

Horrorer 3.2.1: Identifying the Five W's and the H in a Lead

Dissect the following sentences to better understand how journalists use who, what, where, when, why and how to construct their leads. Not all elements may be present in each lead.

1. A homeless man was found dead in a snow-covered parking lot Wednesday morning as the temperature fell below freezing for the first time this winter, police said.

Who?:

What?:

Where?:

When?:

Why?:

How?:

2. Jose Aguilar Cruz will receive the first Weinberg Prize for Investigative Reporting in a small ceremony Thursday in Pinehurst Auditorium.

Who?:

What?:

Where?:

When?:

Why?:

How?:

3. A major earthquake struck about 50 miles northwest of San Jose, Costa Rica, on Monday morning, prompting a tsunami warning along the country's Pacific Coast.

Who?:

What?:

Where?:

When?:

Why?:

How?:

4. A carry-on suitcase detonated by a bomb squad Monday at Los Angeles International Airport did not appear to contain any explosives, airport Duty Manager David Barnacle said.

Who?:

What?:

Where?:

When?:

Why?:

How?: