

Library Database of the Week

UMI ProQuest Newspapers

This database includes citations and full-text articles from over 40 state and national newspapers; coverage spans from *The Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *Chicago Tribune* to the *Milwaukee Business Journal*, *LaCrosse Tribune*, *Sheboygan Press*, the *Wisconsin State Journal* and more.

Path to UMI ProQuest

THE SOURCE: The Library's *Electronic Databases*

THE PATH: Go to the Library's web page: <http://depts.alverno.edu/library/>
Find "**Search for Journal Articles (Electronic Databases)**"
Click on "**By Subject**"
Click on **Local and National Newspapers**
Click on UMI ProQuest Newspapers

The Main Search Page

Click for more help

The screenshot shows the ProQuest search page with several annotations. A box labeled 'The Main Search Page' points to the search input field. A box labeled 'Key to searching' points to the 'Search Methods' dropdown menu. A box labeled 'Click for more help' points to the '?Help' link. A box labeled 'To search only within Wisconsin Newspapers...' points to the 'Collections' dropdown menu. A box labeled 'The default (advanced search) searches by keyword...' points to the 'Search in:' dropdown menu. A box labeled 'Click on UMI ProQuest Newspapers' points to the 'Search Methods' dropdown menu.

ProQuest® Text Version English ?Help

Searching collections: Advocate, Greenwich Time, ProQuest Newspapers

Enter a word, words or specific phrase.

Publication type: All

Search in: Citations and abstracts

Show results with full text availability only

Show articles from peer reviewed publications only

Show total number of articles

Classification Codes Stop Words Operators NAI

Other Search Fields Article Types Publication Dates

Use related terminology

! "?" is used as a right-handed truncator only; it will find all forms of a word.

pl "*" is used to replace any single character, either inside the word or the right end of the word.

To search only within Wisconsin Newspapers, click on collections. Near bottom of page, click on the "+." Choose Wisconsin Newsstand; click continue to enter

The default (advanced search) searches by keyword. For other search methods, e.g., guided, click here. It's helpful to know total # of results.

A Basic Search

A search for “mayoral race” would give you these results. To refine your search you can scroll to the bottom and choose a publication type, limit to full text, or to peer reviewed articles.

Click here to get the full text article.

The screenshot shows the ProQuest search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Collections', 'Search Methods', 'Results & Marked List', and 'Search Guide'. Below these, it says 'Searching collections: Advocate, Greenwich Time, ProQuest News'. A 'Save Link' button is visible. The main content area displays 'At least 50 articles matched your search.' followed by a list of 8 search results. Each result includes a document icon, a numbered list item, a blue hyperlink, and the article title and source information. An arrow from the text box on the left points to the first result.

1. [An opportunity to hear mayoral candidates: \[FIRST Edition\];](#) *The Morning Call*, **Morning Call**, Allentown, Pa.; Apr 22, 2003; pg. A.12

2. [Friend or foe, Troy's mayoral race looms a corker. \[THREE STAR Edition\];](#) *TIM O'BRIEN Staff writer, Times Union*, Albany, N.Y.; Apr 22, 2003; pg. B.5

3. [DENVER MAYORAL RACE - DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS Education ties key despite lack of direct link; \[Final Edition\];](#) *Eric Hubler Denver Post Education Writer, Denver Post*, Denver, Colo.; Apr 21, 2003; pg. A.01

4. [Affiliation a pariah to mayor hopefuls: \[3 STAR Edition\];](#) *JOHN WILLIAMS; Houston Chronicle*, Houston, Tex.; Apr 21, 2003; pg. 13

5. [DROUGHT AT CENTER OF MAYORAL RACE : DRY SPELL CHOKES OUT OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES IN UPCOMING VOTE; \[FINAL Edition\];](#) *Jerd Smith ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS; Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, Colo.; Apr 21, 2003; pg. 17.A

6. [City could be in for crowded mayoral race: \[Final Edition\];](#) *GREG J. BOROWSKI; Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Milwaukee, Wis.; Apr 20, 2003; pg. 1.B

7. [Upcoming Election Coverage: \[City Edition\];](#) *Lincoln Journal Star*, Lincoln, Neb.; Apr 19, 2003; pg. 01

8. [On the menu in mayor's race: safety, spending : Candidates attack Wynn about stance on budget, public](#)

We subscribe to another database from UMI ProQuest: Historical Newspapers that searches the New York Times from 1885-1999.

You can view entire pages and issues including photos, graphics and advertisements. It's completely full text!!

Choose link to ProQuest Historical Newspapers under Collections.

The Main Search Page

The screenshot shows the ProQuest main search page. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Results' and 'Help'. Below these, it says 'Searching collections: PQ Hist. News. NYTimes'. The main search area has a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter a word, words or specific phrase.' and 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the input field, there is a 'Search in:' dropdown menu set to 'Article text' and a checkbox for 'Show total number of articles'. Underneath, there are 'Search dates:' options: 'On this date:', 'Before this date:', and 'From:'. Each option has a date input field in 'mm/dd/yyyy' format. An arrow from the text box on the right points to the 'From:' date field.

Enter a word, words or specific phrase.

Search in:

Search in: Show total number of articles

Search dates:

On this date: mm/dd/yyyy

Before this date: mm/dd/yyyy

From: To: mm/dd/yyyy

Tips
For the best results, enter the most specific words or phrase.

To search an entire issue you can enter the exact date. This feature can also help narrow your search.