

Writing the News**Name** _____

Using the following facts, write a story in inverted pyramid style.

- He is in fair condition at the hospital in Springfield. Cassville is about 50 miles southwest of Springfield.
- He has Down's Syndrome.
- Hundreds of volunteers have been looking for him.
- Two stray dogs apparently kept him alive by curling up with him and keeping him warm. The temperature was 2 degrees overnight.
- He had been lost for three days.
- One of the dogs chased the ambulance as it drove away with Josh, but then the dog ran off. Neither dog has been found since the rescue.
- His name is Josh Carlisle.
- A 10-year-old boy has been found.
- The dogs' barking got the attention of a searcher on horseback.
- Josh was found about one and one-half miles from his home.
- He was lost in the woods near his home in Cassville, Missouri.
- Josh has frostbitten toes.

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Here are some facts and bystanders' observations about a news event. Write an accurate, objective news story using these facts:

- A definitely unusual event happened in the parking lot of the best supermarket in town in the middle of the night. A workman, who was probably tired from working all night, was reportedly using some kind of high-pressure power spray painting tool to apply yellow stripes to the parking lot.
- Shortly before 3:30 a.m., witnesses said, a crazy, scatterbrained 21-year-old woman drove wildly into the lot and screeched to a halt half in and half out of a parking space. They said she must have been in a hurry, because she jumped out of her car and over the rope around where the guy was working. She stepped on a freshly painted stripe and tracked yellow paint across the lot. It made the man's paint job look real sloppy, according to the people standing around when the police arrived. The police report said it was "minor damage" to the paint job.
- After the wild woman walked in the paint, the painter yelled at her. Apparently she ignored him and kept going toward the door.
- The painter ran after the weird woman and caught up with her near the entrance. He was still yelling things like, "You dumb woman! Didn't you see that wet paint? I been workin' on this all night, and you just put your fat feet right in that paint and made tracks all over the place! Why I oughta beat some sense into you right here!"
- The woman just looked him right in the eye and tried to spit on him.
- The painter got mad when she tried to spit on him, and he shot her with the paint sprayer. She was a real mess!
- "He took the power sprayer and painted her yellow," said police Sergeant Elgin Kuhlman.
- According to a police report, officers arrested the 42-year-old workman in the parking lot of the local 24-hour supermarket this morning.
- Police have charged the man with two misdemeanor criminal citations: One for assault and the other for vandalism (for the yellow paint the man applied to the woman's clothing).