Activities

1. Find five examples of opinions and comments in the first story that seem ironic in the light of later information in the second article. Explain the irony in each. Share your notes with a partner.

2. Analyse the structure and content of one of the articles, examining at least the following areas:
   - the location of the main information
   - the sequencing of the information
   - the relevance of the information
   - the appeal and interest of the information.

   Present your findings in a short piece of expository writing.

3. In point form, summarize the "hard information" in each article as distinct from opinion, interpretation, and comment.

4. Working in pairs, create and present to the class in dramatic form the conversation in which Sommy confesses to his uncle that he is the cyber-stalker.

5. a) Imagine that you are Sommy, and write a series of diary entries reflecting the initial excitement, the continuing pressure, and the eventual confession of cyber-stalking. Express your feelings as well as the actual activities involved.

   b) Create an audiotape of a phone tap of the house during the reign of the cyber-stalker. You may record more than one phone call.

   c) Recreate a portion of your audiotape as a first person narrative. In an accompanying note explain how the change of format has affected the content and the feeling of the information.

6. A myth is a story that attempts to explain some phenomenon or express a world view. With a partner, consider to what extent the Sommy story in the first article could be called a modern myth. What does this tell you about our "scientific" view of the world?