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All of the Information You Need!

Look at this newspaper. You'll find many kinds of information for nearly every aspect of your life. You expect to learn about current events when you read the paper. And that's all here. But this newspaper's staff—from reporters to ad sales representatives to production people—has worked hard to deliver you a wide range of information.

Do you want to see what your local sports team did last night, or how to improve your relationships, or what's on TV and at the local cinema? The answers are here. You'll find sections on home improvement, travel, the comics, business and more. The ads you see give you valuable information about the goods and services available to you in this community. All of this information comes to you every day in this newspaper.

TRY THIS:

Skim through your newspaper and find something that would be of interest to at least three family members or friends.



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Getting Around the Paper

You'll find loads of information in this newspaper—and it's easy to locate. The departments work together to make sure you can find the information you want. Look at the front page. You'll see a box or column that tells you where to find specific sections and features.

Other aids are designed to help you navigate through the newspaper. The sections may have their own "front pages" with indexes showing what you can find in each section. Some of your favorite parts of the newspaper may be "anchored"—that is, they are always in the same part of the newspaper.

TRY THIS:

Locate the table of contents or index. Find the page number of a newspaper feature or section you like to read. Turn to that page.

What information do you find there? Ask family members and friends how they find information in the newspaper or on the newspaper Web site.



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Moving Beyond Words

When you think of the newspaper, you think about words. However, if you look through this newspaper, you'll find lots of information presented visually, through photographs, maps, charts and tables. Photographers capture images that tell a story. Artists create illustrations. Information in a news story may be clearer if it is accompanied by a graph. The television schedule may be shown in a grid. Sports statistics are easier to read in tables. And the weather page shows precipitation icons and lines indicating high and low pressure.

In addition, many ads, like those for supermarkets, are full of photographs and drawings. Many advertisers create their own inserts, stocked with visuals, that come with the paper on Sundays or Wednesdays.

TRY THIS :

Count the photos you see in your newspaper. How many were taken by this newspaper's photographers and how many were provided by a news service such as The Associated Press or Reuters? What other kinds of visuals can you find?



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News and Views!

The most important information in this newspaper is the news itself. The editors and reporters work hard to give you objective information—the who, what, when, where and why/how of each story. They go where local news is happening and interview people. They do research and double-check information. There is a special page, however, where you will find opinions about news—the op-ed page. The newspaper presents its position on a local or national issue in an editorial. You'll also find other opinions—or columns—on the editorial page. In addition, this newspaper lets you, the reader, share your opinion in the letters to the editor section.

TRY THIS:

Look at the op-ed page. What is the topic of the main editorial—is it a local or a national issue? What is the newspaper's position? Now find an opinion column. How does the columnist support his or her position on a topic? What might inspire you to write a letter to the editor?



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Just for Fun!

You can find information in this newspaper to help you relax and have fun. Do you want to watch TV? There is a full schedule.

Would you like to go to the movies? A cinema guide beckons. How about an art show or concert? Check the daily calendar or the weekend arts section.

Are you a sports fan? You'll find up-to-date information about your favorite local and professional teams. Maybe you'd like an intellectual challenge. Look for a crossword or other type of puzzle. And if you want to smile or laugh, turn to the comics.

This newspaper meets many of your personal needs, whether you want to be informed, educated, persuaded or entertained.

TRY THIS:

Find a movie at a local cinema you'd like to see. Look in the arts and entertainment section for an event or show that will both educate and entertain you. What comic strip is most like your life? Which one makes you smile?



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