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Note: Newspaper titles, including the ones listed here, undergo name changes throughout the years.

### TITLE | TOTAL YEARS OF COVERAGE
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Democrat & Chronicle (Rochester)† | 1871–Present
Ithaca Journal | 1914–Present
The Journal News (West Nyack, White Plains) | 1889–Present
The Journal News (White Plains) | 2010–Present
New York Daily News† | 1920–Present
Newsday (Suffolk Edition)† | 1954–2000
Poughkeepsie Journal | 1785–Present
Press & Sun-Bulletin (Binghamton)† | 1904–Present
Star-Gazette (Elmira) | 1891–Present

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1913 Binghamton Factory Fire (Jul 24, 1913):
The Binghamton Factory caught fire on July 22nd, 1913, and resulted in 31 deaths. The fire was so intense that the building was destroyed in less than 20 minutes. The event led to conversations about fire and factory safety and brought about reforms in the fire code.

1964 Rochester Race Riot (Jul 28, 1964):
On July 24, 1964, police attempted to arrest a 19-year-old African American man at a street block party. After watching the police exert excessive force, bystanders started throwing bottles and bricks. The event escalated with police calling for backup and police dogs, and using riot weapons on the crowd. The Governor declared a state of emergency the following morning and eventually called in the National Guard.

Mark Twain (Jul 19, 1967): Although Mark Twain grew up in Missouri, he spent much of his adult life in Elmira, New York, where his wife’s sister lived. During his life, the paper made note of his activities and would frequently report on him.
Stambovsky v. Ackley (Mar 16, 1990): Stambovsky v. Ackley, sometimes referred to as the Ghostbusters ruling, is a case that went to the New York Supreme Court that ruled that a house, which the owner had previously advertised to the public as haunted by ghosts, was legally haunted, and that the owner was required to disclose that to prospective buyers. The house in question belonged to Nyack resident Helen Ackley. Because of the uniqueness of the ruling, the case is frequently taught in U.S. law classes and printed in books on contracts and property law.

September 11th, 2001 Terrorist Attack (Sep 12, 2001): On September 11th, 2001, the militant group al-Qaeda attacked the twin towers of the World Trade Center after having hijacked commercial airplanes. The attack resulted in 2,977 fatalities, over 25,000 injuries, and at least $10 billion in infrastructure and property damage. It is the deadliest terrorist attack in human history.

Ithaca Gun Company Cleanup (Feb 4, 2003): The Ithaca Gun Company, established in 1880, tested their shotguns behind the plant for decades, where the bullets would fall into Fall Creek Gorge. Lead eventually accumulated in the soil as a result. A major clean-up effort was established in 2002.

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