Feature Story Analysis

In order to increase your understanding of feature stories and how they are written, you will be asked to carefully analyze a feature story.

Directions:

1. Select one feature story from today’s paper. Read it carefully.

2. Cut out the story.

3. Explain why this is a Feature story and not a news story. Give specific examples to support your idea.

4. How effective is this lead and why?

5. There are many ways to approach a creative features lead. Rewrite this lead. Be creative.
6. Identify **two** or **three** news sources the reporter must have used for this story, including name and position. ______________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

7. Is the story objective? Why or why not? Give examples. __________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

8. What is the focus of the story? _____________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

9. Look at the direct and indirect quotes in the story. **Label** each of these according to their type.
10. If you could interview one more person for this story, who would it be? Why?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

11. Sum up your overall opinion of this feature story. __________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________