



How to Post Breaking News Items for Chicago 6 Corners

The Headline

A somewhat snappy headline helps, i.e. something that describes the news/event but also encourages the reader to continue reading on.

Ex: "Stop the Presses: Punk Planet is Dead"

The Lead

If you have a breaking news story that you want to get up to the site ASAP, you'll only have to limit yourself to the basic facts: *who, what, when, where, how?*

The lead sentence can cover all of this nicely:

(Taken from the Article, "Stop the Presses: Punk Planet is Dead")

Ex. "In what may be one of the final nails in the sinking coffin of independent print media, after 13 years and 80 issues, Chicago-based magazine Punk Planet has announced that it will cease publication after its upcoming issue."

The Source

You will want to follow this up with some kind of link to a (reputable) online source, when possible.

Ex: "In a letter sent to subscribers and contributors ([also posted on the Punk Planet website](#)) Punk Planet publisher Dan Sinker explains the reasons behind its demise"

If you don't have a source (i.e. you are doing entirely first-hand reporting) you can link to the website of your source, and then follow-up with a quote, if you have one. Quotes may come from press-releases.

The Closer

Because C6C is a blog format, you can take more liberties with editorializing, though you may want to avoid this if you're doing straight-out news reporting (as in the example).

Ex: "Several months ago, [Third Coast Press detailed the distribution woes that plagued Punk Planet and other independent publications with the shutdown of the Independent Press Association](#), as well as offering [ways to support the publications that remain](#). While the Punk Planet Website and book imprint will continue on, the death of Punk Planet 'zine is a stunning blow to what remains of the independent/small press community, particularly in the Chicago area. Now more than ever, it's imperative to support the print publications that remain."

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