

Comparing narrative stories to newspaper articles

Narrative story with few details

Little boy in car accident

One rainy night, Mike Smith was riding in the car with his father. They were on a very busy highway, and Mike was only two years old. The road was slippery, and his father lost control of the car. He and his father were rushed to the hospital. They weren't hurt badly, but they each had to have several stitches.

Cedarburg team in shootout

Yesterday, there was a soccer team that lost the championship game because of a shoot out. The team that lost was the Cedarburg Wings and the team that won was from Germantown.

News article with detailed information

Little boy hurt in local car accident

MEQUON, WISCONSIN, March 6, 2001– Mike Smith, age 2, of 47 Main Street, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, received several stitches last night after becoming involved in a car accident on Highway 57 here.

The boy had been riding in the car with his father, Ted Smith, age 32, after returning from dinner at the local McDonald's. The road had been very slippery due to the heavy rains, and the older Smith lost control of the car and crashed into a utility pole. The two were taken to St Mary's Ozaukee Hospital. Ted Smith sustained no injuries.

When asked about the situation, Smith replied, "I guess we're very lucky we didn't crash into an oncoming car."

Cedarburg soccer team suffers defeat at soccer championship

GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN, April 29, 2000- In a last minute shoot-out, the Cedarburg Wings lost their championship game to the Germantown Dudes yesterday.

With the score tied at 2-2, each team began to take their free shots. When it was his turn, Michael Fox, age 12, was able to kick the ball into the top right corner of Cedarburg's net. Goalie Ted Drew reacted quickly but was not able to reach the ball in time.

No Cedarburg player was able to make a shot against the Germantown goalie, James Hosman.

Baby born to Ross family

I was born on Tuesday, May 13, 1947. My parents lived at 343 Eastwood Road, Woodmere, New York when I was born.

I was born at 12:56 A.M. I weighed 5 lbs. 5 oz. And was 21 inches long. I didn't weigh much because I was a few weeks premature. Labor took six and three-quarters hours.

I was not named after anybody special in the family, but my first name did need to start with a J because everybody else in my family had a J name: Jerry, Jane, Judy, and John.

Our first dog was named Lassie, but when I was five we got another dog which we named Jody. Every dog's name after Lassie began with a J, too.

My middle name comes from Ira Gershwin, a famous composer, whose brother George wrote the well-known American opera/musical Porgy and Bess.

My parents were prepared for a girl and had my name ready. It was going to be Jill.

At the time of my birth, my father was 32 years old, and my mother was 29. My sister, Jusy, was 6, and my brother, John, was 4. I was born at LeRoy Sanitarium in New York City.

(Notice we never learn my name.)
(The italicized information occurs **after** my birth; it could not have been written at the time of my birth.)

Baby born to Ross family

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, May 13, 1947— After six and three quarters hours of labor, an adorable baby boy was born to Jane Lynn Ross, age 29, and Jerome Henry Ross, age 32 of 343 Eastwood Road, Woodmere, New York, at 12:56 this Tuesday morning.

The little boy, a few weeks premature, weighed in at 5 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long.

The parents have named the baby James Ira, the "J" name being used to continue the family tradition of having a first name with the letter J. The baby's brother, age 4, is named John, and his sister, age 6 is named Judy.

Jane Ross told reporters, "We were expecting a girl and already had a name picked out. Jim was actually supposed to be Jill."

Jim's middle name Ira comes from Ira Gershwin, whose more famous brother wrote the classic American musical/opera Porgy and Bess.

Mother and child are doing well at LeRoy Sanitarium here. They are expected to go home to Woodmere in several days.

The dateline will remain the same but there are certainly other possible leads:

At 12:56 this morning, a baby boy was born to Jerome Henry Ross, age 32, and Jane Lynn Ross, age 29. The couple lives at 343 Eastwood Road, Woodmere.

At LeRoy Sanitarium here, a baby boy was born to Jane Lynn Ross, age 29, and Jerome Henry Ross, age 32, of 343 Eastwood Road, Woodmere. The baby was born at 12:56 A.M.

Three weeks premature, James Ira Ross was born today at 12:56 A.M. to parents Jane Lynn and Jerome Henry Ross, ages 29, and 32 respectively, of 343 Eastwood Road, Woodmere.

A couple from Woodmere welcomed a third child into their family today. At 12:56 A.M., James Ira Ross joined sister Judy Sarah, age 6, and John Lewis, age 4 when he was born at LeRoy Sanitarium here.