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This Just In...Current News Sources on the Web

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News stories are added to the web within hours sometimes minutes; sometimes minutes. You can read "real time" headline news using just about any search engine and you can access stories released within the past twenty-four hours. There are times when this is enough and times when you need additional information. Suppose you want to find what's happening in the U.S. Supreme Court or the latest scoop in Kentucky politics. What if you were looking for a local news story published about five years ago? This checklist outlines some resources you can tap for additional news information.

Today's News – Personalized Features

Try **Google News**, (<http://news.google.com>) or **Yahoo News** (<http://news.yahoo.com/>) if you are interested in reading the top stories appearing in the press within the past twenty-four hours. You can personalize your viewing and thereby determine the layout of the page. The primary focus is national and international headlines, weather, sports scores, and stock quotes. The two news search engines do archive thirty days worth of news. Do not use these tools if you are researching a story that has evolved over a period of months.

Searching for News Stories

Check other news search engines if you are not finding what you need. Keep in mind that no one search engine indexes everything that is posted on the web. **AltaVista News** (<http://www.altavista.com/news/>), **AllTheWebNews** (<http://alltheweb.com>), and **A9.com** (<http://a9.com>) index the news in "real time" and offer excellent advanced search features. **Feedster** (<http://www.feedster.com>) is used to locate real time or current information from news sources, blogs, and RSS feeds. This source may include a lot of noise or web rants since you are searching blogs and RSS feeds. Use this site to get a handle on public opinion regarding a company, political issue, product, event or people.

Finding Aids & Older News Articles

American Journalism Review (<http://www.ajr.org/>)

An excellent tool for locating the websites for newspapers, magazines, television networks, television affiliates, radio, newswire services and media companies.

Crayon News Links (<http://www.crayon.net>)

CRAYON is a tool for managing news sources on the web. You can create a customized daily news page (webpage) linking to the sources that you are most interested in. The news categories include: U.S., Canada, local, world, business, politics, science, sports, etc.

NewsLibrary.com (<http://www.nl.newsbank.com>)

A means of locating older news stories published in local newspapers, national newspapers and stories appearing in newswires. The historical coverage or date of coverage is clearly indicated. For example, The Kentucky Post is indexed from 1990 forward. The news story annotations are free, but there is a charge to obtain the complete article.

NewsVoyager (<http://www.newspaperlinks.com>)

A handy tool for locating newspapers on the web. You can search by state, city and newspaper name.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers

Your local library may offer access to older newspaper articles. Public and academic libraries provide historic news stories via their microfiche collections. Many libraries have moved to the ProQuest Historical Newspaper service. Proquest offers electronic (web-based) and easier access to many of the major newspapers including The New York Times.

U.S. News Archives on the Web – Special Libraries Association (<http://www.ibiblio.org/slanews/internet/archives.html>) and (<http://www.ibiblio.org/slanews/internet/archivesindex.html>)

The website lists newspaper websites offering full-text news stories. Most of the collections extend back to 1980s, but

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some special collections extend back to 1800s. You can search for U.S. news archives, international news archives, Asian news archives and Canadian news archives.

Legal News Sources

What if you require news with a legal focus? You want legal news on the web for free, or at a relatively low cost. There are four well-known legal news sites – **LawyerExpress.com**, **Findlaw**, **Law.com** and **LexisOne**.

LawyerExpress (<http://lawyerexpress.com/>)

A legal portal that specializes in legal and business news. The site offers the **Daily News & Info** with links to legal search engines, legal periodicals, daily news, business news, stock market news and quotes and news feeds.

FindLaw (<http://news.findlaw.com/>) offers a vast array of legal services including legal news.

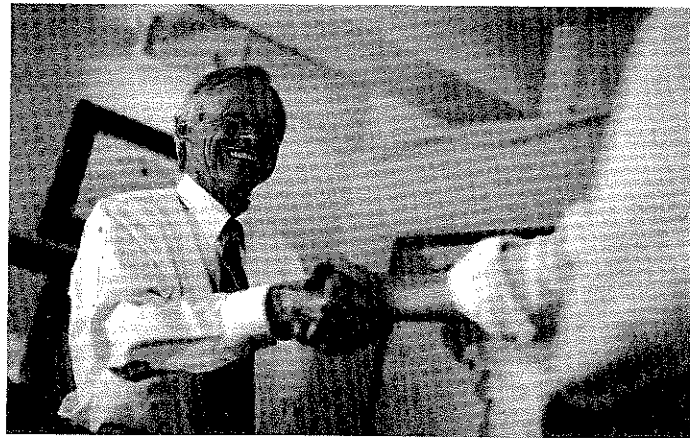
FindLaw - Legal News organizes law-related news stories in the following categories: legal headlines, U.S. law, international law, business, civil rights, crime, environment, immigration, labor, personal injury, politics, U.S. Supreme Court, technology and intellectual property, entertainment and sports. What makes the FindLaw valuable - is that FindLaw supplements the news. **FindLaw's Breaking Documents Newsletter** and **Featured Legal Documents archive** give those interested in legal news something they don't get from the popular press - the actual documents discussed in the news.

Law.com (<http://www.law.com/newswire/>) ALM publishes original legal news stories in addition to those that appear in the headlines. While many articles appear in full-text for free, some areas of the site, especially those devoted to certain legal topics, require a paid subscription. You can register to receive the daily legal news via email or set-up a RSS feed. Law.com links to a number of legal blogs and hosts a "Legal Blog Watch" site.

LexisOne (<http://www.lexisone.com>) posts legal headlines and arranges law-related news stories in the following categories: business litigation and bankruptcy, criminal law, family law, intellectual property law, and estates, trusts and tax law.

In closing, the web is actually a good place to keep up with the headlines and current legal news. I've listed some of the major news sources but they are not the only sites out there. If you want more than the popular headlines, you have some ideas as to where to start.

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