New York Times Index

The New York Times Index (NYTI) is a subject index used to locate newspaper articles on national and international news which have appeared in the New York Times. NYTI is published bi-weekly (every two weeks), with quarterly and annual cumulations. The index usually comes out six to eight weeks after the dates of the newspapers. In addition to general news items, NYTI is also a good source for book, film, art, music, and theater reviews, and for texts of major speeches.

You must use the printed indexes for access to citations between 1852 and 1980. From 1980 to the present you can access full-text articles from the NYT via Academic Universe. From 1983 to present, citations are also available via ProQuest from the Library’s Home Page: http://odin.indstate.edu

Located in the Index Alcove area of the Reference area, NYTI coverage extends from 1851 to the present. The NYTI is arranged alphabetically by subject, personal name, and geographic headings. The sample below is an excerpt from the 1987 annual cumulation of the New York Times Index:

MENTAL HEALTH AND DISORDERS. See Also
Aged, F 9
Child Abuse, D 1, 27
Veterans, Je 7, D 8, 25, 30
New York Gov Mario Cuomo fiscal 1988 budget will increase personal-need allowances for residents of centers for the mentally disturbed (S), Ja 20,II,5:3
Manhattan Psychiatric Center medical director Lother Wertheimer issues report finding patient Neil Stewart died December 14, 1986 as result of incompetent treatment by infirmary doctors, Kuan Kuo and Fred Constant (S), F 2,II,3:6
Doctors as McLean Hospital and Harvard Medical School link severe mental effects to use of anabolic steroid which have been used by athletes to build muscle (S), My 12,III,6:3

SEE ALSO REFERENCES:
list of other headings to check for more information on your subject in the same NYTI issue or volume. The letter and number following "see also" represent month and date of an article on that subject.

ONE (1) CITATION:
description of article content. Parenthetic letter indicates article length: (S)=short, (M)=medium, (L)=long. Each citation includes date of article, section of paper, page number, and column number of article.

This citation is for a newspaper article about the effects of anabolic steroids on the mind. It is a short article, which appeared in the May 12 (1987--from cover of index) issue of the New York Times, section three (III) of that issue, page six(6), column three (3).

Write down your complete citation. The Library has all issues of the New York Times newspaper on microfilm, beginning with September 1852. Microfilm is shelved alphabetically by title in Teaching Materials, Microforms, and Media on the second floor of the Library. Library staff in the microfilm area are available to assist you in using microfilm reader/printers.

The ISU Library subscribes to a number of other newspapers. To find out if the Library has a particular newspaper, do a Journal Title search in LUIS; e.g. chicago tribune.

Many newspapers, especially from non-U.S. sources, are not indexed and only current issues are available in Current Periodicals (Lower Level). The only non-U.S. newspaper with a print index, and available on microfilm, is the [London] Times (1790 to the present). The index for it and other U.S. newspapers (1970s to present) are located in the Reference Index Alcove.

Academic Universe provides access to a variety of national and international newspapers, including the Indianapolis Star. In addition, Ethnic Newswatch (electronic, full-text, 1990s to present) provides a more diverse approach to topics covered in a variety of ethnic and minority newspapers.
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