 3 It is possible that a vocational facility in NK/SK area can happen.

1970 Dec. 10 Narr. has decided to hire a full-time municipal planner.

1970 Dec. 17 The Urban Renewal Board rejected the only plan submitted by Westminster Properties and Gilbane.

1970 Dec. 17 With a five year phase-in, the Narr. Fiscal year will be July 1 – June 30.

1971 Jan. 7 Narr. Fort Varnum will be the site of a college credit training program for police from South County.

1971 Jan. 7 Sgt. Dennis W. Webster of Narr. was killed in Vietnam.

1971 Jan. 7 Town manager Mulligan proposed a recreation field in the north end with $7,000 of Green Acres money.

1971 Jan. 7 The NT editorialized on the opportunities for the town at Canonchet Farm and Fort Greene.

1971 Jan. 21 Funds are available to rehabilitate Galilee.

1971 Jan. 28 The original bidder for the urban renewal building contract submits a revised plan.

1971 Feb. 18 The 28-acre urban renewal area was condemned.

1971 Feb. 18 SK will accept no more new students from Narr.

1971 Mar. 4 The NT editorialized that Narr. was stalling the negotiations with SK.
1971 Mar. 11 The 102 year old Massasoit Hotel was devastated by a fire.

1971 Mar. 11 Twelve year old Narr. Resident Patrick Creamer is making his second major TV film for Disney.

1971 Apr. 1 The First Baptist Church started construction of a new $400,000 building after an 8 year wait.

1971 Apr. 8 The RI Industrial Development Corp. has renewed its effort at the 90-acre tract on South Ferry Road.


1971 May 20 The Narr. Planning Board did not approve of dredging Narrow River for recreational reasons.

1971 May 20 The 9th Annual Waterbury Deep Sea Fishing Club Codfish Tournament is scheduled for June 5 and 6 at PJ.

1971 May 27 Narr. Girl scouts host “Smokey the Bear” and Narr. Boy scouts honor Scoutmaster Allyn Barnes for 17 years of service.

1971 June 10 The 105 years old Breakers Hotel is about to meet the wrecker.

1971 June 10 The Democrat controlled town council appoints Judge James O. Watts to replace the resigned Domenic DeSandro.

1971 July 1 A new plan was unveiled by Urban Renewal Board.

1971 July 1 Mr. S. Emelen Randolph of Philadelphia is in his residence on Gibson Avenue for the summer months.

1971 July 1 The Beachcomber Café upset Hal’s Garage 7-6 in the SK slow-pitch softball league’s highly-competitive North Division.

1971 July 8 US Army considers a 200-man reserve unit at Fort Nathaniel Greene.

1971 July 8 Dr. Boris Sokoloff published a book on Kate Chase Sprague, Kate Chase for the Defense.

1971 July 29 60 apartment units were approved off South Pier Road just east of PJ Road.

1971 July 29 Marilyn Graynow will be on a five-year assignment as a nurse in Rhodesia. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.
1971  Aug. 19 Patrolman Raymond J. Garlick received the Medal of Valor from the NE Assoc. of Chiefs of Police for his water rescue attempt to save a motorist whose car plunged over a cliff.

1971  Aug. 19 Benjamin R. Curtis, Jr. won the Meritorious Award of the North American Gladiola Council at the annual two-day Narr. Flower Show.

1971  Aug. 19 J. Alan Butler bitterly complained about the money offered his for his house in the urban renewal area.

1971  Aug. 26 Sam Snead will again play at PJCC for a Pro-Am sponsored by the Narr. Preservation and Improvement Assoc.

1971  Sept. 9 A wonderfully drawn sketch of the PJ Pond area was sponsored by 9 organizations in their support for the SK/Narr. Bond Issue for sewers.

1971  Sept. 9 The RI Coastal Resources Management Council (RICRMC) was formed at URI.

1971  Sept. 16 Narr. and SK both approve the sewer bonds by wide margins.

1971  Sept. 16 The RI Statewide Planning Office recommended a $1.6 billion development proposal at Galilee, to the complete surprise of the town manager and town council.

1971  Sept. 16 The US Dept. of Commerce designated URI as a Sea Grant College, one of three universities in the nation. Sea Grants are funded by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin.)

1971  Sept. 23 An 1,100 student junior-senior high school would cost $4.2 million.

1971  Sept. 23 Patrolman William J. Boyd saved a 63 year-old Wakefield man who was swept into the sea as he was fishing off Newton Avenue rocks.

1971  Oct. 14 The Sea View Hotel, one of Narr. first tourist houses when it was built in 1860, was the first structure to come down in the urban renewal area.

1971  Oct. 21 Two Narr. Lions—Past Presidents: Raymond E. Trainor, Jr. and Walter “Salty” Brine—were honored with plaques.


1971  Oct. 28 Georges will construct a new 550 seat restaurant.
1971  Oct. 28  Norman Bampton is Narr.’s first full-time town engineer.

1971  Nov. 4  The Narr. Town Council is negotiating to buy the 230-acre “Canonchet Farm” from Judge Harold Arcaro, Sr.

1971  Nov 11  With 18 consecutive years Galilee is bidding for its 19 US Atlantic Tuna Tournament.

1971  Nov. 18  “Eastwood Look” a plat of 300 house lots new under construction may include a nine-hole golf course, a market, and other rental space, cabanas, a restaurant and a theater.

1971  Nov. 18  Protests were made of dumping concrete foundation material at Lake Canonchet from the urban renewal demolitions.

1971  Dec. 16  The Narr. Town Council will seek legislative support for a community-wide vote on school building bonds.

1971  Dec. 23  The US Army Corps of Engineers has discontinued further studies which would lead to a major dredging of Narrow River.

1971  Dec. 23  EG will accept Narr. 9th graders.

1972  Jan. 27  The Narr. Town Council declared an emergency moratorium on all commercial and multi-family development for an indefinite period.

1972  Feb. 24  Narr. and SK will operate the South County Recycling Action Program (SCRAP).

1972  Mar. 2  150 fishermen, dealers, and processors at the 1972 Fishermen’s Forum at the Dutch Inn unanimously urged Congress to approve the 200-mile limit.

1972  Mar. 9  The Twin Willows basketball team’s 16th straight victory was a 95-44 defeat of the Suburban Team.

1972  Mar. 16  RI Repr. O’Neill will file on behalf of the town council in order to power to condemn Canonchet Farm.

1972  Mar. 16  29 of the 50 property owners in the urban renewal area appeal their offers.

1972  Mar. 23  URI professor of fisheries and marine technology is studying the economics of “trash fish.”

1972  Apr. 6  The 2nd annual Easter egg hunt was held by the Narr. Lions Club.

1972 Apr. 27 Natalie McGwing’s paper “Salinity Variations” won her a trip to the National Symposium at Duke. She lives on Col. John Gardner Road.

1972 May 4 Campfire girl scouts transplanted dune grass at the town beach.

1972 May 11 The RI Development Council has advertised the Narr. Oceans Research Industrial Park.

1972 May 18 Rio Vista is a 22 unit duplex village near Narrow River.

1972 May 18 The Waterbury (CT) Deep Sea Fishing Club’s codfish tournament will be held off PJ.

1972 June 22 The 200-acre Namcook Farm, north of the Sprague Bridge, has been sold for low-density housing.

1972 June 22 The former First Baptist Church building is for sale.

1972 June 22 Heavy weekend rains resulted in flood conditions in the Pier center.

1972 June 29 The Narr. Town Council began the takeover process of Canonchet Farm.

1972 July 6 The Narr. Lions will sponsor the first “Blessing of the Fleet” at Galilee with the bishops of the Catholic and Episcopal churches.

1972 July 6 The annual District Two Tournament of the RI Babe Ruth League will be at Sprague Memorial Park.

1972 July 13 Jeff Caswell (SK) and Sam Hoxie (Narr.) placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the annual South County Heritage Festival Regatta at PJ Pond.

1972 July 20 Narr. officials were very impressed by a visit to Ohio to examine the 150 pre-engineered apt. units to be placed in the urban renewal area.

1972 July 27 After 20 years, there will be a major commercial building added to the center of town at Boon Street and Kingstown Road.

1972 July 27 The RI National Guard is hosting the 3rd annual summer camp at Camp Varnum for disadvantages youngsters.

1972 July 27 After two years off, Lifeguard Week was revived in Narr.

1972 July 27 The Army announced major improvements at Fort Greene.
1972 Aug. 3 Tony Centracchio was named to the SENE Independent School Assoc.’s 12 player team.

1972 Aug. 3 The 15th annual Tuna Tournament and the 30th annual US Atlantic Tuna Tournament will be held in Galilee next month.

1972 Aug. 3 Congregation Beth David will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a “champagne gala” in the garden of Rep. Samuel Kagan.

1972 Aug. 10 1,393 votes for to 306 against meant that Narr. will build a $4.5 million junior senior high school and add to its elementary school.

1972 Aug. 17 A NT editorial said: “It is becoming more evident every day that the Pier shopping center must offer South County some different departure.”

1972 Aug. 24 Narr. is unable to condemn 34 acres in Canonchet Farm for new school.

1972 Aug. 31 A “Salute to Salty (Brine)” for his 30 years of broadcasting will be held at the Rocky Point Palladium.

1972 Nov. 9 Republicans regain control of the Town Council and school committee, each with a 3-2 margin.

1972 Nov. 9 The numerous delays in condemning 34 acres of Canonchet Farm causes a search for a new site for new school.

1972 Nov. 16 A federal study ranked Narrow River as the most valuable of RI’s major wild areas.

1972 Nov. 30 Superior Court Judge Fanning struck down Narr.’s 10 month old moratorium on new commercial buildings and multi-family housing units.

1972 Dec. 28 A 12-room addition to the jr. high will start right now.

1973 Jan. 4 The 35-acre deCoppett Estate off South Pier Road became an alternative site for the junior-senior high school.

1973 Jan. 18 Proponents of a separate school, an affiliation with EG, regionalization, or back to SK cause confusion and hostility.


1973 Feb. 1 In a front page editorial, the NT pushes for school regionalization (SK, Narr.)

1973 Mar. 22 The NT strongly advised a wavering town council to stay with the condemnation of Canonchet Farm. An aerial photo of the 238 acre farm was shown.

1973 Mar. 29 Narr. condemned the deCoppett site for the junior-senior high school.

1973 Mar. 29 The Yankee Seafood Co. will build a $500,000 processing plant in Galilee.

1973 Mar. 29 Jay Todd and David Levy won the annual Narr. Open Surfing Championships of Monahan’s Cove.

1973 Apr. 12 The Narr. Preservation Assoc. offered $250,000 toward the eventual purchase of Canonchet Farm.

1973 Apr. 12 An 150-man armory will be built at Fort Greene.

1973 Apr. 12 Dean John Knauss hosted a Chinese govt. delegation from the UN at the Narr. Bay Campus and other URI sites.

1973 Apr. 12 Patrick Ford and Alain Porter won first grants at the annual RI Senior Fair.

1973 Apr. 26 The deCoppet site was purchased for $240,000.

1973 Apr. 26 Twin Brothers, Brian and Barry Mulholand, are stars at URI on the “Andersonville Trail,” a Civil War drama.

1973 Apr. 26 $250,000 to purchase Canonchet Farm is in the town budget.

1973 May 10 Domenic Christofaro, director of parks and rec., opened the brand-new Sprague Park field.

1973 May 10 SK beat Narr. 8-4 in the first chess meet.

1973 May 24 Donna deWildt, an Air Force hospital supervisor, told about her being one of the first Americans the (Vietnam) POWs talked to at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

1973 May 24 17 lose their lives as an unlicensed ship, the Comet, fell apart after leaving the Galilee breakwater.

1973 May 24 Narr. may get $25,000 a year as its share of beach fees just imposed at state beaches.
1973 June 7 Old Stone opened its first office in Narr. with a three day “circus.”

1973 June 14 James M. Cook and Patrolman. John W. O’Donnell became the first to earn an associate’s degree in science under the Roger Williams law enforcement program.

1973 June 28 Peter Panagiotis is District One Director of the Eastern Surfing Assoc.

1973 July 5 Ted Durbin and Robert Byrne won $100 for winning the first annual NRPA canoe race.

1973 July 5 In the best NT story of all, Cathy Winters detailed the saving of two fishermen—Richard B. Allen and Peter H. Stoeckel—of “Miss Casey” by men from the Russian fishing vessel Nikolay Danilov.

1973 July 12 The girl scouts summarized a very active year.

1973 July 12 The new Sprague Memorial tennis courts were in play.

1973 July 12 Greg DiMartino won honors at the Roger Williams Striper Club’s 3rd annual Bass and Bluefish Tournament at Wickford.

1973 July 26 Narr. Ave. is relocated from the urban renewal area and, in effect, replaces Ouida St. where it used to meet Beach St.

1973 Aug. 9 Seven Narr. surfers captured honors at the annual NH Open at Hampton Beach.

1973 Aug. 9 The NT praised NRPA and urged the three communities to get moving.

1973 Aug. 23 The newest plan for the urban renewal area is to look like Olde Mystic Village (in CT) as Gilbane vetoes any large-store shopping hub.

1973 Aug. 30 Lisa Doherty captured the RI junior Tennis League’s singles championship.

1973 Sept. 6 The three Republican members vote for a probe of town government with unhappiness with the town manager, police chief, tax assessor, and building inspector.

1973 Sept. 6 7 blue-fins were boated at the 16th annual RI Tuna Tournament at Galilee.

1973 Sept. 13 The first-in-the world salmon farm is at the Narr. Oceanics Park.

1973 Sept. 27 John Mulligan was relieved of his post as town manager.
1973 Oct. 4  Frank L. Hinckley Jr. was appointed interim town manager and John J. O’Neiil is planned to become public safety director.

1973 Oct. 04  The NT showed a photo of the gravestone of the infamous Hannah Robinson.

1973 Oct. 18  An $800,000 red crab processing plant will be constructed in Galilee.

1973 Oct. 25 A photo of Mrs. Katherine Winslow, the first professionally-trained librarian at the Narr. Pier Free Library, is shown.

1973 Nov. 1  Narr.’s 8th grade students finished in the top third of the nation in a special text by R.I. Dept. of Education.

1973 Nov. 8  Gerald S. Connors is the CYO Man of the Year.

1973 Nov. 22  100 Narr. cub scouts completed to turn scrap into usable commodities.

1973 Nov. 29  Groundbreaking for the Jr./Sr. high school happens.

1973 Nov. 29  A salmon farm is the first company in Narr.’s Oceanics Research Park.

1973 Dec. 20  Narr. SK regional school negotiations appear to be a dead issue.

1973 Jan. 17  Narr.’s graduating 9th graders will attend NK High School.

1974 Jan. 31  Robert W. Killoran is Narr.’s new Town Manager.

1974 Jan. 31  With the decision of R.I. Supreme Ct. in favor of Narr., new enthusiasm is expressed about Canonchet Farm.

1974 Mar. 7  Narr. Pier Pharmacy will not build into urban renewal area and chose nearby Mathewson St.  This means that no town businesses will be in the urban renewal area.


1974 Mar. 21  Angelo Cataldi writes about 21 year-old sea captain Gary Champlin and his fishing vessel Jenny C.

1974 Mar. 21  Burrows Younkin Jr.’s Vietnam War play, “Bronze Shades” is at Salve Regina College.

1974 Mar. 28  George’s of Galilee beat O’Neal’s 45-44 in the SK Recreation Dept.’s Teenage basketball playoffs.
1974 Apr. 11 The Narr. Pier Cinema is torn down as part of urban renewal program.

1974 Apr. 11 190 acres of Canonchet Farm was valued at $700,000.


1974 Apr. 18 The newly-formed Narr. girls softball program will have tryouts at Sprague Memorial Park.

1974 May 2 A ground breaking ceremony for the urban renewal area took place for the first construction project, an 88-unit first phase of residential units.

1974 May 2 Construction is soon to start on a 10,000 sq. ft. speculative building at the Narr. Oceanics Park.

1974 May 16 The Narr. Town Council endorsed the states’ purchase of land adjacent to Scarborough State Beach for expansion.

1974 May 30 URI planners recommend a regional planning effort by NK, SK, and Narr..

1974 June 6 The Narr. Nuggets 4-H Club is clearing brush from Historical Cemetery #10, opposite the South Ferry Church.

1974 June 13 U.S. Government will contribute up to $300,000 to purchase Canonchet Farm.


1974 July 4 Narr. will host the first annual New England Girls (softball) Tournament at Sprague Memorial Park.

1974 Aug. 1 Narr. Congregation Beth David Synagogue held a special memorial services for Mrs. Pearl Kofman.

1974 Aug. 1 Narr. little league all-stars beat SK 7-6 to capture the mythical SC championship.

1974 Aug. 8 In Sept. of 1975 the new high school will open with 10th and 11th grades.

1974 Aug. 8 The NT blasted the State for the deterioration of the docks at Galilee.

1974 Aug. 15 The 17th annual flower show of the Narr. Garden Club will depict with flowers how to conserve energy and preserve water, clean air, and green acres.
1974  Aug. 22  Angelo Cataldi wrote three excellent articles: “Foreigners seen as major threat,” “Galilee: a troubled village” and “Fisherman’s life rugged, rewarding.”

1974  Aug. 22  The Federal EPA rules that the sewer outfall near Tucker’s Dock will not degrade Narr.’s beaches.

1974  Aug. 29  The eight-man Narr. senior tennis team won the RI championship.

1974  Aug. 29  Angelo Cataldi did two more follow-up articles.

1974  Sept. 5  Dexter Patterson from Riverside, RI caught the only tuna and won the 17th annual RI Tuna Tournament. The tuna weighed 349 pounds.

1974  Sept. 12  SK officials broke ground in Narr. for the new regional sewer system (SK, Narr., URI).


1974  Sept. 26  Narr. will receive over 5 years at least $2.3 million in special federal revenue sharing for housing and community development.

1974  Oct. 3  Narr. got 173 acres from the 235 acre tract of Canonchet Farm by eminent domain.

1974  Oct. 24  John Knauss received the National Sea Grant Award.

1974  Oct. 31  The Sprague Bridge will be replaced if RI’s $26 million transportation bond issue is passed.

1974  Nov. 7  Narr. democrats sweep.

1974  Nov. 7  Pete Panagiotis headed the list of eleven Narr. surfers capturing top honors at the 2nd annual Northeast Surfing Championship at the town beach.

1974  Dec. 5  A savage storm snuck into Narr. and tore a huge section of roof from the Atlantic House Motel on Ocean Road.

1974  Dec. 5  RI is considering the purchase of Lido Beach just next to Scarborough Beach.

1974  Dec. 5  The NT raised the question: “Is Jerusalem in the wrong Town?”

1974  Dec. 19  SK will handle police work in Jerusalem.
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1975-1980 Ford Carter


1975  Jan. 16  Football will be a part of the first year sports program at the new Narr. Jr./Sr. high school.

1975  Jan 16  The NT editorialized for a jetty next to Tucker’s dock.

1975  Jan. 23  The Hi-Lo Casino on Boon St. will be the temporary new town recreation hall.

1975  Feb. 13  The first apts. in the urban renewal area are to be open for inspection.

1975  Feb. 27  The Narr. Planning Board supported “cluster zoning.”

1975  Mar. 13  The recreation study group will soon ask for a charter amendment to establish a permanent recreation commission.

1975  Mar. 20  The Dunes Club is selling its 16 apartments on the beach to a developer.

1975  Mar. 20  Specifications are to be drawn for north end sewers.

1975  Apr. 17  The Narr. Lions Club sponsored a day of sailing and fishing for over 100 big and little brothers.

1975  Apr. 24  RI Sen. O’Neill’s request for a bicycle path through SK/Narr. was approved by RIDOT.

1975  May 8  By a 3-2 vote, the Narr. Town Council disapproved the SK/Narr. school merger public vote.

1975  May 8  Norm Campbell was elected President of the RI Pharmaceutical Assoc.

1975  May 8  The NT asked “Eastward Look: ‘Model’ or “Tragedy’”.

1975  May 15  An end-of-classes party in Bonnet Shores, broken up by local and state police, resulted in the arrest of 8 URI students and some deep, bitter differences of opinion among police, students, and townspeople over what happened.

1975  June 5  John J. O’Neil, director of public safety, quit when his salary of $3,600 was cut to $1 a year.
1975 June 5 The Christian Brothers are ready to open their live-in center for troubled boys at its Novitiate.

1975 June 12 Yankee Seafood of Galilee purchased $250,000 of new equipment to triple its capacity.

1975 June 19 Narr. increases faculty by 20% for its new school.

1975 June 19 RI Rhode Runner buses will make trips to Narr. beaches.

1975 June 26 Sandy Matteson is the heroine of Narr. Girls Little League.


1975 July 10 The Green Inn, last in a long line of oceanfront hotels, is closed this summer.

1975 July 17 River Landscapes is undertaking a study of Narrow River in NK/SK/Narr.

1975 July 17 Narr. increased its tax rate by 20% or $5.50 per $1,000 of valuation.

1975 July 24 U.S. Sen. Pell will be the main speaker of the junior-senior high school.

1975 July 31 Marjorie Vogel and three others will exhibit their works at the Towers.

1975 July 31 Industrial National Bank will open its branch in the urban renewal area.

1975 July 31 Edward M. Golden is named the first Narr. athletic director.

1975 July 31 Pat Montieth’s 3 hit pitching led the Narr. Little League’s senior girls all-star team to the RI championship.

1975 Aug. 14 Narr. hopes to save $400,000 by financing sewer-related construction from the Farmer’s Home Administration.

1975 Sept. 18 The Scarborough Golf Club—9 holes par 3 with practice green—placed an ad.

1975 Sept. 25 Town Manager Robert W. Killoran was removed in what Republicans claim was a politically-motivated matter.

1975 Oct. 2 30 plus turned out for the second seasonal meeting of the newly-formed Narr. (School Athletes) Boosters’ Club.
1975  Oct. 9  Narr. will establish guidelines to prevent police/student confrontations like the May situation in Bonnet Shores.


1975  Nov. 6  The very popular Howard Lippman, Jr. just died at age 91 and was lauded in the NT. However, his late house was burglarized.


1975  Nov. 27  The Federal Economic Dev. Admin. changed its mind and approved $340,000 to remodel the Fifth Ave. school into a town hall.

1975  Nov. 27  SK beat Narr. 38-6 to win the first “South County” Bowl.

1975  Nov. 27  Robert J. Haxton has purchased The Green Inn.

1975  Dec. 4  The town council allocated $275,000 for a new library from the Fed. Rev. sharing windfall.

1975  Dec. 18  For the third year there will be Christmas carols at the Village Green and “Salty” Brine will be one of the singers.

1976  Jan. 1  The US Army Corps. of Engineers will widen and lengthen the 15-foot deep navigational channel in PJ Pond along the Galilee waterfront.

1976  Jan. 1  Narr. will purchase 38 acres off Boston Neck Rd. near Rt. 138 for a recreation area for $133,000 to replace the planned recreation area in Bonnet Shores.

1976  Jan. 8  Narr. High School basketball team lost its first game at home 75-60 to Scituate.

1976  Jan. 15  Narr.’s fourth town manager is Donald Martin, 34, a former village administrator in Walden, NY and a city manager of Houghton, Mich.

1976  Feb. 5  Controversy over the dumping of dredged spoils may have caused a two to four-year delay in the announced dredging at Galilee.

1976  Feb. 19  In a series of related articles and photos, the NT reported on the need to preserve Narrow River.
1976    Feb. 26  Narr. North End Industrial Park, a marine-related research area, may be reclassified to entice other industry.


1976    Mar. 4  Three new parks will be developed from federal revenue funds windfall.

1976    Mar. 4  A statue of Canonchet is to be done from federal revenue windfall. Also, the RI State Council on Arts is to present, with the Narragansett Indian Tribe, a bicentennial show, “A Lesson on the Soul of Narragansett Indians.”

1976    Mar. 11  Narr. girls volleyball will debut next week.

1976    Apr. 1  The Town Council approved dredging the PJ harbor channel.

1976    Apr. 15  A fire station and a park in the North End will be on 35 acres purchased by the town from the federal revenue windfall.

1976    May 6  Narr. elementary students plant a tree outside the school for a bicentennial project.

1975    May 6  The Narr. Town Council voted not to pursue purchasing Lido and Olivo Beaches, as financing was not feasible.

1976    May 13  Six artists were appointed for fine arts projects—Robert K. Carsten for Canonchet statue; Mark Dunkelman for historical wall mural; Charles Dwyer for a realism painting; Carolyn Wolf for an oil-based painting; John Lapisky for a geometrical-based painting; and Majorie Vogel for 20 pen and ink drawings.

1976    May 27  The Narr. Firemen’s Club is restoring the 1931 Maxim fire truck. Narr. elementary students will donate a brass bell for the effort.

1976    June 3  The Waterbury Deep Sea Fishing Club will hold its 14th Annual Cod Fish Tournament at PJ.

1976    June 10  Ray Carr, coach of the NE championship RI Junior College, was named National Junior College Athletic Assoc. Region 21 Tennis Coach-of-the-Year.

1976    June 24  After turmoil, Gilbane Properties will buy the balance of underdeveloped land in the urban renewal district.

1976    July 1  Brian Butler pitched a no-hitter for Bruno’s little league team.

1976    July 29  The Insurance Service Offices of New England recommended more than triple the number of full-time firemen.
1976    July 29  Chuck Garrett and Company will be at the Dutch Inn this summer.

1976    Aug. 5  The Narr. Firemen’s Club restored 1931 fire engine won a trophy for the most outstanding fire apparatus at a firemen’s muster held in Lincoln.

1976    Aug. 5  Our Lady of Peace Retreat allocated $10,000 to refurbish the Hazard Memorial Tower.

1976    Aug. 5  Narr. Girls Little League teams lost both the major division all-star and the senior girls all-star championship matches.

1976    Aug. 12  Lester Lanin and his orchestra will play at the Dunes Club for the 10th Annual Narr. Preservation Ball.

1976    Aug. 12  Hurricane Belle caused minimal damage.

1976    Aug. 12  Charter changes were approved in a small turnout vote.

1976    Aug. 12  As a feature piece for the 75th Narr. celebration and for the Bicentennial, Joanne Izzo wrote “When Narr. was Newport’s rival.”

1976    Aug. 12  The Coast Guard House has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

1976    Sept. 2  Town manager Martin proposes a reorganization of our police department.

1976    Sept. 9  The Narr. Town Council honored Col. Curtis Abbot Easton missing since an air mission in 1966. His death was confirmed by the Vietnamese Embassy.

1976    Sept. 9  The Narr. Chiefs won the Sullivan Bowl for Pop Warner football 6-0 over the Fairfield Giants. The match was played in Fairfield, CT. Don Kirwan and Pete Cuppels were the winner’s coaches and Narr. quarterback Mark Theroux was voted MVP.

1976    Sept. 23  Charlie Swanson, playing with Harry Hoffman of Philadelphia, won his fourth national tennis title in the 1976 USTA National 60 and over grass court tennis championship,

1976    Sept. 30  Brian Mitchell wrote “Pier industrial park empty: Marine Land has no takers,” a stinging report of failure.


1976  Oct. 28 Groundbreaking ceremonies took place at the north end fire station.

1976  Oct. 28 The Calvary Bible Church has a new building.

1976  Nov. 4 Democrats sweep the town council again.

1976  Nov. 4 An 11,300 sq. ft. supermarket and a 600 seat triple cinema will be built in the urban renewal area.

1976  Nov. 11 The Center for the Study of Ocean Management Issues has been established to replace the Law of the Sea Institute which is at the University of Hawaii.

1976  Nov. 18 The Narr. Chiefs beat Coventry 25-0 to win the Western Division Championship of Pop Warner Midget Division.

1976  Nov. 25 Brian Mitchell wrote of Charles H. Brayton’s good fortune, after losing his fishing vessel in getting a new 72 ft. boat: “Fisherman gets new boat with help from his friends.”

1976  Nov. 25 The Narr. Chiefs are the RI Pop Warner Midget Division Champs after beating Warren 7-6.

1976  Dec. 2 Abu Bakr is the new Mariner head basketball coach.

1976  Dec. 9 Narr. is fencing off its sand dunes and making them illegal to trespass on.

1976  Dec. 9 A large ad invited all to the christening of the Endeavor.

1976  Dec. 30 Narr. wrestlers win their first varsity match ever, 36-29 over Our Lady of Providence.

1977  Jan. 6 The Narr. historical mural by Mark H. Dunkelman of Providence at a cost of $5,300 was hung in the brand new town hall.

1977  Jan. 13 Jeanne Poirier led the Marinette’s to a 43-41 non-league victory over Chariho.

1977  Jan. 20 Byron Scott of Narr. was chosen Outstanding Young Man of South County for 1976 for his work as a physical education teacher at Ladd School.

1977  Jan. 20 Gilbane Properties ran a large ad for the opening of Phase II.
1977 Jan. 20 Thomas Mueller will march in the presidential inaugural parade as a member of the band for Bishop Hendricken.

1977 Jan. 27 The Narr. Lions gave $1,000 to the Narr. Reserve Corps. For “Jaws of Life.”

1977 Jan. 27 The new town hall is opened.

1977 Feb. 10 The Narr. high school basketball team beat Ponagansett 53-52 for its first varsity win ever.

1977 Feb. 10 Mrs. Chester H. Westcott was selected “Volunteer of the Year” at the South County Hospital Auxiliary Winter luncheon.

1977 Feb. 24 Narr. Seafood Corp will begin operations next week in the former Yankee Seafood Co. plant in Galilee.


1977 Feb. 24 Narr. Canonchet Beach tenants can return but the beachfront will be open to the general public.

1977 Mar. 3 The new town hall was dedicated.

1977 Mar. 10 David Colombo captured the 96-pound weight class New England Schoolboy Championship in wrestling.

1977 Mar. 17 The 3 ton statue of Canonchet was dedicated.

1977 Mar. 24 David Husband wrote “Lobstermen of South County: The last way to be independent.”

1977 Mar. 24 Groundbreaking ceremony held for new library.

1977 Mar. 24 Child Find, the search for developmental problems, will begin at the Narr. Elementary School.

1977 Apr. 7 Rebuilding of several state piers began in Galilee.

1977 Apr. 7 David Cicilline was one of six Narr. high students at the RI Model Legislature.

1977  Apr. 21 Much of the dredged material from PJ Point will be spread on Narr. town beach.

1977  Apr. 28 Narr. Town Council President Trainor is appealing to the Federal Government to stop URI’s taking of the north end of industrial park.

1977  Apr. 28 Tamara S. Babich is a part of “America’s Youth Concert 1977” program at Carnegie Hall and later in Europe.

1977  Apr. 28 A $2,000 study to assess tourist facilities will be conducted by C of C, the state, and URI.


1977  May 5 RI State budget shortfall halted the transfer of the north-end industrial park to URI.

1977  May 5 A new 4-H Club will be formed in Narr.

1977  May 12 Judge Watts was replaced as town solicitor and will be a consultant to James E. McGwin. Watts, 78 years old, was town solicitor for almost all the town councils since 1921.

1977  May 12 Narr. High School upset SK in boys tennis 4 to 3.

1977  May 26 The new Sprague Bridge will be relocated along with a one-half mile of Route 1-A. The old bridge will be demolished.

1977  June 2 Paul M. Hanson was ordained into the Christian Ministry at the Wakefield Baptist Church.


1977  June 16 The EPA’s new $3 million lab will open tomorrow.

1977  June 16 Ray Carr is New England Junior College Coach of the Year.

1977  June 23 RIPTA has opened a Narr.-to-Providence bus route.

1977  June 23 Girls varsity cross country team was eliminated, along with 4 JV teams.

1977  June 30 The bond issue for the police-fire complex passed 871-223.

1977  June 30 The Dragon Palace is opening.
1977 July 7 Mark Bomster wrote “When David Cicilline talks, Pier town council listens.”

1977 July 14 The town council is considering the Pier Village for the police/fire complex.

1977 July 14 RIPTA added three more daily trips from Narr. Pier to Providence route.

1977 July 14 The Pier Police little league team had a 19-1 season. The PJCC’s women’s Invitational Golf Tournament is to start on Tuesday. Glenna Collett Vare will play.

1977 July 21 Maury Loontjens replaced Ray Trainor as president of the town council.

1977 July 28 Renee Archambault hurled a four-hitter for the Narr. girls Major Division All-star Softball team over EG for the District Three Crown.

1977 Aug. 18 After many complaints, the school committee reinstated the Narr. High girls tennis and cross-country programs.

1977 Aug. 18 Gilbane stated its prospective tenants for the urban renewal area are in a holding pattern awaiting the zone change of PJ and Woodruff Ave.

1977 Aug. 18 Twin Willows won the Western Division of the SK Softball League and Slugger Rick Lamka won the triple crown with a batting average of .715, homers of 10, and RBI’s of 30.

1977 Sept. 8 The Narr. Senior Citizens Association is opened off Mumford Road, built with federal community development funds.

1977 Sept. 15 A 13 year-old Woonsocket girl fell through the Jerusalem dock, causing a “state repair order.”

1977 Sept. 22 An extension of Tucker’s Dock as far north as the Towers is endorsed by CRMC and the Narr. C of C.


1977 Oct. 13 Chris Poirier had a 58 yard touchdown sparking the Narr. Warriors to an 18-6 victory over South County in a Pop Warner Pee Wee League match.


1977 Oct. 27 One of the goals of “Goals for Narr.” was the reviving of its ocean walk of two miles, if the walk can be located.
1977  Nov. 3  The US Army Corps of Engineers reported that it is a physical possibility for a harbor of refuge at Narr. Pier with a 1,600 foot breakwater and enough marine space for 760 boats.

1977  Nov. 10  After the drowning of a mother and her son, Narr. will place life buoys off Hazard Rock.

1977  Nov. 10  The Narr.-to-Prov. commuter bus line is a treat to many.

1977  Dec. 1  4 Narr. high school football players were All-Class C first team. They are Don Hoey, Vic Snow, Joe Everett, and Pat Clays.

1977  Dec. 22  South Ferry Church makes National Historical Register.

1977  Dec. 22  Mike Monroe scored 30 pts. to lead Narr. High boys basketball team to a 96-53 victory over Burrillville.

1977  Dec. 29  The Narr. Firemen had a busy first week of a night-long fire watch.

1978  Jan. 5  The IGA in the urban renewal area did not start well and will be temporarily run by a “supervisory consultant.”

1978  Jan. 5  A long-awaited traffic light at Boston Neck Rd. and Bridgetown Rd. has been installed by RIDOT.

1978  Jan. 12  The Dunes Club donated two parcels of unspoiled salt marsh on Narrow River to the Audubon Society.


1978  Jan. 26  Wanda Howard wrote “Breakwater Proposal: Pier’s past lively future could be,” which emphasized the benefits of extending Tucker’s (Monahan’s) Dock.

1978  Feb. 2  A 93-unit luxury condo is proposed for Lido Beach and a large water slide for Olivo’s Beach.

1978  Feb. 2  The annual NE Mid-Winter Surfing Championship will be at the Town Beach in two weeks.

1978  Feb. 9  Narr. survives the “Blizzard of 78.”

1978  Feb. 16  G. Edward Prentice started a four-part story: “The Sea View Railroad: When getting there was all the fun.”

1978  Feb. 23  Chet Whaley was appointed to replace Ray Trainor.
1978 Mar. 9 Dave Colombo was his second N.E. mat title.
1978 Mar. 16 Groundbreaking for 17 condos was held at the urban renewal area.
1978 Apr. 27 Gov. Garrahy purchased a summer and weekend house—the Willowbank Estate on Kingstown Road.
1978 May 11 After more than 5 hours and 19 innings, Narr. beat Chariho 1-0.
1978 May 11 The Zoning Board approved converting an existing nine hole course at Eastward Look into an 18-hole pitch and putt golf course.
1978 May 18 The Town Council began the process to enable the purchase of open space for conservation purposes.
1978 May 25 RI leases Olivo’s Beach.
1978 June 1 Narr. Pier Beach was ravaged by winter storms and will be repaired.
1978 June 1 Seventeen-year old Kurt Hathaway received the first prize of R.I. Community Film and Video competition for his five-minute cartoon.
1978 June 1 There were strong objectors to two group homes but little hope to stop this.
1978 June 8 Marcel DeFresne wrote “Wealth of Pier History Revisited” writing about RI Historical Preservation Committee’s Report.
1978 June 8 Kelley Cronin hit an inside-the-park homerun with one on and Narr. became Girls Soft Champions over Cumberland 2-1 in the last of the 7th.
1978 June 29 De-Wal Industries will purchase a long-vacant commercial building in South Ferry Park.
1978 June 29 EPA awarded Narr. $2.5 million for north end sewer work.
1978 July 13 Summer field walks in the Galilee area will be led by an URI research assistant in zoology.
1978 July 20 A new ferry capable of carrying automobiles began service for PJ to Block Island.
1978 July 20 Sunnyside Restaurant has a 14-1 record in bocce in the SK Recreation Bocce League.
1978 July 27 Mark Bomster wrote: “The Shifting Dunes: 50 Years of club history and ‘old money’ and socialites.”

1978 July 27 4 old cottages, the Green Inn, and St. Peter’s are on a tour sponsored by the Narr. C of C.

1978 Aug. 3 $10,000 will be spent to upgrade the house and shed on Canonchet Farm, restore 3 acres of over grown pasture land, and hire a caretaker.

1978 Aug. 3 Joseph Mollica is credited for saving the deteriorated Tucker’s Dock.

1978 Aug. 3 Narr. Girls All-Stars won the RI Senior Softball League Championship in a 10-3 victory over North Providence West.

1978 Aug. 10 Four buoys were anchored offshore from Newton and Hazard Avenues by the US Coast Guard.

1978 Aug. 17 The PJ Bass and Bluefish Tournament set a record with almost 500 participants, 12,949 lbs. of bluefish, 1,567 lbs. of bass, and 451 lbs. of squeteague.


1978 Sept. 14 RICRMC left the town council the next step in constructing a multi-million dollar breakwater marina off Tucker’s Dock.

1978 Sept. 14 Rev. Keith E. Scott leaves St. Peter’s after nine years. Also, the PJ Chapel closed after 90 years.

1978 Sept. 14 A 46 ½ lb. bass is in the lead of the RI South Shore Bass Blue Tournament.

1978 Sept. 28 The five member crew of “Lobster I” was lost as the ship sank 54 miles from PJ.

1978 Oct. 5 The $1.3 million Norman D. Watkins Lab is to open at the Narr. Bay Campus.

1978 Oct. 5 RI DEM unveiled a $10 million project of increasing the commercial fishing fleet by 1/3 and provide 500 to 1,000 new jobs.


1978 Oct. 19 Ed Fields, after 18 years, bowled a 300 game at Kingstown Bowl in NK.
1978 Nov. 2 The 82 year old Royal Little, the founder of Textron and often called the father of the American conglomerate, left RI (and the USA) for the Bahamas to avoid taxes.

1978 Nov. 2 The Narr. Elementary School was rededicated to the Narragansett Indians and two new additions for former Superintendent John O’Brien. James Coggeshall was the originator of the first dedication to the Narr. Tribes.

1978 Nov. 2 Pat, John, and Tim Clays led Narr. HS to a 28-0 Homecoming Day triumph in football over North Smithfield.

1978 Nov. 9 Narr. Democrats sweep again.

1978 Nov. 9 The Port of Galilee bond issue of $600,000 was defeated by 54% to 46%.

1978 Nov. 9 The new Pier Cinema opened in the urban renewal area.

1978 Nov. 16 The newly-expanded Narr. Pier Free Library will be dedicated on Sunday.


1978 Nov. 23 After 32 years Congregation Beth David will become a year-round synagogue.

1978 Nov. 30 For a 90 minute TV drama on Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a pioneer feminist, the Green Inn was catapulted back to 1867 to a small saloon in Kansas.

1978 Nov. 30 Kevin Poirier was selected as the Most Outstanding Athlete in South County after wrapping up his cross country career with the Mariners.

1978 Dec. 7 The remains of the mansion at Black Point was burned by the Narr. Fire Dept. as a training exercise.

1978 Dec. 14 School superintendent Holland proposed a new K-4 school and a 5-8 middle school in the current elementary school.


1978 Dec. 21 The US Army Corps of Engineers will discuss a harbor of refuge off of Tucker’s (Monahan’s) Dock.


1978 Jan. 18 Michael Millen became Troop 1’s first Eagle Scout in 10 years.

1978 Jan. 18 After 16 stormy years Narr. chief of police, Richard Colvin, retired on a medical pension, plus back sick pay and vacation pay.


1979 Jan. 25 Gwen Poirier and her father George Pihlkrantz placed 1st in the Women’s Division and 3rd in the Senior Men’s Division at the 28 annual RI Downhill Ski Championship held at Mr. Cranmore, NH.

1979 Feb. 1 Narr. HS boys basketball team beat Burrillville, 104-43.

1979 Feb. 8 The Narr. School Committee voted against a new elementary school.

1979 Feb. 15 Narr. HS wrestling team won the Eastern Division championship by beating Central Falls 27-24.

1979 Mar. 8 The school budget is up 26 percent.

1979 Mar. 22 Narr. HS heavyweight wrestler, Mike Millen, was named MVP of the All-South County Wrestling Team.

1979 Apr. 5 U.S. Sen. John Chafee called for a $6.75 million federal study of the declining striped bass, popular game fish in RI.

1979 Apr. 12 The Narr. Historical Society and the URI Bay Campus are teaming-up to repair the South County Ferry Church’s fieldstone foundation.

1979 May 3 Three young kids (of the goat species) were born on Five-Acre Farm owned by Robert and Linda Mitchell, with help from 4-H daughter Dianne.

1979 May 10 The town council cut the tax increase from $11.10 to $5.74, still a 14% increase in the tax rate. James J. Martin, a retired RI State Trooper, was named Police Chief. The old town hall will not be saved.

1979 May 10 Bertha C. Taft published “Reminiscences of the Sites and Sights of Historic South County.”

1979 May 24 The new Public Safety building is opened.
1979 May 24 Dale Shields hurled a no-hitter with 14 strikeouts for Narr. HS against EG. This was his fourth shutout in a row.

1979 June 21 URI Physics professor Don Kirwan won the Raymond E. Trainor Memorial Community Achievement Award from the Narr. Lions.

1979 June 21 Joanne Sekator and Kelley Cronin were named to the Southern Division Softball first team.

1979 June 28 A Galilee-Jerusalem ferry is planned.

1979 July 5 Robert DeRita is one of 35 RI residents competing in the Fifth International Summer Special Olympics at NYU in the 25 and 50 meter freestyle swimming events.

1979 July 12 Maurice R. Allaire is Narr.’s first guidance head.

1979 July 19 The U.S. Heritage Conservation and Recreational Service approved a grant to pay for a 1.3 mile trail from the Canonchet farmhouse to Boston Neck Road.

1979 Aug. 2 The U.S. Dept. of Interior approved the relocation of the South County Museum (SCM) to Canonchet Farm.

1979 Aug. 2 Arson is suspected in the fire that gutted Twin Willows.

1979 Aug. 9 The Narr. Town Council voted 3-2 and disapprove the controversial inspection ordinance.

1979 Aug. 23 Another arson-suspicious fire took place at the Coast Guard House.

1979 Aug. 30 A 20 year old Narr. man confessed to the fires at Twin Willows and the Coast Guard House.

1979 Aug. 30 Arlene Aissis wrote about Sister Joel Zarotiadan, a longtime missionary in China (1950-1968) and a resident at the Franciscan Missionary home in Narr. Sister Joel is an accomplished artist in many forms.

1979 Sept. 13 The US Tennis Assoc. Women’s 50 Grass Court Championship was held at PJCC.

1979 Sept. 13 Two 100-pound bales of Marijuana, worth $80,000, was found floating near the Galilee fishing pier.

1979 Sept. 20 8 girl scouts from SK and Narr. earned their Girl Scout “God and Community” award.
1979 Sept. 27 Jim Campanini wrote about 70-year-old softball pitcher Dr. Sylvester “Cappy” Capalbo, from the “Over the Hill Gang” softball team.

1979 Sept. 27 Sue Hogan finished first in the east coast surfing championship at Cape Hatteras, NC and third in the US at Padre Island, TX.

1979 Oct. 11 Actress Geraldine Chaplin is the star of House of Mirth directed by Adrian Hall and shot at the Green Inn.

1979 Oct. 18 Marcel Defresne wrote about Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilbert’s 70th wedding anniversary and told a fascinating tale of farms and farming in Narr. at the turn of the 20th Century.

1979 Oct. 25 Royal Little is promoting his book, How to lose $100,000,000 and Other Valuable Advice.

1979 Oct. 25 The Narr. HS girls tennis team finished its regular season 11-0 by beating Pilgrim HS 5-2.

1979 Nov. 8 The URI Marine Advisory Service and the Explorer Division of the RI Boy Scouts are sponsoring a monthly seminar on oceanography at the URI Bay Campus.

1979 Nov. 8 The Narr. Hist. Soc. is running a 3-hour narrated bus tour to celebrate its first anniversary.

1979 Nov. 8 Narr. HS art teacher, Janice Causey, has her students exhibiting their creations at the Heritage Gallery.

1979 Nov. 15 25 students from K through grade 6 were chosen for a “gifted student’ program.

1979 Nov. 15 Arthur D. Little was elected President of the Nat. Assoc. of Small Business Investment Companies.”

1979 Nov. 22 Elizabeth Potter of Jerusalem was elected President of the SC Hospital Board of Trustees.

1979 Dec. 13 Otis R. Wyatt, formerly administrative officer of Warwick’s 215-member fire dept., is named Fire Chief.

1979 Dec. 13 RIPTA will increase bus service to South County.

1979 Dec. 20 An arbitration panel awarded Narr. police officers a 14% increase in pay and benefits.
1979 Dec. 20 Irving Gabrilowitz conducted a RI-wide effort for 300 Laotian and Cambodian refugee children to have a happier and warmer Christmas season and winter.

1979 Dec. 20 RIAG Dennis J. Roberts II presented Detective Sgt. Richard F. Zuercher the Fourth Annual AG’s Law Enforcement Award for his part in helping disarm a suicidal Narr. resident.


1980 Jan. 10 Crazy Lilly and Rollo lead Narr. Elementary School to nutritious habits, as well as entertaining the students. In addition, that school scored high in an evaluation by the NE Assoc. of Schools and Colleges.

1980 Jan. 17 Narr. high school took in rocking chairs for 24 hours and raise $300 for the fight against Cerebral Palsy.

1980 Jan. 31 Unofficial historian of Narr., Winnie Kissouth, died at 82.

1980 Jan. 31 Narr. HS boys beat Burrilville 61-24, although Burrillville’s stalling tactics held Narr. to 9 points in the first quarter but Burrillville did not score a point.

1980 Feb. 7 The police chief, the fire chief, and the town council will crack down on Schiller’s and Caesar’s.

1980 Feb. 14 Claudine Schneider, who almost defeated Congressman Beard in 1978, was chosen by the South County Jaycees as “Outstanding Young Man of the Year.”

1980 Feb. 14 The Narr. Town Council wants RIDOT to modify Ocean Road from the Towers to the Green Inn from 4 to 2 lanes and to allow parking on both sides of Ocean Road (from The Towers to Green Inn).


1980 Mar. 6 The RI Interscholastic League ruled that the Narr. HS Boys Basketball team had to forfeit 15 victories because of an ineligibility issue.


1980 Mar. 20 Narr.’s first “All Male Revue” was held at Caesar’s I for a sell-out ladies-only crowd.
1980 Mar. 27 Narr. firemen received an 8% pay raise and Delta Dental benefits.

1980 Apr. 3 Police Lt. Jack O’Donnell has just spent 3 months at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA.

1980 Apr. 17 With an $100 fee for each show, Caesar’s I dropped its controversial all-male revue.

1980 Apr. 17 Claudine Schneider is about to announce her candidacy for 2nd Congressional District.

1980 May 8 URI’s Bay Campus will have the South Ferry Church’s original fieldstones replaced.

1980 May 8 Arthur D. Little Pres. of Narr. Capital spent two days at URI as the College of Business and Arts Executive-in-Residence.

1980 May 15 The Christian Brothers held a private ceremony to celebrate its 300th anniversary.

1980 May 22 Forced to leave the USSR because he is Jewish, Roman Glazman is a valued visiting professor at URI’s Dept. of Ocean Engineering.

1980 May 22 Robin Aiello, a Narr. HS junior, will represent RI in “Girl’s Nation” in Washington, DC.

1980 May 29 Tracey Allen became Narr. HS’s first championship by winning the 1,500 meter race.

1980 June 5 Narr.’s Chace Loomis is batting .500 to lead the RI Interscholastic League in Batting.

1980 June 12 Narr. HS’s Michelle Dodge is MVP of the All-South County Girls Softball League.

1980 June 26 The Green Inn, the last hotel, burns down and arson is suspected.

1980 July 24 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donovan hosted the 3rd annual specialty shows of the Clumber Spaniel Club of America.

1980 July 31 The end of an era was marked by the death of Samuel (Emlen) Randolph, whose family owned Wildfield Farm on Ocean Road.

1980 July 31 Mary Jean (MJ) Miniati was crowned Queen Neptune for her achievements in lifesaving skills competition against lifeguards from up and down the East Coast.
1980 Aug. 7  Ted Wright left the rubbish removal business to establish a tour business around an antique double-decker bus.

1980 Aug. 7  The Narr. Senior Softball League all-star team beat NP 7-2 to claim the state senior championship.

1980 Aug. 14  The town and Judge Arcaro settled on a $964,000 price for Canonchet Farm.

1980 Aug. 28  Stonington Seafood Products is coming to Galilee.

1980 Aug. 28  Narr. firefighters will run the first local telephone center for the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for MD.


1980 Sept. 11  School enrollment is down 51 in Narr. from 1,761 to 1,710.

1980 Sept. 11  Denise E. Joseph is the Town’s first probationary patrol woman.

1980 Sept. 18  Six year Democrat chair Guido Rizzo resigned to heal the party after a hotly-contested primary in which 4 of the endorsed council candidates won and unendorsed candidate Carol Cronin placed second.

1980 Sept. 18  Two more shops leave Pier Village with owners claiming Gilbane indifference.

1980 Oct. 16  Congressman Beard was somewhat under control during the only debate with Claudine Schneider.

1980 Oct. 23  The Narr. HS Girls Team won its second straight Class B South Championship.

1980 Oct. 30  Narr. will reintroduce life rings at both the end of Newton and Hazard Avenues. The ring-shaped preservers and lifelines in a glass-covered box tied into police and fire headquarters.

1980 Nov. 6  Democrats swept again the local seats, including the Wright-Testa race for RI Repr. However, Claudine Schneider beat Congressman Beard 110,175 to 88, 158.

1980 Nov. 6  Michelle Dodge was MVP of All South County Softball and Chace Loomis MVP of All South County Baseball.
1980  Nov. 13  After 52 years of inactivity the Towers third-floor span will be open to the public by summer.

1980  Nov. 13  The Narr. C of C is leading the “B&B” approach for tourists.

1980  Nov. 20  Carol Cronin, a Narr. school teacher, is being legally challenged for her seat on the town council.

1980  Nov. 20  St. Thomas More Church announced a major fund raising project for renovations and for construction of a rectory, parish hall, and Administrative office area.

1980  Nov. 27  URI Marketing Prof. Gene Johnson and his students urged “Cooperative Tourism” for South County.


1980  Dec. 11  Harold Arcaro offered 50 acres at Narr.’s Canonchet Farm to the Town for $1,250,000.


1980  Dec. 18  Tim Clays is MVP of the All-South County football team. Seven more Narr. players made the first team.
1981  Jan. 1  The microfilm of the NT did not include Sections 3 and 4 and, hence, there was little coverage of the Arts or Entertainment and Enlightenment. This policy is a continuation of a midyear 1980 decision.

1981  Jan. 1  RIAG is appealing Judge DeRobbio’s decision of public access to the high water mark, rather than to mean high tide.

1981  Jan. 15  A URI Coastal Resource Center report said RI must give the fishing industry room to grow by expanding berthing facilities in Galilee.

1981  Jan. 22  RIAG seeks to unseat Councilwoman Cronin on violation of town charter.

1981  Feb. 12  A 18.5 acre residential complex has been proposed on the historic polo grounds, north of the PJCC.


1981  Feb. 19  The Town Council reserved parking on the town beach lot for residents up to noon.

1981  Mar. 5  The RI Historical Preservation Commission starts an evaluation of Narr. Pier for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

1981  Mar. 26  Five wrestlers—John Millen; Matt Aitkenhead; Brian Trumbull; Tim Stedman; and Brian Timpson—have been named to the All-Suburban West first team.

1981  Apr. 9  The Narr. Town Council approved a zoning change for a commercial complex on PJ Road but served notice that no further zoning changes for business will be granted in that area.

1981  Apr. 16  Donna and Frank Sassi of NK Telemetry are leading a fund drive for telemetry equipment for the Narr. Fire Dept.

1981  Apr. 23  Billy Harrison scored 5 goals in Feet First under-16 traveling team in an 11-1 rout of Killingly, CT.

1981  Apr. 30  HUD granted $300,000 for rehabilitation houses in the area of Boon and Robinson streets.

1981  May 7  The Narr. Town Council voted for a zoning amendment establishing tighter controls over apartment and condominium development.
1981 June 25 The 60th year of the South County Garden Club will be celebrated by a flower show and luncheon at the Dunes Club.

1981 June 25 Much success has happened in the first month of the Narr. C of C’s bed and breakfast program.

1981 June 25 Peter Pangiotis and Robbie Pearson are Eastern Surfing Association champions.

1981 July 2 Joy Russo was named MVP of the All-South County Girls Softball Team.

1981 July 9 15 hopefuls for the new liquor license will be heard, as well as the public.

1981 July 30 Bob Hope joined Gov. Garrahy for a round of golf at the PJCC.

1981 Aug. 13 At Camp Varnum 240 RI Air National Guard used $12 million worth of radar and radio control equipment for a two-week aerial war games.

1981 Aug. 20 The winner of the new liquor license was Board of Canvassers Chair, Terry Sullivan—a plumber and long-time political figure.

1981 Aug. 27 The Green Inn was condemned by the Town Building Inspector.

1981 Sept. 3 Rudy Milazzo is planning to shoot a movie in Narr. about a released prisoner and is asking for a local cast of 800-900.

1981 Sept. 3 Narr. High School has installed a solar heating system for its locker rooms.

1981 Sept. 3 The 24th Annual RI Tuna Tournament and the 2nd Annual PJ Masters Invitational Tournament will be held in Galilee. Blair Barrows described the process and listed past winners.

1981 Sept. 10 Vincent Catauro III, 16-years old and a summer resident of Narr., caught a 649-lb. tuna to win first prize. His father (Vincent Jr.,) and grandfather (Vincent, Sr.) won the top boat honors with 1,642 lbs.

1981 Sept. 24 The Galilee-based Invader and Jim Dempsey caught a 1,140 ½ lbs. tuna in the US Atlantic Tuna Tournament.

1981 Oct. 01 Town Manager Don Martin resigned after six years of fine service to be city manager of Yankton, SD. Public Works Director, George Allaire will be interim manager.

1981 Nov. 12 Work began to remove four run-down piers in Galilee and replace them with two large, modern piers.
1981  Nov. 12  Chet Duff, a 132 pound linebacker, leads the high schools defense.

1981  Dec. 03  A Washington County Grand Jury dropped its investigation of the fire at the Green Inn.

1981  Dec. 03  More than 1,100 have appealed their property revaluations.

1981  Dec. 10  Patrick Scheidel was chosen from 61 applicants to be the new town manager.

1981  Dec. 17  Jay O’Callahan, of WGBH-FM The Spider’s Web program, performed at the elementary school by telling stories.

1981  Dec. 24  A marine affairs URI grad student urged changes in Galilee which would allow tourism and the fishing industry to coexist. He suggested: a visitor information center; a new road system to separate tourist and fishing traffic; more motel rooms, public boat ramp renovations; a fish carcass recycling program; and a charter boater association.

1981  Dec. 24  Peter Blessing was selected the Most Outstanding Athlete for the All-South County Football Team.

1981  Dec. 31  The new Sprague Bridge and its approach roads, which straightened some bends in the original Boston Neck Road, is opened to replace the old Sprague Bridge, which is to be destroyed.

1981  Dec. 31  A class action suit was filed to block the controversial property revaluation.

1982  Jan. 7  A $740,000 indoor roller skating arena will be started off PJ Road.

1982  Feb. 11  Kelly Carmody won four individual events for the Narr. high school gymnastics team in a triangular meet.

1982  Mar. 4  George Smith’s business law class held a mock trial before District Court Judge Walter R. Orme.

1982  Mar. 25  A 96 page C of C report stressed that Narr. take a positive stand for tourism. Many suggestions were made.

1982  Apr. 8  Narr. reinforced the main beams of the Towers which were seriously deteriorated,

1982  Apr. 15  Two new plats—Envine and RiverFront—foretell a housing boom due to sewers.
1982 Apr. 22 Stonington Seafood buys the Global Seafood building and will soon begin operations.

1982 Apr. 22 Councilwoman Cronin, still in court about her status, declares for RI Repr. #47, as Ted Wright will not run again.

1982 Apr. 29 RI plans to operate Scarborough, Lido’s, and Olivo’s as one beach.

1982 Apr. 29 Pete Bliss bowled a 300 game after hitting 299 three times in his bowling career.

1982 May 6 A video game room at Burke’s Car Wash was disapproved unanimously by the Town Council with safety cited.

1982 May 27 School Supt. William Holland wrote a viewpoint on Narr./SK cooperation: “Joint school ventures can avoid dismal future.”

1982 June 3 Narr. High School has its first honors night for academic achievement.

1982 June 10 Carol Cronin pulled out of RI Representative Dist. 47 quest, citing job difficulties.

1982 June 10 Gov. Garrahy will address 125 Narr. high school grads, including his daughter Sheila.

1982 June 24 Narr. Marinettes won the Girls Softball championship with Sharon Younkin pitching in a 5-0 victory over Warwick in the deciding third game.

1982 July 1 Renee Archambault, a heavy-hitting outfielder, was Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-South County Softball Team. Three others from Narr. HS joined her – Sharon Younkin, a pitcher, Laura Pearce, a first baseman; and Tracey Cook, shortstop.

1982 July 1 Emily Estes wrote about Peter Toth, born in Hungary, and his quest to honor Native Americans by his sculpturing them. Marcel Dufresne also wrote: “Sculpture has trouble finding takers for the gift.”

1982 July 8 Marcel Dufresne and Betty Thayer wrote: “Sculpture is accepted by Pier.” It will be placed in Sprague Park near the entrance to Canonchet Farms.

1982 July 15 A Morey Boogie Challenge surf meet, sponsored by the Rec. Dept., attracted about 100 participants.

1982 July 22 Oceanography Professor Scott Nixon is leading the efforts to repair he South Ferry Church.
1982  July 29  John Gregorek, a 1980 Olympian, is favored in the 11th Annual Blessing of the Fleet 10-mile road race. (He won but did not break the record).

1982  Aug. 5  Tim Cotter wrote about Narr.’s Wilma Briggs, who had a 7-year career in the Women’s Professional Baseball League, starting with the Fort Wayne Daisies in 1948.


1982  Aug. 26  Emily Estes wrote about the nearly 100 homes classified by National Park Service to be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

1982  Sept. 2  Sallie and Richard Latimer met with Austin Puvogel, former VP of Louis Sherry Ice Cream Co., to discuss the different worlds of Louis Sherry.

1982  Sept. 2  Jennifer Manning has been chosen to play for Famous Pizza to compete for Women’s Major League Softball Crown.


1982  Sept. 30  An inn and restaurant in the urban renewal district attracted much welcome from the community.

1982  Sept. 30  A Mormon Church will be opened in October.

1982  Oct. 21  High school enrollment hits record of 875.

1982  Oct. 28  Mike Griffin kicked a 40 yard field goal and the Narr. HS defense was tough in a 9-0 victory over Shea.

1982  Oct. 28  The new horticulture building was dedicated at the Narr. HS.

1982  Nov. 4  Democrats won again but Fred Testa held an 11-vote lead over Matt Serpa. (After the absentee count, Testa won by 3 votes.) Claudine Schneider was re-elected.

1982  Nov. 11  Two performances of “I Didn’t Think It Could Happen to Me!,” a play written by Kevin LaRiviere (whose younger brother, Eddie, died of alcohol overdose) were held on Wednesday.

1982  Dec. 02  Billy Harrison was named co-Most Outstanding Athlete of the all South County Soccer Team.

1982  Dec. 16  A 12-Hour RollerSkate-a-Thon was held to benefit MD at the Ocean State Roller Rink.
1982  Dec. 23  The Town Council supported an upgrade to Tucker’s Dock by RIDEM.

1983  Jan. 6  A 327 foot barge was abandoned on the town beach, giving surfers great waves.

1983  Jan. 13  A computer literacy course is mandatory for 8th graders.

1983  Jan. 13  The Northgate subdivision is being developed in concert with NRPA.

1983  Jan. 20  An around-the-clock effort for 2 weeks allows two new piers at Galilee.

1983  Mar. 17  The Elementary School held its first energy fair in celebration of National Energy Week.

1983  Mar. 24  Joe Monroe, the 105-lbs. RI champion, is Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-South County wrestling team.


1983  May 5  The South County Tourism Council is formed.

1983  May 12  An after-school period was established to get more participation in after-school activities. Also, Narr. HS will be the first in RI to have the Cambridge and Summer Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation as a part of its curriculum.

1983  May 19  5th and 6th graders are working to convert the school courtyard into an herb garden fit for a king.

1983  June 2  Ralph Coppa was elected president of the RI Recreation and Parks Assoc.

1983  June 23  Narr. celebrated the Towers 100th Anniversary with a colorful parade and lawn party.

1983  June 23  Sharon Younkin was selected as the Most Outstanding Athlete in this year’s All South County Softball Team. Sharon was an all-state pitcher.

1983  June 30  Emily Estes wrote: ”Social Event of the Season” for the grand opening of “Durfee’s at the Pier” Hotel.

1983  June 30  $138,000 was loaned to Narr. to buy a VAX II 750 computer.

1983  July 7  An ad was placed for The Narr. Pier Towers of Casino at the turn of the Century: 100th Anniversary 1883-1983.
July 7  Tom Carmody, president of RISE Institute of Electronics, was elected president of Vocational Resources, Inc. – a United Way agency providing job help for the disadvantaged in RI and Southeastern, MA.

July 14  Rev. J. Allen Hughes, pastor emeritus of St. Mary’s Star of the Sea Church, celebrated his 50th year celebration of his ordination. He still says mass most days.

July 14  A long skate-a-thon raised $72,000 for the Meeting Street School.

July 14  A Morey-Boogie Challenge Meet was won mostly by local riders, despite many out-of-town participants. A Morey-Boogie board is a short, soft board ridden in a prone position.

July 21  Emily Estes wrote: “Fishermen, ferry jockey for scarce Galilee dock space.”

July 21  A photo was shown of six-time National Women’s Champion, Glenna Collett Vare, at 80 putting at the PJCC Women’s Invitational Tournament.

July 21  Emily Estes wrote about the history of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fish at URI. Marie Poland Fish and her husband started at what is now the sprawling Bay Campus in 1934. Mrs. Fish was honored for her contributions.

July 28  Three World War II Gold Star Mothers—Mabel McKinney Hammond, Anna Laity, and Georgeanna Anderson—will be honored at an exhibit of memorabilia at Hazard Memorial Hall in Peace Dale.

Sept. 1  The NT endorsed Council president Loontjens’ idea of transferring Jerusalem to SK.

Sept. 1  4 age groups—5 and under; 6 to 12; 13 to 17; and 18 and over—competed for best sand sculptors at Canonchet Beach with more than 260 participants.

Sept. 22  The Narr. Town Council voted 4-1 not to transfer Jerusalem to SK.

Sept. 29  Emily Estes wrote “New Piers Signal Boom for Galilee.”

Oct. 6  Tim Cotter wrote “Mr. Offense (Chris Poirier) Mr. Defense (Ted Sherman) lead Pier to 3rd win.”

Oct. 20  The Town Council voted to disallow future commercial expansion along PJ Road.

Oct. 27  Mrs. Marie Fish was at the ceremony dedicating a laboratory at the URI Bay Campus to her husband, Charles, and herself.
1983 Oct. 27 Narr. received an additional federal grant to help complete a $2.6 million outfall pipe at the Scarborough Sewage Treatment Plant.


1983 Nov. 03 Ralph Coppa is chairman designate of the New England Regional Council of the National Parks and Recreation Association.

1983 Nov. 10 Twelve microcomputers will be purchased with $36,271 from the Governor’s Computer technology initiative.

1983 Nov. 24 A new 4,200 sq. ft. building for the Division of Marine Resources and URI’s Sea Grant Colleges was dedicated.

1983 Dec. 1 Wayne Durfee, after only five months, is selling “Durfee’s At the Pier” hotel.

1983 Dec. 8 RIDEM awarded a $66,666 contract to correct the steep and slippery ramp at Tucker’s Dock.

1983 Dec. 15 Kathleen Ward’s fourth graders presented Christmas cards to Congresswoman Schneider for our troops in Beirut, Lebanon.

1983 Dec. 15 Chris Poirier is the Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-South County Football Team.

1983 Dec. 22 Suresh Patel of NJ and his group show intent to buy Durfee’s at the Pier Hotel.

1984 Jan. 19 A raid on a “wedding” at the Dutch Inn nets 28 arrests. The NT labels this a “3-ring circus.”

1984 Mar. 01 More than 400 K-8 students have written books sponsored by the RI State Council of the International Reading Association.

1984 Mar. 01 The CGPJ rescue crew removed all 5 fishermen of the “Miss Jennifer.”

1984 Mar. 8 49 elementary students were cited by the Am. Heart Assoc. for a “Jump Rope for Heart” fund raiser.

1984 Mar. 15 Narr. Jr. High boys basketball team won the RI state title with a 55-36 victory over the Ferri Middle School of Johnston.

1984 Mar. 29 Jenny Amoroso is Miss RI Teen USA.
1984   Mar. 29  Tom Campbell is the Most Outstanding Athlete in All SC boys basketball team.

1984   Apr. 5  Narr. junior high schoolers have a 40 by 40 pond to study planania for research.

1984   May 3  The RI Dept. of Community Affairs granted Narr. $193,500 for stabilization of the Towers.

1984   May 24  Kerri Baxter wrote about the conflict between URI students and homeowners in Eastward Look.

1984   June 14  Voters approved the SCM bid for space in Canonchet Farm, 1411 to 777. The Greenhouse Compact drew its best results in Narr. only losing 689 to 1,505.

1984   June 21  Nina Memi, just graduated from Narr. HS, had her painting “Golf balls on Ice” chosen to hang in the US Capital for a year.

1984   July 12  The PJ Fishermen’s Coop received $7 million for expansion from the RI Industrial Building Authority and Fleet Bank.

1984   July 26  Narr. opens new parking lot at Canonchet Farm to alleviate beach parking issues.

1984   July 26  RIDEM opened the rebuilt launching ramp at Pier 5.

1984   Aug. 9  18 year-old Kim D’Angelo boated a 640 pound tuna.

1984   Aug. 30  Nicholas and Gerald Miele, 15-year old twins, became Eagle Scouts.

1984   Oct. 11  Father Ralph Hogan broke ground for St. Thomas More’s $650,000 addition.

1984   Nov. 1  Paul Warburton wrote: “Skating at Ocean Skate: A Demanding Sport.”

1984   Nov 8  Fred Testa was the high vote winner but three Democrats won town council seats. Charles Knowles led Andy D’Angelo by 2 votes before absentee vote counting. Jim Hayes was 4 votes behind Democrat James Rossi for the School Committee.

1984   Nov. 22  Andy D’Angelo won by 4 votes and Jim Hayes won by 14 votes after the absentee vote count.

1984   Nov. 29  Tricia Hadfield and Matthew Benson won awards in the RI High School Forensic League tournament.

1984  Dec. 27  For the second consecutive year Chris Poirier was chosen Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-South County football team.


1985  Feb. 7  NT editorialized, “Parking Problem in Narr. Affecting All.”

1985  Feb. 7  Narr. HS’ debating team was top performer in a debate contest amongst various schools.

1985  Mar. 14  Narr. seventh grader Norman Waldheger was first in the junior division of the RI Science Fair with his study of energy from the earth’s gravitational pull.

1985  Apr. 11  Kerri Baxter started a 3 week segment on “Fishing: A Changing Industry” with these pieces: “Galilee rides the tide of sweeping changes”; “Big boats mean big bucks”; and “On-board processing of fish leads next wave of technology.”

1985  Apr. 11  The newly formed Friends of the Library’s president John Snee received a $250 donation from the chairwoman of the projects committee of the Library.

1985  Apr. 11  Tom Campbell was chosen co-winner of the Most Outstanding Athlete Award for the All-SC Boys basketball team.

1985  May 2  The RI Industrial Building Authority dropped the $5 million support from the PJ Fishermen’s Coop which withdrew its plans to buy Stonington Seafood.

1985  May 2  Narr. HS Boys Track team won the Class D Relay Carnival, led by Brian Conlin and John Panzica.

1985  May 9  Ocean Tides, founded by the Christian Brothers, is celebrating its 10th anniversary as a residential counseling center for boys with long criminal records.

1985  May 16  Sixth grader Krysten Fry and Leah Santoro won the RI history competition with their entry “Martin Luther King: A Man of Peace.” They will compete in the nationals.
1985 May 23 A Superior Court judge ruled that the stranded barge at the town beach be buried by the owners.

1985 June 6 The Town Council voted 4-1 to approve Downing Corp. to build a $25 million oceanfront complex on Ocean Road.

1985 June 6 URI’s Sea Grant Program received more than $1.5 million to study the effects of pollution on Narragansett Bay and on the salt ponds that dot RI’s southern shore.

1985 June 6 Award-winning author Remus F. Caroselli published his second novel for youngsters, Mystery of Long Crescent Marsh.

1985 June 27 Sammy Williams was chosen Mr. RI.

1985 July 6 Ron Wilson, an NHL and Providence College hockey player, is a star player in Davos, Switzerland.

1985 July 25 Local artist Marjorie Vogel is bringing old hotels back to life.

1985 July 25 The recently restored wireless telegraph station from the PJ Lighthouse (believed to be the oldest surviving structure of its kind) is a featured item at the New England Museum of Wireless and Steam in East Greenwich.

1985 Aug. 1 Mickey Champlin was chosen New England Animal Control Officer of the Year by the NE Animal Control Humane Academy.

1985 Aug. 1 Ann Fiore and Ann O’Neill are co-chairs of a fashion show and luncheon at the Dunes Club for the American Cancer Society.

1985 Aug. 1 Bobby Doyle beat last year’s winner John Magill at the Blessing of the Fleet Road Race.

1985 Aug. 8 Steve Jeske wrote: “The Story of Eddie comes back home: Tale of LaRiviere death filmed.” It is a 24 minute film funded by The Shawmut Bank of MA. It is based on the play of Eddie’s brother Kevin.

1985 Aug. 29 The 28th Annual RI Tuna Derby gets underway.

1985 Sept. 5 Betty Thayer wrote this tremendous piece as a part of a series “For Sale: South County – Resort days return to Pier: Building boom concerns some officials.”

1985 Oct. 3 Hurricane Gloria enacted minimum damage to Narr.

1985 Oct. 10 The Bonnet Shores Beach Club was sold for $2.4 million to Anthony F. Mansolilo.
1985  Oct. 24  The SCM opens at its new home in Canonchet Farm.

1985  Oct. 31  Kerri Baxter wrote about Druid’s Dream mansion and Joseph Peace Hazard, its owner.

1985  Nov. 7  Residents told the town council that they want stronger laws in dealing with noisy renters and illegal duplexes.

1985  Nov. 7  Ames is to be one of the anchor stores at the Salt Pond Shopping Center.

1985  Nov. 14  RIDEM approved the Bonnet Shores causeway project on Bonnet Point Rd. that winds around Wesquage Pond.

1985  Nov. 14  Paul F. Eno wrote “RI’s Remarkable Pre-History” for RI Historical Society.

1985  Dec. 12  RIDEM and Narr. will build a new sewer pumping station at Galilee to handle anticipated expansion.


1985  Dec. 12  Clarkson Collins, Narr. recently hired environmental coordinator, has applied for a RI grant of $15,000 to fund an environmental plan.

1985  Dec. 26  RI plans to have $1.6 million allocated for repairs to docks and bulkheads at Galilee to make room for more boats.

1986  Jan. 9  Ann Steinburger, Jacquelyn Cronin, and her mother, Gloria, are leading the quest of listing the names of fishermen lost at sea for the monument dedicated to them by the Narr. Lions in 1976 at the DEM building in Galilee.

1986  Jan. 16  The Citizens Advisory Committee will hold 2 meetings to search for solutions to parking problems.

1986  Jan. 16  Lucia Chase Ewing of NYC and Narr. died. She was co-founder and co-director of the American Ballet Theatre and was the owner of Sunset Farm. Pres. Carter presented her the Medal of Freedom in 1980.

1986  Feb. 6  Both school and town officials predict a bleak financial future in light of the 5.5 percent maximum increase in local taxes, as mandated by the State.

1986  Feb. 13  The Narr. Elementary School is one of four RI schools nominated for the National Elementary School Recognition Program.
1986 Mar. 6 Firefighter Robert D. Lloyd was honored by Firehouse Magazine RI, and the Town for his heroism rescuing two people near Hazard Rock.

1986 Apr. 10 School Supt. Holland resigned to take the same position at Westborough, MA.

1986 Apr. 24 The Narr. Town Council voted to limit the number of unrelated persons in a rental unit at three.

1986 May 8 An ad hoc committee recommended that the beach pavilion be replaced.

1986 May 15 The School Facilities Use Committee recommend a new 800 student primary school. The current school would become a middle school.

1986 May 22 Town Manager Scheidel resigns for a similar post in Centralia, WA.

1986 May 22 Doug Norris in his series RI 350 wrote the classic “When the Pier Rivaled Newport as a Resort of the Wealthy.”

1986 May 22 3 of the 5 Zoning Board members resigned without explanation, possibly over the Black Point controversy with Downing Associates.

1986 May 29 The NT editorialized that “Pier needs a more active, involved town manager.”

1986 May 29 The RI Port Authority donated the Dixie Kief er Memorial Chapel at Quonset Point to the Galilee Mission to Fishermen.

1986 June 5 David Cicilline has formed Citizens Against Reckless Expansion (CARE).

1986 June 12 Doug Norris stressed the long-time ocean involvement of the Bay Campus. He noted a 1963 article by Beauregard and Johnson “South Ferry – The Vanished Seaport.” They noted these names since 1695 – Smith’s Ferry; the Ferry at Boston Neck; Franklin’s Ferry; Cottrell’s Ferry; Easton’s Ferry; and finally, South Ferry.

1986 June 12 A lawyer for Downing said there would be an appeal of the requirement of public access to Black Point.


1986 June 26 The U.S. National Park Service granted $953,803 for upgrading Scarborough Beach.

1986 June 26 Steve Holland and Mike Lurgio were on the All-South County Golf Team.
1986 July 3 Johnette Frick wrote the delightful “Surf’s Up—Time to Go Hang Ten!: Free Surfing Lessons by ‘Peter Pan’ for Future Hot-Doggers.”

1986 July 3 The U.S. Education Dept. honored Narr. Elementary school for excellence. It was the only RI school to be so classified and just one of 13 in New England. David Hayes is its principal.

1986 July 3 As a part of GSO 25, Edwin Newman – former NBC reporter and commentator – served as moderator of The Future of the World’s Ocean program for Stansfield Turner, former director of the CIA, and Dr. Kenji Okamura, special assistant to Japan’s minister of state for science and technology, at URI.

1986 July 3 The Black Point issue was the genesis of RI Shoreline Access Concerns (RISAC), which is holding a public forum at URI’s Bay Campus.

1986 July 3 Twelve-year-old Tracy Coppa captured a silver medal at the Athletic Congress Junior Olympics Region I Track and Field Championships in Portland, ME. She has been invited to participate in the Junior Olympic National championships.

1986 July 3 The Narr. HS Student Council raised $3,500 for the Amer. Heart Assoc.

1986 July 10 Gerald Miele and his partner, Melanie Sheehamp Warwick, won the Danny Mulroy Memorial Trophy for being the top young novice dance team in New England.

1986 July 17 RIDEM temporarily banned shell fishing in polluted Narrow River.

1986 July 24 Bill Davis, formerly assistant superintendent in Wilton, CT, is the new Narr. School Superintendent.

1986 July 24 The South County Museum will hold a regional quilt show.

1986 July 31 Andy Mignanelli and Matthew Gill, director of RIDOT, saved Vincent Carvalho who was trapped in his car. Mignanelli and Gill will be officially commended by Police Chief Martin.

1986 July 31 Paul Warburton wrote “Pier’s Frank Caprio is the star center fielder and lead-off hitter for the South County Salts. He is on Harvard’s baseball team.”

1986 July 31 NT editorialized: “Narrow River Needs Help of 3 Towns.”

1986 Aug. 7 Len Matarese, 38, is appointed Town Manager. He was a policeman before entering public administration. His last position was in Orange, NJ, a city of about 32,000.
1986  Aug. 7 The Narr. Town Council approved the first reading of a land conservancy trust funded with local taxes.

1986  Aug. 21 Downing Corp. takes public access ruling on Black Point to court. The new Stop & Shop in the Salt Pond Mall will open Oct. 18. A proposal for another shopping center nearby on Woodruff Ave. is made by Vincent J. Siravo.

1986  Aug. 21 The Narr. Town Council appointed a 7-member school building committee for a new elementary school.

1986  Sept 4 Ames will open its store in the Salt Pond Shopping Center this week.

1986  Sept. 4 Only one tuna over 310 lbs. was caught in the PJ Masters Tuna Tournament, but none were caught in the bigger RI Tuna Tournament.

1986  Sept. 11 A $2.4 million medical center at the corner of Kingston and PJ Roads is planned to house 20 tenants. Also, Downing plans a 118-unit residential cluster on the south side of the Salt Pond Shopping Center.

1986  Sept. 18 Patricia Duce was honored as being a National Merit Scholar Finalist.

1986  Sept. 25 F. Johnette Frick wrote about Coast Guard historian, petty officer Mike Maynard, who is writing a book on the lifesaving services at Point Judith.

1986  Sept. 25 Gov. DiPrete announced a $4 million, two-year plan to renovate facilities at Scarborough State Beach.

1986  Oct. 23 Residents of Jerusalem were incensed by the dilapidated State Pier and by the noise from trucks picking up quahogs.

1986  Oct. 30 The RI Attorney General is seeking to intervene in the Black Point issue.

1986  Nov. 6 Democrats remain in control of Town Council with Republicans Fred Testa and Andy D’Angelo replaced with Republicans “Nickie” Hoxsie and Kathleen Fagan. Republican Joe Cavanaugh joined Jim Hayes on the School Board. RI AG candidate Jim O’Neil is in the lead.

1986  Nov. 13 RI Superior Court Judge Eugene Cochran overruled the zoning board decision on 22 condominiums at the corner of Gibson Ave. and South Board Road.

1986  Nov. 20 Democrat Joan Bartolomeo won with two Republican votes and was elected president of the Town Council.

1986  Nov. 20 Led by Pablo Ozonas, a foreign exchange student from Spain, Narr. won the Division II State Soccer Championship over Rogers in a shootout for its second
championship in a row. An infrequently used sophomore, Martin Auslander, scored the last penalty shot.

1986 Nov. 20 Senior Kristen Ravo was the high school winner of the Century III Leadership program sponsored by Shell Oil. Kristen focused on the dangers of drugs.

1986 Nov. 20 RI Properties Committee agreed to buy Olivo’s Beach, 7 ½ acres between Scarborough and Lido Beaches.

1986 Nov. 27 Karen Asher Joy will serve as part-time director of the South County Museum.

1986 Dec. 11 After 36 years as a volunteer, Mrs. Thomas Kershaw, Jr. was named National President of the National Easter Seal Society.

1986 Dec. 11 Steve Holland’s arm and Rick Mangili’s legs led Narr. to a 34-6 Super Bowl Class B championship over Barrington.

1986 Dec. 11 The NT editorialized about the new town council and new manager in their efforts to slow runaway development by: (1) impact fees; (2) no further development on PJ Rd.; (3) density requirements; and (4) certified planner.
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1987  Jan 8  The USEPA awarded its RI Operations and Maintenance and Excellence Award to Scarborough Treatment plant.

1987  Jan. 8  Rick Mangili was chosen SC Most Outstanding Athlete for football. He is an end and an outstanding punter.

1987  Jan. 15  Four fishermen from the dragger “Andrew & Allison” drowned in stormy seas off Martha’s Vineyard. The one survivor, Allen Louzon, survived 20 hours adrift in a life raft.

1987  Jan. 22  The Narr. Town Council imposed a 60-day moratorium on new subdivisions.

1987  Jan. 29  The USEPA’s Environmental Research Laboratory in Narr. is EPA’s center for marine, coastal and estuarine water quality research.

1987  Feb. 12  A NT editorial criticized Downing Corp’s. attempt to expand the Salt Pond Shopping Center into the teeth of the building moratorium.

1987  Feb. 26  Christina Camara wrote about Narr. trying to fit 1,069 students into the largest RI elementary school.


1987  Mar. 5  Steve McKendry won his weight class in wrestling in the RI championship and will compete in the New England’s.

1987  Mar. 12  The girls basketball team won the Class Championship by upsetting Hope, 45-35 for first-year coach Jen Kelly.

1987  Mar. 12  Seven firefighters were paid more than Chief Wyatt’s salary of $34,238.

1987  Mar. 12  Matt Benson was the best varsity debater in RI and Narr. won the varsity and novice divisions in a tournament at Classical High School.

1987  Mar. 19  The Town Council approved a $7.5 million elementary school bond, $1 million less than requested.

1987  Apr. 2  Gavin Waldheger was chosen for a gold medal on a speech on farm subsidies.

1987  Apr. 9  DEM received a $809,000 grant from the US Dept. of Commerce for upgrading Galilee. This is expected to create more than 500 jobs.
1987 May 7 Stephen Sasala is the first director of the Community Development Dept. and Jeffry Cessarine is the first town engineer.

1987 May 14 Linda Watts Jackim wrote about Salty Brine.

1987 June 4 The town council approved the Mumford Road site for the proposed elementary school.

1987 June 11 Led by Andy Carr, Narr. HS tennis team is RI tennis champ.

1987 June 18 Andy Carr is Most Outstanding SC Athlete in boys tennis.

1987 July 16 Tracy Coppa won gold medals (880 yard and 1500 meter runs) at the NE Amateur Athletic Union Jr. Olympics.

1987 July 23 Craig K. Williamson is the new bishop of Narr. 1st ward of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

1987 July 30 Liz Worthington is Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-SC girls softball team.

1987 Aug. 6 Town beach lifeguards are the best team in NE at the Newport Invitational Lifeguard Tournament.

1987 Aug. 6 The Narr. Major Girls Softball All-Stars won the RI title by beating North Prov., West 7-6.

1987 Aug. 27 Robert Duce is the new Dean of GSO.

1987 Sept. 10 The Town Council voted to put a $900,000 bond issue for the preservation of open space.

1987 Sept. 10 Christina Camara wrote a 3 week series on Narrow River, starting with “Narrow River: A storied past, troubled future.”

1987 Oct. 22 The new school will most probably be at a South Pier Rd. site and will be for possibly grades 4-7.

1987 Nov. 5 The $7.5 million bond issue passed 3 to 1.

1987 Nov. 5 The High School was honored as one of the exemplary high schools in the nation.
1987  Nov. 19  The 3 Democrats vote to fire Town Manager Matarese. Both the Town Solicitor, Matt Callaghan and the Town Community Director Steve Sasala resigned in protest.

1987  Nov. 26  Vincent Izzo was appointed interim town manager. Clarkson Collins was appointed interim director of community development. Adler, Pollack, and Sheehan, a Providence law firm, was retained for legal advice.

1987  Nov. 26  The school committee voted to build a 650 student school for grades 4, 5, and 6.

1987  Dec. 10  Narr. beat NK 24-0 to win the RI Class B football crown.

1987  Dec. 31  Steve Holland was named Most Outstanding Athlete in SC football.

1988  Jan. 7  Andrew Woodcock wrote about the decaying almost 300 year old records in storage at South Kingstown and how they might be preserved better.

1988  Feb. 18 The Narr. Pier Free Library is now the Narr. Public Library and is now run like a town department.

1988  Mar. 3  Steve McKendry repeated as RI high school 145 pound wrestling championship. Jim Zepp, HS Athletic Director, won the 1987 Cawley Award at the Words Unlimited award dinner. Next week, McKendry captured the NE crown, marking the first time a Narr. HS wrestler captured a NE championship. The following week, he was MOA in SC Wrestling.

1988  Mar. 17  Narr. HS is RI Class C Boys Basketball champs for the first time with a 74-71 victory over Smithfield.

1988  Mar. 24  Former town solicitor Matt Callaghan is leading a movement for non-partisan elections.

1988  Mar. 31  The HS softball field will be named for David Poirier, a recently deceased faculty member.

1988  Mar. 31  Bill Rodriquez wrote about Tim Philbrick’s national prominence in woodworking.

1988  Apr. 7  Narr. will pay $750,000 for 12.5 acres for the new school.

1988  Apr. 14  The Narr. HS’s speech and debate team repeated as State Champ by defeating Classical.

1988  Apr. 21  Tommy Penders was Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-South County boys basketball team.
1988 May 12 High School Principal Todd Flaherty is to become principal in Wilson, NC.

1988 June 2 Elizabeth Mulcahy, high school senior, ranked 4th of 200 in the annual National Catholic Forensic League competition.

1988 June 2 The NT published a magnificent 100th anniversary insert, which deserves a reprint.

1988 June 10 Bill Rodriguez favorably reviewed Paul Watkins’ first novel *Night Over Day Over Night*, a WWII Third Reich story. Paul was the son of GSO Prof. Norman Watkins and resides in Narr. in the summer.

1988 June 15 In the last of the 7th EG Girls fast pitch softball team scored three runs in the State semifinals to beat Narr. 5-4.

1988 June 22 Rick Mangili, sprinter, was chosen Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-SC boys track squad.

1988 June 22 Jim Cavanaugh started his campaign for free access to the Town Beach by entering without paying the fee.

1988 June 24 RI Sen. Bill O’Neill is set to break ground for his Pier Bank.

1988 June 29 Regina Royal Reckling wrote this moving letter: “Indians forgotten in Pier’s history.”

1988 July 13 Andy Carr is Most Outstanding Athlete for All-SC tennis.

1988 July 22 1,244 sign petition for non-partisan elections.

1988 July 27 Tracy Coppa is a member of the prestigious All-NE track team.

1988 Aug. 3 Six junior high students will spend two weeks in the USSR with the Youth Ambassadors Program.


1988 Aug. 19 Marie Sullivan did a truly magnificent effort on covering the Black Point issue—including interviews with Richard Baccari from Downing versus Trudy Coxe with Save the Bay.

1988 Aug. 26 Arnold Frank is the new high school principal.
1988 Sept. 7 Jean C. Stutz transcribed SK town council meeting records from 1771 to 1795, which will be published by the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society.


1988 Sept. 14 Narr. was awarded from Gov. DiPrete’s office $790,875 to purchase 35 acres at Bridgepoint Commons, land along the Pettaquamscutt River, west of Route 1A and north of the Sprague Bridge.

1988 Sept. 16 Council President Joan Bartolomeo was defeated in the Democratic primary. Paul Iacono lost the primary for the 2nd district congressional race to face incumbent Claudine Schneider.

1988 Sept. 30 Marie Sullivan wrote 3 excellent articles: “Industry fishing for safer conditions;” “When the unthinkable happens at sea;” and “Distance makes the heart grow fonder: Fishermen’s wives survive.”

1988 Oct. 19 Senator Chafee and the US Fish and Wildlife Service will join Narr. and SK to set aside a 600-acre national wildlife refuge alongside Narrow River.

1988 Nov. 4 Matt Callaghan was a Yes and Jim Reilly a NO on “Are nonpartisan elections a good idea?”

1988 Nov. 11 Republicans gain control of Town Council with Tim Haxton, Nickie Hoxie, and Dave Ousterhout elected. The non-partisan elections referendum was approved 3,469 to 1,388.

1988 Nov. 16 Narr. HS Girls soccer team won Division Two in a shootout with Warwick.

1988 Nov. 23 Tim Haxton is Council President and the law firm of Taft & McSally is appointed to replace Town Solicitor John Kenny.

1988 Dec. 23 Diana Souza is Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-Girls soccer team.

1989 Jan. 4 The South County Arts and Entertainment Section is not in the microfiche collection at URI.

1989 Jan. 13 Peter Pan won the Senior Men Kneeboard and Longboard finals in the NE Eastern Surfing Assoc.

1989 Jan. 18 Royal Little, the quintessential capitalist and founder of Textron, died at 92 in Nassau, Bahamas.

1989  Jan. 25  Jean C. Stutz, a volunteer, wrote a 344-page book on transcripts of SK Town Council from 1771-1785 for the Pettaquanscutt Hist. Soc. (Remember Narr. was part of SK until the split in 1888).


1989  Feb. 8  Glenna Collett Vare’s obituary was too short for her achievements in women’s golf – 6 US Women’s Amateur Championships between 1922 and 1935; in the first class inducted into the Women’s Golf Hall of Fame; and the Vare Trophy awarded every year to the player on the LPGA Tour with the lowest stroke average per round. (Let’s honor her in the manner she deserved.) See Golf 365 Days (pp. 123, 124, and 125).

1989  Feb. 10  EPA awarded a $4 million contract to Ceimic Corp.,

1989  Feb. 17  James Sumner, 18, won his sixth straight science fair.

1989  Feb. 24  RI acquires a 940-sq. foot parcel of land north of Scarborough State Beach, which adds about 4 acres to the beach and links it to Black Point.

1989  Mar. 22  A large ad was placed for Narr. HS Drama Class presentation of an original play, “Alcohol: Power or Powerless?”

1989  Mar. 24  Andy Kittleson is Most Outstanding Athlete on the All SC boys basketball team.

1989  Apr. 5  The Town Council allocated $106,550 to reconstruct part of the Tower’s first floor.

1989  Apr. 5  The PJ Fishermen’s Co-op opened its $5 million fish processing facility, capable of unloading 16,000 pounds of fish an hour.

1989  Apr. 5  The Rugged Wear Ltd. is in receivership, with bargains in its Boon St. outlet, hopefully providing cash for reorganization.

1989  Apr. 5  RIDEM requires nonresident beach passes at double the resident rate.

1989  Apr. 7  The town will increase its fire staff from 16 to 32 with each fire fighter costing $30,000 a year.

1989  Apr. 7  Terry Mercer wrote “Tomorrow, the great trout tales will be born” to mark the start of the RI trout fishing opening with about 55,000 two-year old trout, stocked in 70 or more RI lakes and streams.
1989 Apr. 14 Police Chief Martin wants to increase policemen from 30 to 36 in the next two years.

1989 Apr. 28 Narr. won its third straight Annual High School Speech and Debate Championship.

1989 May 5 Micah Tinkham and Beth DeLuca, elem. students, are winners in the Invent America contest.

1989 May 5 Capt. Al Anderson received an award from the International Game Fish Assoc. for tagging and releasing the most Atlantic Bluefin Tuna in 1988. One of the award givers was Curt Gowdy.

1989 May 12 George T. Sprague received the 1989 Chevron Conservation Award for being a full-time volunteer at the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Sachuest Point Refuge in Middletown.

1989 May 24 Gov. DiPrete announced a condemnation of a 42 acre strip north of Scarborough Beach (Black Point) for $6.4 million.

1989 June 9 Alexander Whitten achieved Eagle Scout at 13 years old.


1989 June 16 John F. McGarry, Pres. of CEIMIC Corp., was nominated by Harry Schult, RI managing partner of Arthur Young, as Entrepreneur of the Year.

1989 June 28 Marie Sullivan wrote “South County rebounds from slick (from the 533 foot World Prodigy): Quick action limits damage” and other related pieces about the 420,000 gallons of oil in Narr. Bay.

1989 July 5 Joe Laurie was Volunteer of the Year for Narr. Little League for his 10 years as coach.

1989 July 12 The state of RI formally condemns Black Point.

1989 July 14 Narr. purchased 36 acres and US Fish & Wildlife purchased 27 acres for Bridgepoint.

1989 July 21 Enrique DeZavala is Most Outstanding Athlete on the All SC tennis team.

1989 Aug. 2 The US Senate approved a bill to spend $1.4 million to acquire 150 acres of land around Pettaquamscutt Cove for a national wildlife refuge.

1989 Aug. 2 Mark Donahue set a new course record of 49 minutes, 19 seconds to win the 18th Annual Blessing of the Fleet 10-mile road race.

1989 Aug. 2 Both the Narr. boys and girls Major League All-Star Teams won state championships.

1989 Aug. 4 The 12th Annual Heritage Days Festival has a theme of “The Year of the American Indian.”

1989 Aug. 4 The Inez Sprague Trust Committee will disperse over $30,000 to the needy.

1989 Aug. 23 RIDEM reclassified much of the remaining area in the South Ferry Industrial Park as wetlands.

1989 Aug. 30 Narr. adopts Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) for students leaving elementary school.

1989 Sept. 8 Narr. will receive $13,386.93 from the U.S. Attorney’s office as the first installment of what Police Chief Martin expects to be millions of dollars. Drugs worth $50 million were seized as a result of an operation by Narr. and Little Compton.

1989 Sept. 13 The Narr. Reserve Corps. Rescue rescued two teenagers off the rocks off Hazard Ave. Ed Beck, Dirmid Gray and Al Johnson were the rescuers.

1989 Sept. 29 James Sumner, a Narr. HS grad and a freshman at Univ. of NH, is featured by Marie Sullivan. James has had a lifetime fascination with science and is majoring in biology and minoring in marine affairs.


1989 Oct. 20 A new shopping area in the Salt Pond Shopping Ctr. will contain a maximum of 15 retail spaces and as many as 10 offices on the second floor.


1989 Nov. 10 Donald Lally beat his Republican opponent Dan Carter by 47 votes to replace Repr. Gil Indeglia.

1989 Nov. 22 25 children in Narr elem. School after school day care made enough pilgrim hats for each resident of the Scallop Shell nursing home.
1989  Nov. 22  U.S. Sen. Pell’s $5 million bill for URI’s proposed Narr. Bay Center
unanimously passed in the Senate and will be sent to the House.

1989  Dec. 1  Prof. John Casey from the Univ. of VT published and won the National
Book Award for Spartina, which is set in Galilee, Green Hill, and fictionalized spots and
is about a struggling fisherman trying to retain his dignity.

1989  Dec. 6  Marie Sullivan wrote:  “1989 bleak year for fishing; Big-money fish
scarce, prices down, boat seizures up.”

1990  Jan. 10  David Hayes, new principal of Narr. Elem. Schools, is the Chairman of
the elementary component of the NE Assoc. of Schools and Colleges.

1990  Jan. 10  Beth Knox (Narr. HS Girls Basketball) scored 26 pts. defeating Hope 46-
44 and 20 pts. defeating St. Xavier 51-34.

1990  Jan. 12  The Narr. Preservation and Improvement Assoc. was surprised to receive
$500,000 from an unclaimed donation from Royal Little.

1990  Jan. 19  Sandra Salvatore is the first RI woman to be a Certified Commercial
Investment Member (CCIM).

1990  Jan. 31  Matt Maher, senior point guard, scored a career high 46 points in Narr.’s
victory over Pilgrim 91-89.

1990  Feb. 7  Mike Dawson wrote about the arrival of the Soviet herring ship, Professor
Baranov, off Dutch Island on a joint venture with PJ Fisherman’s co-op.

1990  Feb. 9  Beth Knox scored 27 pts. in a girls HS game against Bristol and then 33
pts. in a match against Fatima.

1990  Feb. 21  RI Sen. O’Neill led the movement to rename the “Galilee State Beach” to
the “Salty Brine State Beach.”

1990  Feb. 21  The Eastern Surfing Championship was held on the Narr. town beach and
was dominated by area surfers and body boarders.

1990  Mar. 7  By a 3-2 vote, the town council ended admission fees for the town beach.

1990  Mar. 9  Narr. elementary students thanked Stop & Shop for donating at least 3
Apple computers, 7 printers and software by collecting more than $900,000 worth of
grocery receipts under the leadership of Maryanne Killow of the PTO.

1990  Mar. 16  Terry Mercer wrote about Hank Soar of Great Island, who is in the NFL
and Baseball Hall of Fame.  Hank was a star safety with the NY Giants and a Major
League umpire for 21 years.
1990  Mar. 16  Norm Worthington, former Narr. HS pitcher, is coming back as a senior pitcher for Eastern Connecticut State Univ. after a bout with Hodgkin’s Disease.

1990  Mar. 23  RIDOT and Narr. both claim no responsibility for Ocean Road side walks.

1990  Mar. 28  Matt Mahar and Paul Clays were chosen on the All-SC first team for boys HS basketball.

1990  Apr. 11  PJ Fisherman’s Co-op needs $1 million to avoid bankruptcy.

1990  Apr. 13  Judy Leonard, a Grade 6 teacher, is Math Teacher of the Year for Southern RI.

1990  Apr. 25  The USSBA lent $900,000 to the PJ Fishermen’s Co-op.

1990  Apr. 25  Firefighters will become eligible for retirement pension in 20 years instead of 25 years. To get that, they forfeited a year and a half pay raise.

1990  May 2  3 of the 5 town council members claimed they had no knowledge of the pension change from 25 to 20 years until they read about it in the newspaper.

1990  May 2  Michelle Pond helped the boys golf team to its 8th straight victory. Michelle’s brother Matt is also on the golf team.

1990  May 11  Phyllis Reichstetter is SC Hospital’s volunteer of the year.

1990  May 16  The Narr. Middle School was dedicated. Jennifer Iacono and Karen Jones, sophomores, won the RI championship for group performance.

1990  May 23  Two police cruisers were stoned and two tires punctured when police attempted to disperse a loud party in Sand Hill Cove.


1990  June 13  Astronaut “Woody” Spring spoke to 250 at the Narr. Bay Campus.

1990  June 27  RI State Sen. O’Neill is retiring after two decades of service to the General Assembly.

1990  June 27  The Salty Brine State Beach is dedicated.

1990  July 4  An elevator is being installed in the Towers.
1990 July 4 Jody Laurie is the Most Outstanding Athlete and the third baseman on the All-SC softball team.

1990 July 6 The police union agrees to a provision for retirement in 20 years rather than 25 years.

1990 July 11 Police Chief James Martin has applied for a disability retirement due to hearing problems.

1990 July 25 Joyce Peterson, Andrea Pezzullo, and Pat Valcaltis of the Friends of the Towers presented Town Manager Izzo with a check of $6,000 from an auction to benefit the Towers.

1990 Aug. 3 Jane Blackwood reported 11 PJ fishing boats have defaulted on loans with 40 more near this status in “Fishermen drift on stormy seas: Banks tighten credit.”

1990 Aug. 15 Narr. will receive a grant from RIDEM for purchase and preservation of Sunset Farm.

1990 Aug. 17 Joe Miller at 79 still active with lifeguards at the town beach for about 65 years was featured in an article by Terry Mercer.

1990 Aug. 22 The Narrow River Land Trust was given 25 acres of land near Middlebridge by Avery Brooke of Noroton, CT. RI gave $400,000 to buy about 15 acres along the river at the SK/NK border.

1990 Aug. 22 Arnold Kraaijvanger won his second-straight “King Neptune” at the RI Surf Reserve Competition.

1990 Sept. 7 Narr appealed to the Boston census office that the U.S. Census Bureau’s preliminary population count was almost 7,000 lower than the Narr. estimate.

1990 Oct. 5 Growth of deposits at Pier Bank is twice than planned and it is seeking $1 million more in capitalization.

1990 Nov. 7 Capt. John O’Donnell is the new police chief.

1990 Nov. 9 Survivors of the US Black Point sinking on May 5, 1945 off Point Judith by the German submarine U-853 met at the PJ Lighthouse. US Black Point was the last American Flag merchant ship to be sunk by a German submarine.

1990 Nov. 9 By a 3,553 to 1,005 vote, Narr. voters approved the bond to purchase Sunset Farm.

1990 Nov. 9 Claudine Schneider lost her bid to overturn US Senator Pell.
1990  Nov 14  Sandra Oliynyk wrote a touching remembrance entitled “Black Point Men Remembered.”

1990  Nov. 21  Tim Haxton is reappointed town council president.

1990  Dec. 5  The interior of the Towers will reopen for the first time since 1957.

1990  Dec. 7  RI bought a 20-acre parcel of land for more than $1.3 million as an extension of Fishermen’s Memorial State Park.

1990  Dec. 28  Stacy Piccoli is a 1990-91 Rotary Foundation Scholar. She is studying economics at the Univ. of Suffolk in Brighton, England.

1991  Jan. 4  PierBank was one of the many banks closed by RI Gov. Sundlun after the failure of RISDC (RI Share and Indemnity Corp.).

1991  Feb. 6  Beach admission fees will resume.

1991  Mar. 1  The state-run welfare office in Narr. will be shut down in the retrenchment of state government.

1991  Mar. 20  Five Narr. wrestlers—Matt Champlin, Ryan Champlin, Jason Corsini, Steve Lake, and Derek Tinkham – made the All-SC squad.

1991  Mar. 22  Linda Hogan, a school reading specialist, was awarded the 1991 Literacy Award by the RI Council of the International Reading Assoc.

1991  Apr. 12  The Narr. HS Athletic Booster Club donated $1,800 for the purchase of sweat suits for girls athletics.


1991  May 3  Narr.’s Steve Babcock, the No. 1 ranked karate heavyweight in the US, will fight in the West Warwick Civic Center.

1991  May 15  Leo Miller, a battalion chief in Providence, is the new Fire Chief.

1991  May 17  St. Mary Star of the Sea Church is reopened after over a six month renovation.


1991  June 14  35 Narr. High School members of the National Honor Society raised $1,000 at a bowl-a-thon for Habitat for Humanity.
1991  June 21  The Towers will be reopened on Sunday with many festivities.

1991  June 26  PierBank received FDIC approval and will reopen in July after being closed for 6 months.

1991  June 28  The two outlying fire stations will be manned by two firefighters at all times.

1991  July 10  Pat Bliss is the Most Outstanding Athlete in SC golf teams.

1991  July 31  2nd Lt. Gerry Leonard visited fourth graders who had sent him letters during the Persian Gulf War. His mother’s sixth grade class had also sent him letters.

1991  July 31  The NT called for a favoring of preservation over recreational uses of Sunset Farm.

1991  July 31  Craig Swanson was appointed Director of Operations for a 21 person marine environmental firm (Applied Science Assoc.) in Narr.

1991  Aug. 2  The Police Station will be expanded by 1,300 sq. ft. Phase One will be paid by forfeited funds from drug cases.

1991  Aug. 14  Dr. John Knauss presented the 1991 Sea Grant Assoc. Special Award to former URI President Fran Horn, who initiated the GSO (Grad School of Oceanography).

1991  Aug. 16  23 beach fee protesters, led by Jim and Joe Cavanaugh, received summonses for non-payment of the beach fees.

1991  Aug. 23  Hurricane Bob left much destruction especially the Coast Guard House Restaurant.

1991  Sept. 4  Scarborough Beach lifeguard Jamie DeCubelllis is Most Valuable Lifeguard in the RI Surf Rescue Competition.

1991  Sept. 18  After ten years, the Narr. Firemen’s Club resurrected the 1918 Amoskeag steamer.

1991  Sept. 25  The town will assume ownership of roads in Bonnet Shores.

1991  Oct. 2  The re-opened Coast Guard House hosted over 400 people at a benefit for reconstruction of the Towers.

1991 Oct. 4 The NT editorialized that “Pier should fight for a proper census count.”

1991 Oct. 23 Mario Frade up-ended heavily favored Steve Laterra with several long slides at the 19th annual ESA Northeast Surfing Championships at the Town Beach.

1991 Oct. 25 The new owners of the Stonington Seafood building plan to hire 75 new workmen to focus on squid.

1991 Nov. 1 Hurricane Grace hits with 6 to 8-foot waves. One person who was fishing off the rocks near Hazard Ave. is missing. The Coast Guard House was flooded again.

1991 Nov. 6 The NT editorialized about combining Narr. and SK schools in one school district.

1991 Nov. 13 Sandra Oliynyk wrote: “Storm damage prompts memories” as Hurricane Grace exposed all sorts of relics of the Narr. Golden Era.

1991 Dec. 4 The SC Museum received a $10,000 grant from the RI Hist. Preservation Com. to renovate a vacant cottage to be used as the museum office.

1991 Dec. 6 Bob Avarista, training at the Narr. Karate Academy, won 2 national karate titles.


1991 Dec. 18 The RI Dept. of Ed. find 13 violations in a review of Narr.’s special education program.

1991 Dec. 20 PierBank is finally reopened with FDIC coverage after almost a closure of one year.

1991 Dec. 20 The Bradford Trout Youth Basketball League received the prestigious 1991 Outstanding Youth League Silver Medal Award.

1991 Dec. 27 Joe LaBelle was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award, the highest Lions Club honor.

1992 Jan 15 There is a plan to bring birds back to the Galilee Bird Sanctuary by restoring the salt marsh south of the Galilee Escape Road.

1992 Jan. 22 The RI Sea Grant’s Advisory Service Program is restored into: (1) coastal management; (2) fisheries, aquaculture, seafood processing, and seafood marketing; and (3) information and education.

1992 Jan. 29 Karen Blackerby is the SC Most outstanding athlete in girl’s tennis.

1992 Feb. 14 Police Lt. Tom Mongeau was a part of a federal drug team on a 1983 arrest that yielded Narr. $900,000 in federal forfeiture funds.

1992 Feb. 26 Laurie Ludovici is the RI Army National Guards first female helicopter pilot.

1992 Mar. 6 The RI Fire Marshall found smoking was the cause of a Dec. 29, 1991 fire in Bonnet Shores that killed two college students.

1992 Mar. 11 Led by Karen Blackerby’s 27 points, Narr. beat SK 56-51 to win the girls Class C basketball title.

1992 Mar. 13 Karen Blackerby is the SC Most Outstanding Athlete in girls basketball.

1992 Mar. 20 Susan Clendenen is president of the Friends of Hospice of Washington County.

1992 May 1 Bernice Chesler, author of 2 books on bed and breakfasts, will be at the Little Professor Bookstore.

1992 May 8 The Narr. harbormaster will be under the supervision of the police chief.

1992 May 8 Stop & Shop executives presented $200,000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank to feed the hungry.

1992 May 15 Eighty-year-old Stephen Kindelan is the oldest URI graduate in its Centennial Graduation.

1992 June 10 Jean L. Bateson was one of URI recipients of the J.C Penney Golden Rule Award for her volunteer efforts on behalf of Hospice care


1992 June 17 The Indian Run Garden Club donated an old-fashioned herb garden to the SCM.

1992 June 26 Town Manager Izzo resigned.

1992 July 3 Ryan Webster was named Most Outstanding Athlete on the 1992 All-SC baseball team. Ryan is a pitcher.
1992 July 3 PJ Fishermen’s Co-op received a loan guarantee of up to $2.6 million from RI.

1992 July 8 Town engineer Jeffry Ceasrine is acting town manager.

1992 July 15 The NE Blacksmiths Assoc. has donated money to the SCM to help it start a permanent blacksmith exhibit.

1992 July 17 The RI Supreme Court overturned the $15.8 million award to Downing Corp. for Black Point.

1992 July 24 The US Census Bureau added 19 people to its official tally, allowing Narr. a possibility of $150,000 more in federal grants annually.

1992 July 24 The SC Kicks hosted the DJK-Ost soccer team from Karlsruhe, Germany.

1992 July 29 Peter Pan won 3 senior titles at the 19th annual ESA NE Summer Championships at the town beach.

1992 Aug. 7 After 13 years, Rugged Wear is closing its Boon Street doors.

1992 Aug. 14 Narr. rallies around toddler Jean Pion III, as he is treated for a malignant tumor that attacks his eyes.


1992 Aug. 28 The Friends of the Towers sold 481 $100 raffle tickets to net about $12,000 after payment to the three winning ticketholders.

1992 Sept. 4 Margaret Leinen is the new dean of GSO.

1992 Sept. 11 Kathryn Mahoney scored 8 goals as Lavalee Siding beat Rivers Edge 9-3 in SC Youth Soccer Club under 10 League.

1992 Sept. 30 Tropical Storm Danielle does not hit area at full force but still caused extensive flooding.

1992 Oct. 2 The high school football field will be renamed “Zepp Field” in honor of long-time football coach.

1992 Oct. 21 Scott Hancock was hired as town manager with cost of $68,000 per year, which caused a public outcry.

1992 Oct. 23 Leon “Brownie” Champlin is 100 years old.
Oct. 23  The Galilee salt marsh, split in two in 1955 by the Escape Road, will have an attempt made at restoration.

Nov. 6  RIAG Jim O’Neil barely beat Republican Jeff Pine in Narr. but lost convincingly in the statewide vote.

Nov. 13  The Salt Pond Watchers and the Salt Ponds Coalition have joined forces to keep up the quality of salt ponds.

Nov. 18  Ted Wright is the new president of the Democrat-dominated town council.

Nov. 18  NASA presented a program on outer-space activities at the elementary school.

Nov. 25  Chris Causey won the 6th straight Junior Body Board crown at the 22nd Annual Northeast Surfing Title at the town beach.

Dec. 16  During a winter gale 20-foot waves sprayed over the seawall at high tide, leaving sand, rocks and beach debris on Ocean Road near the town beach.
1993 Jan. 06 Karen Blackerby is once more Most Outstanding Athlete in the All-SC tennis team.

1993 Jan. 15 Drug seizure money of $750,000 will pay for more space, some furnishing, and computers for the police.

1993 Feb. 3 About 60 Jerusalem homeowners are trying to untangle the results of Nathan Kenyon’s death in 1851 with no will, not helped by 1,000 heirs of Nathan.

1993 Mar. 5 The Narr. Property Owner’s Assoc. was organized with 250 irate members.

1993 Mar. 10 RIDEM is planning to restore the Galilee Bird Sanctuary which become undone by the 1956 Escape Road.

1993 Mar. 10 After being unbeaten for 18 games (and 36-1 over two years), the Girls Basketball Team lost to Cranston West in the Class-B final.

1993 Mar. 12 Jared Magee was Most Outstanding Athlete on the All-SC Wrestling Team.

1993 Mar. 19 Donna Masterson is Most Outstanding Athlete of the All-SC Girls Basketball Team.

1993 Apr. 5 Saul Nulman may donate the Lighthouse Inn and property surrounding it to Narr.

1993 Apr. 12 45 drug arrests are expected from a 4 month undercover investigation.

1993 May 21 Bruna Boyle is RI foreign language teacher of the year.

1993 May 26 The RI Labor Relations Board ruled that Narr. would not hold open to the public labor negotiations.

1993 May 26 Sunset Farm’s Kinney Bungalow is to be opened to host a farmer’s market and bake sale.

1993 May 28 After seven years School Superintendent Davis will be Executive Director of Southern RI Regional Collaborative.

1993 June 2 Twenty more town employees join Public Service Employees’ Local Union 1033.
1993 June 11 There are nine new historic district signs.

1993 June 25 Daniel Alan Clarkin becomes an Eagle Scout for “Reclamation of a River.”

1993 July 14 RI State Trooper Matt Zarrella and his dog, Hannibal, received a “Good Cops” award from Channel 6 and Valueland Scotts Food Markets. Matt spent his own money and time purchasing and training the Swiss Mountain dog for search and rescue.

1993 July 21 Dr. Larry Bouchard is the president of the American Osteopathic Assoc.

1993 Aug. 4 The Board of Governors for Higher Education will probably approve a marine affairs doctorate, which only one other school has.

1993 Aug. 6 Bob Hamel wrote about the oldest charter boat captain in the East Coast, 65 year old Don Slater.

1993 Aug. 17 BZ Topps captured the National Girls Fast Pitch Softball crown. That team is primarily made up of high school aged players from Narr. and East Greenwich.

1993 Sept. 17 Peter Rotellli offered Narr. 48 acres adjacent to Sunset Farm on the north side.

1993 Sept. 22 In his role as president of the Am. Osteopathic Assoc. Dr. Larry Bouchard was a guest at the White House for presentation by Pres. Clinton, VP Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, Tipper Gore, and former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop.

1993 Oct. 1 The U.S. Senate has appropriated $3.3 million more for the buildings at the proposed Coastal Institute at URI.

1993 Oct. 1 St. Peter’s is starting a $150,000 fund drive for its 125th anniversary next year.


1993 Oct. 13 A burial site for the Narragansett Indian Tribe has apparently been found at the construction site at the Salt Pond Seaport Village, off PJ Road behind the Salt Pond Shopping Center.

1993 Oct. 27 The new comprehensive land plan includes the adoption of greenbelt conservation districts to help preserve buffers of green space.

1993 Nov. 10 Town Clerk, Mary M. Beck, already a certified municipal clerk, has been accepted into the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Academy for Advanced Education.
1993 Nov. 12 Tracy Manforte wrote: “Economics is key to comprehensive plan,” which stressed the fishing industry and tourism as special qualities for future development.

1993 Nov. 12 The Narr. Hist. Soc. had 70 trees planted to beautify the area by the Narr. Post Office.

1993 Nov. 19 Grade 3 teacher Kathy Ward-Bowen is a 1993 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching Winner.

1994 Jan. 12 The teacher’s union formed a Pier PAC.


1994 Jan. 28 Donna Masterson joined Karen Blackerby in the 1,000 point club for Girls Basketball.

1994 Feb. 09 An eight session Citizens Police Academy will be a part of the community police effort.

1994 Feb. 09 Walter E. Timpson, Jr., assistant superintendent of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, was the RI recipient of an award from the NE Water Environment Assoc.


1994 Mar. 2 Councilman Maury Loontjens proposed a bond issue for school expansion of $3.2 million, a reduction of $1 million from the School committee’s request.


1994 Mar. 23 Karen Gavin wrote: “Keep competition at bay, fishermen say: Feds pledge $30 million in aid to describe the consequences of rebuilding the fish stocks.”

1994 Mar. 25 Four 3rd graders—Yoshiko Ogata; Adam Deresenski; Ryan Mahoney; and Alyssa Anderson (from Kathy Ward-Bowen’s class)—won a Toshiba Explore-Vision Award for the Swiss Army Ruler.

1994 Apr. 15 Acting School Superintendent John W. Wedlock is now the new School Superintendent.
1994  May 4  Heidi Reardon is RIDCYF Social Worker of the Year.

1994  June 3  Stephanie Poirier was South County Hospital’s Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year and May J. Lovaas licensed Practical Nurse of the year.

1994  June 10  The Catholic Diocese of Providence has closed Our Lady of Peace Retreat House (Hazard Castle).

1994  June 24  St. Peter’s-by-the Sea Episcopal Church celebrated 125 years of history.

1994  June 29  Ann O’Neill, president of the SC Tourism Council, was one of eight women honored by the RI Commission on Women.

1994  July 8  The Mormon church is serving about 230 fellow members.

1994  July 20  U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbit, along with U.S. Sen. John Chafee, presents a check of $750,000 while visiting the Pettaquamscutt Wildlife Refuge.

1994  July 20  URI Prof. Mike Rice will make a presentation on marketing shellfish.

1994  Aug. 12  PJ Country Club is celebrating its 100th year history.

1994  Sept. 16  The Galilee Mission for Fishermen informally broke ground for a 45 feet steeple honoring fishermen and Navy veterans at the corner of Great Island and the Escape roads.

1994  Sept. 23  Sen. Ted Kennedy and his wife along with Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg will be at a $250 fundraiser for Patrick Kennedy at Terry Murray and his wife’s home in Narr.

1994  Oct. 05  Martha Murphy of Murphy’s Bed & Breakfast won a SC Tourism Council award.


1994  Oct. 21  The Dominic R. Christofaro Memorial Playground will be dedicated on Oct. 29.

1994  Nov. 11  Two Republicans and two Democrats and one independent won council seats. Councilman Loontjens finished last place in the eight person race.

1994  Nov. 18  URI’s Ocean Engineering Dept. received a $2.5 million vessel from the US Navy.
1994  Nov. 30  Tim Haxton is president once more of the Town Council. Maury Loontjens was unanimously appointed to serve a 3 year term on the Library Board.

1994  Dec. 2  Elementary school students raise funds for Ed Silva’s liver transplant.

1994  Dec. 7  The SCM received $75,000 from the Champlin Foundation and $6,600 from RI Hist. Preservation and Heritage Commission for construction of new buildings.

1994  Dec. 14  Superior Court Judge Fortunato strikes down barring three or more unrelated people living in a house or apartment.

1994  Dec. 14  Kimberley Higgins ranked number one at the RI Municipal Police Academy.

1995  Jan. 18  After 13 years, the owner of Pier Cinema, William F. Dougherty III, closed the two cinemas as Gilbane sold the building to the owner of the Village Inn.

1995  Feb. 8  The Spain Restaurant moves from Pier Village to Ocean Road.

1995  Mar. 3  CRMC approved the expansion of aquaculture in PJ Pond by Spatco.

1995  Mar. 8  The US Dept. of Commerce announced a $2 million program for buying Northeastern Fishing boats.

1995  Mar. 15  Led by Lee Fry, Youri Zdrak, Matt Pedro, and Adam Gallagher, the Mariners are RI Class C Basketball Champs with a 73-59 trouncing of Mt. St. Charles.

1995  Mar. 15  For probably the first time, the town councils of Narr. and Block Island get together, mostly to discuss $1.2 million RIDOT grant to expand service to Block Island by work on the ferry dock.

1995  Mar. 15  The De LaSalle Christian Brothers at the Ocean Tides facility were awarded the Gould-Wysinger Award by the US Dept. of Justice for their work with wayward boys.

1995  Mar. 17  Ponds like Sprague (Lake Canonchet) can be easily treated with new environmentally safe mosquito killers.

1995  Mar. 29  Youri Zdrak was named to All Division Boys basketball.

1995  Apr. 21  A URI geologist found the rocks on the Narr. Coast are about 250 million years old, whereas the rocks off Beavertail and in South Kingstown about 570 million years old, the result of a collision of North Africa and North America.

1995  Apr. 28  The new Galilee Mission Steeple Memorial will be dedicated tomorrow.
1995  Apr. 28  The SCM presents an exhibit by Prof. Joy Emery entitled “Bathers, Swimmers, and Beachwear.”

1995  May 3  The Town Council and Congressman Reed are trying to keep the USCG from closing its PJ law-enforcement and rescue operations.

1995  May 17  The NT editorialized “(Bill) Metz was (South County) Museum Savior.”

1995  May 17  Strathmore Street was abandoned but public access to Canonchet Farm is required.

1995  June 2  The Pier School was chosen as one of the eight “Good Deeds” program by Alan Feinstein.

1995  June 16  Tricia Pan finally captures the Girls Championships (Surfing) after years of being the runner up. Her father, Peter Pan, won the prestigious “Ironman” award, as the outstanding male surfer.

1995  June 21  The NT editorialized for the keeping the PJ Lighthouse Coast Guard group there. “Maybe this $150,000 will save Rhode Islanders a fraction of a penny on their federal taxes, but in the long run its cost will be far more dear. It very well could be a human life.”

1995  July 14  Possibly due to a critical letter from Cy Cybulski, RIDEM announces repairs to Monahan’s Dock.

1995  July 14  The Friends of Narr. Library is formed again.

1995  July 26  The town beach loses about 15 feet at the waterline.

1995  July 28  The 24th annual Blessing of the Fleet Road Race is dedicated to “Tarzan” Brown, a Narragansett Indian and all-time great marathoner.

1995  Aug. 4  The Focsle Restaurant was demolished by RIDOT so that improvements can be made to “Great Island Road.”

1995  Aug. 18  Hurricane Felix affects the area.

1995  Aug. 30  800 fans attended the fight card at the 1,100 seat Ocean Club. The “Commotion on the Ocean” feature was won by Brian, “The Bull” Barbossa, who knocked out “Ghetto” Greg Townes to win the NE Super Middleweight title.

1995  Sept. 08  Town employees can retire after 20 years of service.

1995  Sept. 15  The NT editorialized against Narr. public employee’s 20 year retirement and praised Stanley Wojciechowski for his attack on that issue.
1995  Sept. 27  After fewer than 3 years as town manager, Scott Hancock has resigned to be executive director of the Maryland Municipal League Board.

1995  Oct. 25  The CG station expected to remain open as it is considered a search-and-rescue station.

1995  Nov. 8  M. Slavin & Sons, a wholesale and retail fish business with plants in Manhattan and Brooklyn, is the new owner of the bankrupt PJ Fishermen’s Cooperative.

1995  Nov. 8  In a contest with Maury Loontjens for acting town manager, Jeff Ceasrine was ultimately chosen 4 – 1 with Democrat Tim McDonald breaking from the Democratic ranks.

1995  Dec. 01  VNS HomeCare and VNS HealthTouch were awarded for high excellence from Joint Commissions on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

1996  Jan. 5  The CG station at PJ will shrink from a staff of 29 to 10 and the PJ Lighthouse will be automated.

1996  Jan. 24  Karen Gavin wrote: “Coast Guard presence seen as a vital one” in the Coastline in Crisis series after the latest oil spill.

1996  Jan. 26  Michelle Packard wrote: “Area fortunate to have coastal experts close at hand.”

1996  Jan. 26  Peter Pan was one of the 24 initial inductees into the East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame in Florida.

1996  Jan. 31  Monahan’s Dock had damage to the recently repairs tar surface.

1996  Feb. 7  Patrick Fealey wrote: “Lobster Kills (from North Cape oil spill) more than expected: Dead number in 100,000’s.”

1996  Feb. 14  The US Senate’s Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on the North Cape oil spill at the Town Hall.

1996  Feb. 16  US Senators John Chafee and Joseph Lieberman and US Repr. Reed grilled Vice Admiral Henn, acting commandant of the CG, about the slowness in developing required regulations for oil barges.

1996  Mar. 13  RI purchased the 4.33 acre parcel between Scarborough Beach and Black Point. Now RI owns the entire stretch.
1996  Mar. 15  The RI Audubon Society announced that Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Murphy have donated a 3,400 sq. ft. lot along the Pettaquamscutt River, abutting 15 acres already owned.


1996  Apr. 3  With much audience opposition, Maury Loontjens was appointed town manager when Tim McDonald changed his vote.

1996  Apr. 5  Ellison Brown, a Narragansett Indian, constructed a traditional brick forge for the SCM’s new blacksmith shop.

1996  May 1  The US Dept. of the Interior has recommend $1 million for land purchasing for the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge.

1996  May 22  Karen Bousquet wrote about Elem. School principal David Hayes, who is retiring after 24 years: “This school principal’s office a pleasant place to visit.”

1996  June 12  Mike O’Hagan, senior pitcher, was voted Most Valuable Player in Class B high school baseball.


1996  June 21  St. Peter’s will rededicate the children’s building in memory of Alexis “Allie” Boss.

1996  June 28  Only Ray Storti and Sara Whitright will run again for Town Council as Ted Wright, Tim Haxton and Tim MacDonald bow out.

1996  July 3  A plaque honoring the contribution of SCAT for $9,000 to rebuilding State Pier No. 5 (Monahan’s Dock) was dedicated by RIDEM.

1996  July 03  Jerry Judge, former Narr. Public Works Director, was chosen from 70 applicants to lead the Galilee Mission to Fishermen, a part-time position of $20,000 a year.

1996  July 24  The NT editorialized that there is a “crying need for some sort of centralized planning for the future” of Galilee, our largest fishing port.

1996  Aug. 14  Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jack Apperson was selected to be the executive director of the Narr. Chamber of Commerce.
1996 Sept. 4 A raffle for a television raised $4,6000 for the children of slain McGinty McManus.

1996 Sept. 20 Congress voted to add 100 acres to the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge.

1996 Oct. 2 The first of the three building plan for The Coastal Institute will be dedicated on the URI Narr. Bay Campus.

1996 Nov. 1 Hundreds of volunteers will wire the elementary school and outfit the rooms with hookups for about 100 computers.

1996 Nov. 6 The Wooden Horse, a gift and collectible shop, is selling a new afghan with 10 Narr. landmarks.

1996 Nov. 8 Two endorsed Democrats -- Brian Handrigan and John Hickey – one unendorsed democrat, David Crook, one republican Sara Whitright, and one independent, Stanley Wojciechowski, won seats on the town council.


1996 Nov. 22 Thomas O’Floinn donated his 1931 Willy’s Knight car to be the first car as a permanent exhibit at the SC Museum.

1996 Dec. 4 For the first time six Narr. high school students attended The National Future Farmers of America Convention, which was held in Kansas City  The Narr. Lions helped fund the trip.

1996 Dec. 11 Narr. police now have a brand new forensic mapping system.

1996 Dec. 20 URI graduate students recommended the formation of a port authority in Galilee.

1996 Dec. 20 Led by Jeremy Lisnoff, who had been competing as a solo swimmer, Narr. finally has a swim team.

1997 Jan. 10 John Tarasevich, 14, led 20 friends and fellow Boy Scouts in his Eagle Scout project of cleaning Narrow River.

1997 Jan. 22 Derek Sanderson, a former Boston Bruin hockey star, spoke to 300 7th and 8th graders on the bad effects of alcohol and drugs had on him.

1997 Jan. 29 Police Chief John O’Connell is President of the RI Police Chief’s Association.

1997  Mar. 14  12-year-old Neil Reiss is the number one forms competition in the US for 11-12-year-old black belts.

1997  Mar. 14  Bob Parks, who was the cub master for Pack 29, was posthumously honored for his great success.

1997  May 2  Michael Pare wrote a ‘getting to know’ piece on Peter (Pan) Panagiotis.

1997  May 2  Access to the SCM through the proposed Canonchet Farms subdivision was guaranteed.

1997  May 14  A Civil War Weekend will be held at the SCM.

1997  May 28  Almond McDevitt wrote about what would happen now if a storm like the 1938 Hurricane hit Narr.

1997  June 2  Michael Pare wrote a ‘getting to know’ piece on Peter (Pan) Panagiotis.

1997  June 11  Brooks Pharmacy will soon open a store at South Ferry and Boston Neck Roads.

1997  June 20  Eleven students from the 7th and 8th grades are a part of the “Working with Wildlife” program and their project was rebuilding bluebird boxes at Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge. Also, Almond McDevitt did “Getting to know…Yoshito Nakaminami” who is spending his junior year from Japan at Narr. High School.

1997  June 20  The new pavilion at Roger Wheeler State Beach will be open tomorrow.

1997  June 25  The new owners will remodel the Dutch Inn.

1997  June 27  The PJ Fisherman’s Council will receive a $69,850 grant from RIDEM to install a permanent system to treat fish waste.

1997  July 18  RIDEM will replace the deteriorated Pier A in Galilee with a 24 foot wide, 800 feet long pier.

1997  July 23  The Block Island, a $7.5 million vessel, has joined Interstate Navigation’s fleet to make the runs between PJ and Block Island.

1997  July 25  Bernice and Wayne Durfee are leading walking tours of the South Ferry area.


1997  Aug. 27  The lifeguards of Narr. Town Beach won their 11th straight RI Lifeguard Title.

1997  Sept. 3  Erika Hodges wrote: “Spain Celebrates First Decade.”

1997  Oct. 1  URI researchers – Frank Golet URI wetland scientist; Peter Paton, URI bird expert; and Dennis Myshral, URI Natural Resources Science Dept. researcher – are carefully watching over the Galilee saltmarsh restoration.

1997  Oct. 8  URI and USEPA join forces for ecological research.

1997  Oct. 10  The Narr. Town Council appointed a seven-member Galilee Advisory Board.

1997  Oct. 12  RI Superior Court Judge Frank J. Williams ruled beach fees constitutional, much to the chagrin of CRABS advocate Jim Cavanaugh.


1997  Nov. 5  The Ocean Technology Center had a ground-breaking at The URI Bay Campus. The goal of this facility is to build business around ocean technology.

1997  Nov. 12  Kathleen Ward-Bowen is running Girls Investigation Science and Math (GINS) for third and fourth quarters for both genders.

1997  Nov. 21  Narr.’s Will Seuffert at Prout wins Heisman Award.

1997  Dec. 3  Norm Campbell, Ph.D., is named Chairman of VNS Homecare Board of Directors.

1998  Jan. 7  The Salt Pond Shopping Center was sold for $12.4 million, which allowed the Stop & Shop expansion to move forward.

1998  Jan. 9  Dr. Robert Leonard is one of fewer than 50 doctors worldwide to become board certified in the field of hair restoration surgery by the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery.

1998  Jan. 21  The Galilee Advisory Board suggested a manager for the Port.

1998  Jan. 23  Sarah Haig Friedman wrote: “Getting to know...Michael Maxon.” Michael is the owner of the Crazy Burger Café and Juice Bar.
1998 Jan. 28 Brian Eldridge reached the 1,000-point mark in his high school basketball career.

1998 Jan. 30 Anthony Amitrano (clarinet) and Sarah Gordon (french horn) placed first in the recent All-State Music Competition. Anthony is a senior and Sarah a freshman at Narr. HS.

1998 Feb. 18 Neal Westkott won two events in the Class B meet. He won the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle.

1998 Feb. 20 Neil Riess, Jr. is the 11-12 year-old black-belt world champion.

1998 Mar. 4 The Narr. Town Council supported the high speed ferry concept. A group led by Charlie Donadio, Jr. has proposed it and is being contested by Interstate Navigation, the current holder of the traditional ferry, and the town of New Shoreham (Block Island).

1998 Mar. 4 The 7th grade class of Karen Swaboda and the 8th grade class of Debi Swanlund at Narr. Pier School are holding a Help the Hungry Concert, are a part of The Feinstein Hunger Brigade.

1998 Mar. 13 An All-Star Chess Team composed of 9th graders and 8th graders earned 2nd Place in the Junior High School State Championship. Also, the NT published 16 poems and essays for Students Fighting Hunger.

1998 May 6 Tom Spargo will build a pro shop and a driving range on 6.7 acres on Boston Neck Road.

1998 May 13 Doug Wardwell won his fourth national award for video excellence for “South County Legacy,” created for the SC Tourism Council.

1998 May 20 Lauren Grzebian and Mike Kostardies (SK) shared medalist honors in the All-Division Tournament at PJCC.


1998 July 10 The Towers Committee, chaired by Dave Ousterhout, is bringing The Towers back to life.

1998 July 15 The PJ Lighthouse was one of four finalists for the national lighthouse museums but lost to Staten Island, NY. RI Lt. Gov. Bernie Jackvony stated: “The design, the economic and statistics could be put to use toward a new goal or some sort of educational exhibit that highlights RI history in relation to the ocean.”

1998 July 15 Rachael Kelley wrote: “Enjoying a popular spot by the sea (at Narr.’s sea wall).”
1998  July 17  Sarah Hay Friedman wrote: “Galilee business owners express concerns for Port’s future –Some fear fishermen will be forgotten in the push to develop tourism in the area.”

1998  July 31  Mimi Sammis’ sculpture “Dancing on the Waves” is unveiled on the lawn next to the Town Beach.

1998  July 31  Applebee’s is eyeing a Salt Pond Shopping Center location if the town gives special approval.

1998  Aug. 14  Two trips by RIEDC and the RI Seafood Council to China and to the Philippines netted $900,000, with $2.5 million additional orders for fish.

1998  Aug. 21  Tricia Panagiotis, surfer, was honored by WJAR-TV as an Athlete of the Year and was featured as a part of a three-night series.

1998  Aug. 26  Fred Bartlett Sr. and Fred (Frantic) Jr. will compete as a team in the World Triathlon Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland.

1998  Aug. 28  Sarah Haig Friedman wrote: “Getting to know George Leninhan, Sr.” – the co-proprietor of Pacho O’Malley’s.

1998  Aug. 28  Hurricane Bonnie is close by.

1998  Sept. 16  Gov. Almond cut the ribbon to mark the official opening of the new Ocean Technology Center at GSO.

1998  Sept. 16  $89,000 has been spent to renovate Adventureland on PJ Road across from Stop & Shop.

1998  Sept. 18  John T. Holton is new Superintendent of Schools.

1998  Sept. 23  Kathleen Ward-Bowen was one of four RI teachers and 160 nationally to receive a $25,000 Milken Family Foundation National Education Award this year.

1998  Sept. 25  Interstate Navigation is appealing, along with Block Island, the RIPUC decision in favor of the high-speed ferry of Island Hi-Speed Ferry LLC.


1998  Oct. 2  Jim Bennett, Republican, detailed his campaign for RI General Treasurer.
1998 Oct. 23 Mrs. Christensen’s and Mrs. Stedman’s fourth grade classes met the Globalearn Explorers in Boston and will follow them on the Internet as they cross the US.

1998 Nov. 11 Two newcomers – Stanley Wojciechowski and David Crook -- were elected as independents, in addition to Democrats George Lenihan, Jr., Brian Handrigan, and Suzanne Miller. Jeff Hamill and Tony Catuogno were ousted by Christine Sullivan and John Devaney on the School Committee.

1998 Nov. 18 Richard Bucci has his machine-generated art on display at Barnes & Noble.

1998 Dec. 2 A long-billed Murrelet, a native of Siberia and the Sea of Japan, was spotted in Narr. for the first time in RI.

1998 Dec. 9 Narr. beat Tiverton to win the Div. IV Super Bowl 29 to 25.

1999 Jan. 06 Peter Pan has been invited to attend and compete in the 1999 Noosa Surfing Festival on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast in Australia.

1999 Jan. 15 On Saturday about 13 teachers and 13 parents, along with members of the American Power Conversion Co. and high school technical coordinator Vin Doyle, will wire two classrooms in the high school for internet access.

1999 Jan. 20 Allison Garceau placed first in three events at the Bay View Invitational Girls meet – the 50 meter and the 100 meter freestyle and the 200 medley relay, on which she anchored.

1999 Jan. 22 Denise Owens is the Police Officer of the Year for the RI Crime Prevention Assoc. Last month she received the Sunderland Practitioner of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society of Crime Prevention. Denise has been the community service officer for 10 years.

1999 Feb. 5 Sarah Haig Friedman wrote: “Land grant sparks debate over open space.”

1999 Feb. 10 School Supt. Holton pulled the plug on the administering of the SALT survey, after much controversy.

1999 Feb. 24 Washington Trust will purchase the 12-year old PierBank. Also, Sawyer School acquires the Ocean State Business Institute, owned by Bary Smith.

1999 Feb. 26 Mimi Sammis will exhibit 30 of her works at the United Nations in NY.

1999 Feb. 26 Sarah Haig Friedman wrote: “Boon St. reflecting history,” which covered about 120 years.
1999  Mar. 3  The proposed Applebee’s was denied a liquor license, as was the 1200 Ocean Road restaurant.

1999  Mar. 5  A new Kinney Bungalow is almost completed after a 3-year renovation, and will be open for use and visitors.

1999  Mar. 12  Pending General Assembly approval, the RIEDC will take over control of Galilee from the DEM.

1999  Mar. 24  Francis Boyle, 16, has his first play “Finding Ahab” in production at the All Children’s Theatre in Providence.

1999  Apr. 30  The Friends of Oceanography will host a guided field trip to the Galilee Bird Sanctuary Salt Marsh.

1999  May 5  The former Pier House Inn has been redesigned to an elegant Victorian Rose and renamed the Ocean Rose Inn.

1999  May 19  The Farrelly Brothers (Bobby and Peter) are shooting “Me, Myself, and Irene,” starring Jim Carrey at Great Island. Rachael Kelley wrote the article. Ernest Brown was the photographer.

1999  May 28  Rachael Kelley followed up with “Limelight still shines bright in hearts of Great Island residents.”

1999  June 11  The Town Council voted to pay $15,876 legal fees for former councilman, Ray Storti, and his daughter, Karen Saucier.

1999  June 16  Applied Science Associates, founded by URI Prof. Malcolm Spaulding, celebrated its 20th anniversary. It is located on Dean Knauss Drive off South Ferry Road.

1999  June 18  The Town Council support RIDEM over RIEDC as port managers for Galilee.

1999  July 7  Since the bill to transfer control of Galilee to RIEDC from RIDEM was not passed in the General Assembly, RIDEM remains in control.

1999  July 21  The Narr. Minor League Boys All-Star Team beat Warwick American (7-0) to win the Dorothy Couto Tournament.

1999  July 23  Geoff Boss won his first-ever victory on the CART Indy Lights circuit.

1999  Aug. 11  The VFW Post 365 in Narr. opposes using Memorial Park for a permanent ice rink.
1999  Aug. 13  Steve Babcock won a ISKA World Championship in Coronado Springs, CA.

1999  Sept. 15  Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for an expansion of St. Veronica’s Chapel.

1999  Sept. 17  John Hickey was elected to the Town Council to replace Stanley Wojciechowski, who had resigned.

1999  Oct. 6  Linda McCarthur is President of Financial Women International. She is Corporate Secretary and VP of Community Relations for Peoples Bank.

1999  Nov. 3  Kaitlyn DeCubellis, 13, and her friend’s mother, Marsha Bowman, were killed by an intoxicated driver at Rte. 4 and Rte. 95 in NK.

1999  Dec. 3  The 17th Annual MADD vigil will honor Katie DeCubellis and Marsha Bowman.

1999  Dec. 8  Narr. beat Tiverton 46-43 to win the Division IV Super Bowl.


1999  Dec. 29  The seventh annual Wright family free Christmas Dinner was held at the Narr. Community Center.


1999  Dec. 31  Peter Pan wrote: “Locals deserve Hall of Fame too: (1) Pat McMulty; (2) Sue Lloyd Hogan; and (3) Howie Goldsmith.”