

A. Understand and write a news article WB 27

- 1 Pick out one headline and guess the content of the article. Discuss the type of newspaper it could come from.
- 2 Look at some other headlines and explain what you notice in terms of articles, auxiliaries, capital letters, scoops.

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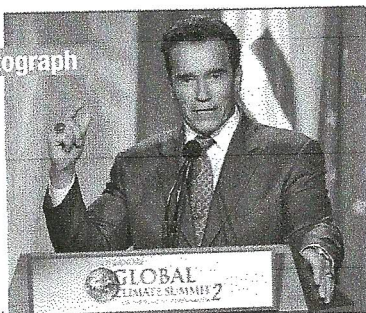
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Terminating the paparazzi Schwarzenegger takes action against celeb-hunters

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Arnold Schwarzenegger signed an amendment that permits lawsuits against media outlets who pay for material that they know was illegally obtained.

main article

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed an anti-paparazzi bill making it easier to sue media outlets that use photos that invade celebrities' privacy.

introduction

The former *Terminator* star signed an amendment Sunday to a decade-old law that allows fines against paparazzi who illegally or offensively take photos or make recordings. The amendment permits lawsuits against media outlets that pay for and make first use of material they know was improperly obtained.

Tabloid magazines, TV shows and Internet sites sometimes pay millions for celebrity fodder¹.

In 1998 Schwarzenegger had his car surrounded by paparazzi as he picked up his child from school. Other stars have had car accidents while trying to flee swarms of photographers.

conclusion

The amendment takes effect in January.

1. fodder (n.) ['fɒdə] = scoop

3 Now look at the different sections of this article and match them with the corresponding definitions.

- a. deals with facts without expressing any opinion
- b. illustrates the article
- c. titles the article and is written in bold and in larger type
- d. says what is happening in organised paragraphs
- e. gives a short description of what the main article will be about
- f. closes the article

4 Read the newsbrief carefully and say which adjective(s) would best define:

- a. **the tone:** optimistic - pessimistic - accusing - cynical - detached - solemn
- b. **the content:** factual - biased - detailed - general

5 Draw your conclusions on how a newsbrief is organised.

Règles d'or

1. Le titre : la syntaxe est souvent déconstruite ; soyez attentif aux jeux de mots. Ne vous arrêtez pas au titre car des mots sont très souvent absents. Retrouvez-les pour comprendre.
2. Le sous-titre doit préciser les faits. Repérez et indiquez des éléments contextuels habituels (lieu, date, personne...) et faites la différence entre les faits exposés et les opinions présentées.
3. Le contenu doit être articulé avec logique.

Now your turn

- You write for your school newspaper. Create your own article, find major news, add headlines, and write a ten-line article. Present it to your classmates who will tell you what they understand.