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Database Guides

Facts.com

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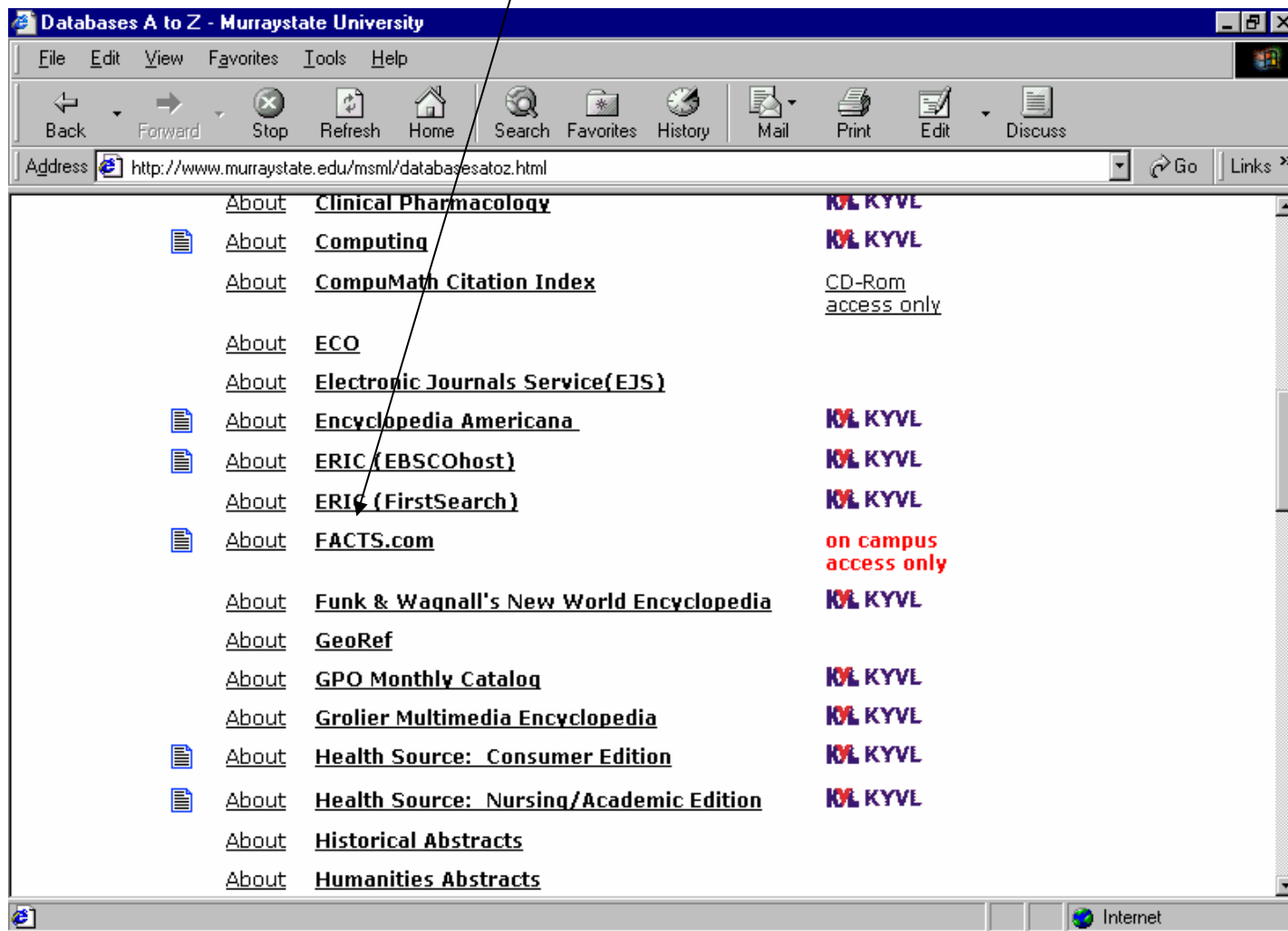
It includes special features like

- 1. Issues and Controversies (encyclopedic sections with both sides to an issue)**
- 2. Reuters online news service with up-to-date news information**
- 3. Maps, photographs, historic documents and overviews of key issues.**

Facts.com is the place to start if your research is newsworthy and topical.

First, Choose Databases A-Z page from the library's home page.

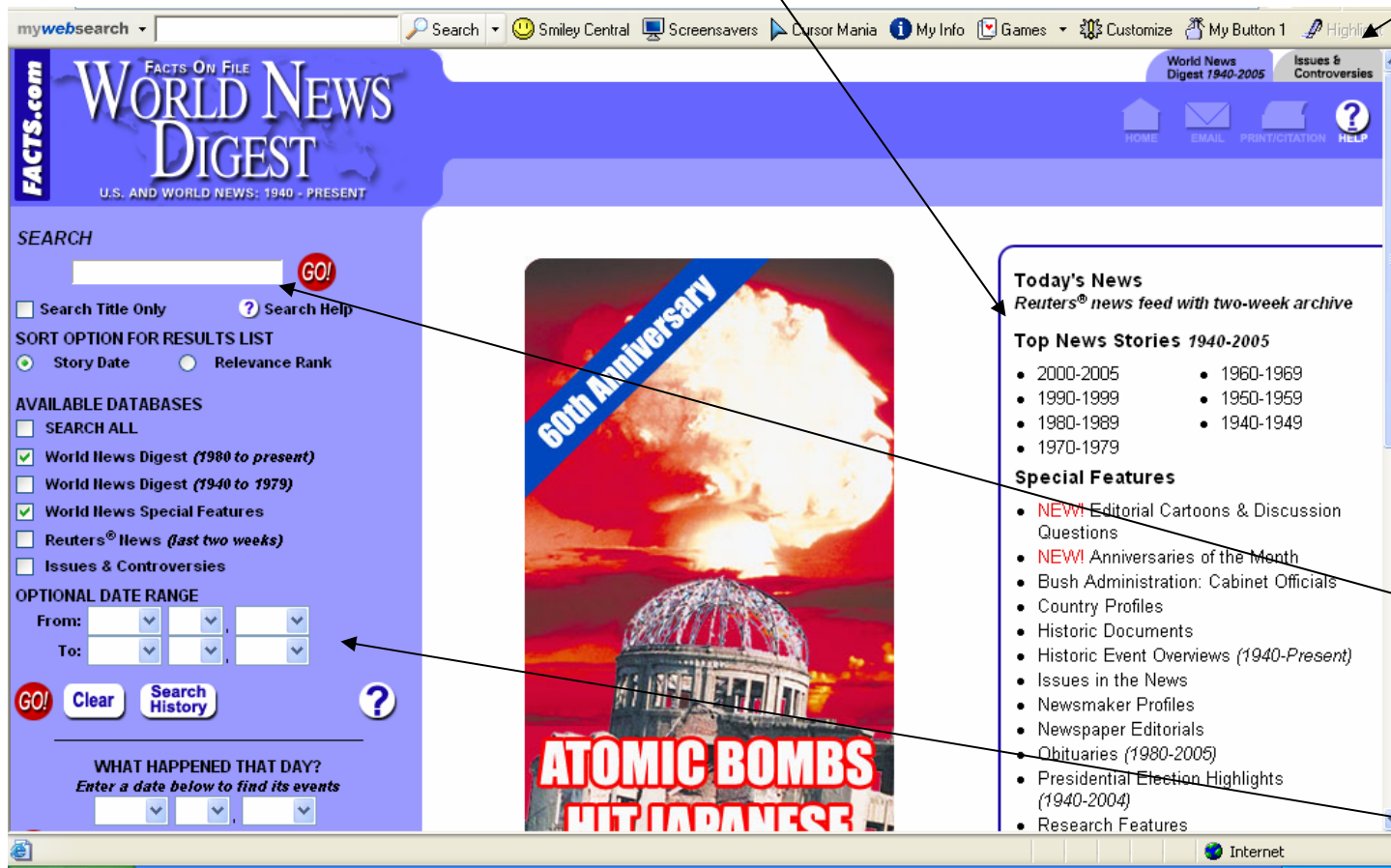
Then click on Facts.com.



The Search Page – A tremendous number of options appear on this page, especially on the sidebar.

Note Top News by decade feature.

Click here for *Issues and Controversies* section.



Search here for *specific topics*.

Look for *events by date* here.

The **Issues and Controversies** tab produces this search page.

Issues pro and con (a short list of the big issues with both sides presented)

Indexes (both alphabetical list and a topic list – great for choosing a topic!)

FACTS.com ISSUES & CONTROVERSIES
In-depth investigations of today's top issues

World News Digest 1940-2005 Issues & Controversies

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SEARCH

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SORT OPTION FOR RESULTS LIST

Story Date Relevance Rank

AVAILABLE DATABASES

SEARCH ALL

World News Digest (1980 to present)

World News Digest (1940 to 1979)

World News Special Features

Reuters® News (last two weeks)

Issues & Controversies

OPTIONAL DATE RANGE

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Quick Access

- Access All Topics
- Issues: Pro and Con
- Subject Index

Issues in the Headlines

(New additions to the database in red)

- 2004-05 High School Debate: U.N. Peacekeeping
- Airline Strikes
- **Antidepressant Drugs**
- **Genetically Modified Food**
- Immigration Law and Terrorism
- Medical Marijuana
- Military Recruiting at High Schools
- **Property-Rights Law**
- Rendition of Terrorism Suspects Overseas
- U.S.-Iran Relations

[more...](#)

Special Features

Internet

The Complete Entry on any topic includes

(1) a full "story" of the issue.

Chemical and Biological Weapons - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address <http://www.2facts.com/ICOF/Search/0501830.asp>

Chemical and Biological Weapons

Since *ICOF* last covered chemical and biological weapons in August 2000, the U.S. experienced a mysterious wave of mailed letters tainted with anthrax spores. On the global scene, international attention focused on U.S.-led efforts to end suspected Iraqi development of weapons of mass destruction. [Click here for the latest developments concerning this controversial issue.](#)

Related Articles:

- Development of Chemical Weapons
- Biological Weapons in History
- Possibility of Attack Growing
- Are Treaties Enough?
- Defense System Wins Support
- Local Officials Prepare for Disaster
- Will the U.S. Be Ready for Attack?
- Bibliography
- Additional Sources
- Contact Information
- Keywords and Points
- Chemical and Biological Weapons Update

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Annotations:

- Red arrow pointing to "Email Article" and "Print/Citation" buttons: **Email this article to yourself!**
- Red arrow pointing to "In This Story" and "Bibliography" sections: **(2) Wonderful side bar extras, incl. chronologies**
- Red arrow pointing to the "Bibliography" section: **And (3) a bibliography of resources you can find in the library.**

The **Source Documents section** offers you primary source documents **by date** (reverse chronology) or **by title**.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.2facts.com/ICOF/icof-main.asp>. The page title is "Issues and Controversies -- Main Menu - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The browser's address bar shows the URL and navigation buttons like "Go" and "Links".

The main content area of the page is titled "PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENTS Arranged by Date" and includes the note "(full text unless otherwise noted)". Below this, a list of documents is displayed for the year 2003:

- [Supreme Court: Antisodomy Laws \(*Lawrence v. Texas*\)](#) (Excerpts)
- [Supreme Court: Affirmative Action--University of Michigan Law School Case \(*Grutter v. Bollinger*\)](#) (Excerpts)
- [Supreme Court: Affirmative Action--University of Michigan Undergraduate Case \(*Gratz v. Bollinger*\)](#) (Excerpts)
- [Statements at Middle East Summit in Aqaba, Jordan \(*Abbas, Bush and Sharon*\)](#) (Excerpts)
- [FCC Statements on Media Ownership Rules](#) (Excerpts)
- [New FCC Media Ownership Rules](#) (Excerpts)
- [Supreme Court: Family and Medical Leave Act \(*Nevada Department of Human Resources v. Hibbs*\)](#) (Excerpts)
- [U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483 Lifting Sanctions on Iraq](#) (Excerpts)
- [Supreme Court: Immigrant Detention Rule \(*Demore v. Kim*\)](#) (Excerpts)
- [Iraq War: U.S. President Bush's Speech Announcing End of Iraqi Combat](#)
- [Middle East: Highlights of the 'Road Map' for Middle East Peace](#)

The left sidebar contains a "FULL-TEXT SEARCH" section with a search box and instructions: "Type your search query above. Results sort by story date. Click on 'Custom Search' to include other available FACTS.com databases." Below the search box are checkboxes for "Check to Search on Title Only" and "SORT OPTION FOR RESULTS LIST" with radio buttons for "Story Date" (selected) and "Relevance Rank". There are also buttons for "Begin Search", "Clear", "Search History", and a help icon.

The sidebar also features a "MENU ACCESS" section with several categories:

- ▶ **ISSUES: PRO AND CON**
Important Topics of Debate
- ▶ **INDEXES**
Comprehensive guides to the contents of *Issues and Controversies*
- ▶ **BY THE NUMBERS**
Numerical snapshots of key topics in *Issues and Controversies*
- ▶ **SOURCE DOCUMENTS**
Selected historical documents referenced in *Issues and Controversies*
- ▶ **NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS**
Selected newspaper editorials on key topics found in *Issues and Controversies*
- ▶ **GROUPS TO CONTACT**
Contact information for governmental, public, and private organizations
- ▶ **PHOTOS AND GRAPHICS**
Photographs, charts, graphs, and maps
- ▶ **FOR TEACHERS**
Activities to promote critical thinking

The bottom of the browser window shows the "Internet" status bar.

Database Help

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- If in the library, ask for help at the Reference Desk.
- By phone, call 762-2053
- By email, reference@murraystate.edu