MY LIFE IN THE HEADLINES

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I frequently talk to reporters when I am at work. My name has appeared in many publications, including the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, and even People Magazine. I used to enjoy being quoted, but now I would prefer that “William Young” never be used as a source for information. The possibilities of misquotations and lots of follow-up calls far outweigh any pleasure I feel upon seeing my name. I now do not even bother to save most of the newsclips that quote me.

However, outside of work, I have a totally different persona. Most of my friends know me as Bill rather than William, and “Bill Young” craves to see his name in the headlines. In fact, for more than two decades I have secretly maintained a collection of headlines containing either “Bill” or “Young”. I feel as if these headlines were written specifically about me.

Just as my “William Young” persona is different from my “Bill Young” persona in my everyday life, my “Bill” persona is very different from my “Young” persona in the headlines. Bill tends to be brash, although much of the bluster involves what he “would” do rather than what he actually accomplishes. Young is much more vulnerable and suffers from all sorts of problems and anxieties. Many people have similar strong/weak dichotomies in their lives.

Below are lists of some of the Bill Young headlines I have collected. I have separated them into 50 Bill headlines and 50 Young headlines so that you can better understand my two sides.

Bill Headlines

Angry at Bill, Patron Kills Club Owner, Police Say
Italian Partner Leaves Georgetown With Bill
Bill Seeks Cadavers for Dog Training
G.O.P Leaders Back Bill on Religious Persecution
Administration Says Bill on Russian Spy Post Would Hurt U.S.
Senator Asked AT&T to Drop Ads Against Bill
Bill Requires Chemical Castration
Senate Kills Bill to Limit Spending in Congress Races
Campaign Finance Measure Blocked in 2 Senate Votes; Main Foe Says Bill is ‘Dead’
Senate Revives Bill to Overhaul Laws on Financing Campaigns
House Republicans Unveil Bill to Define Patients’ Rights
Governor Pushes Bill to End Anti-Gay Bias
President Welcomes Bill but Still Sees Room for Improvement
Methadone Clinic Closes After D.C. Fails to Pay Bill
Bill Would Regulate Sperm of Dead Men
Bill in Trenton Seeks to Prohibit Disclosing Rape Victims’ Names
Bill Seeks to End Automatic Citizenship for All Born in the U.S.
Investigations May Threaten Bill
I.R.S. Chief Attacks Bill
Japan Drafts Bill to Control Some Cults By Year’s End
Bill Lengthens Hospitalization After Birth
Clinton Calls for Bill to Stop Drug Overpayment
Unlikely Team Sponsors Bill to End Childbearing for Free
Forbes Accuses GOP of Blocking Bill
Giuliani and Ruder Dispute Bill
Speaker Says Council Plans to Weaken Bill
Bill Lets States Deny Children an Education
Bill Seeks to Protect Inmates from Guards Who Seek Sex
Battle Looms Over Housing Bill
Housing Subcommittee Holds Hearings on Homeless Bill
Plea by Judge Fails to Block Sentencing Bill
Bill’s Critics Predict Bootlegging
Talks on Rebuilding Bosnia Becomes Squabble Over Bill
Bill Transforms Electric Utility Industry
Bill Offered to Restrict Legislative Pay Raises
Truckers Oppose Bill
Quit Complaining About Bill, Rep. Kasich Tells Governors
Bill for Gas Decontrol
Va. Betting Bill Advances
Bill Goes to Senate, and Approval Is Likely
Nonsmoking Bill Pulls Off the Gloves
New York Leaders Fault Bill on Bias
Antiabortion Rider Attached to Aid Bill
With Bill in Parliament, Opposition Grows Rougher
Mailing Bill Payments Would Be Cheaper
Administration Backs Bill on Disabled Rights
Both Sides Hit Surrogate Bill
Actuaries Fault Health Insurers’ Stand on Bill
St. Germain Introduces Bill; Cold Reception by Bankers
Software Maker Accused of Using Virus to Compel Client to Pay Bill

Young Headlines

Clinton Urges Young to Reject Pessimism
White House Says Young Will Suffer Under G.O.P. Plan
Some Young Victims Reluctant to Talk With Police for Fear of Retribution
Young Girls Diet to Please Mother
Contact With Young Lover Lands Ex-Teacher in Prison
Marrying Young Is Sweet and Sour
Young, Geeky and Suburban
Young, Unemployed and Homeless in Paris
Young, Sassy and Ashamed of Nothing
Young, Gullible and Taught to Hate
Young, Carefree and in Love With Cigarettes
Young, Gifted and Spoiled
Young, Mentally Ill and Bound for Jail
Young, Virginal and Needed
Young, Talented and on the Brink
Mary Schwarz, 90, Dies; Psychotherapist for Young
Many New State Laws Aim at Young, but Some Ease Taxpayer Burdens
Four Young Children Burn to Death in Brooklyn Fire
Young Sniper Victims Go Home
Young Blood Was Spilled by Simple City Crew Rules
Young Murderer Found Hanged in Cell
Young Brothers Are Found Slain
Lawyers Struggle to Defend Young Children
Indiana Court Bars Mixing of Young and Adult Inmates
Charities Bet Young Will Come for the Music, Stay for the Pitch
Miracle of Compounding Gives Young the Investing Advantage of a Lifetime
Financial Fate of Young Hinges on Owning Homes
Young Hit Hardest by Housing Pinch
Low Pay and Closed Doors Greet Young in Job Market
Young Unwelcome in Retirees’ Haven
Effort on Mood Drugs for Young Is Backed
Agency Survey Shows Decline Last Year in Drug Use by Young
Stronger Data Link Smoking to Asthma in Young
Snuff Makers Accused of Manipulating Nicotine to Lure Young
Strict Regulations Proposed to Keep Young From Smoking
E.P.A. Says Secondhand Smoke Puts Young at Risk
Young Left Unsheltered Against Urban Storm
Reforms’ Greatest Risk: Young May Suffer Most
Young Lives in a Time of Change
Hate Groups Seen Growing as Neo-Nazis Draw Young
Large Tax Burden for Young Is Seen
Gun Killings by Young Defy Drop in Homicides
Young Killer Sentenced to Juvenile Facility
Young Talent Is on the Rise
Young Witness to Rwanda Massacre
Farming’s Boom in Zimbabwe Misses Young
Freewheeling Tel Aviv Is Magnet for Young
Some States Give Young Offenders a Choice
Young Told to Resist Pressure
If You’re Young, They Get You Coming and Going