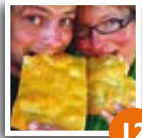


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## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Lots of you have been sending in snippets for our news pages and it's turning into a very useful exercise. While many readers have enjoyed the chance to sharpen their news-gathering skills, it's also clear that some readers aren't quite sure what a news story should be. So this month Douglas McPherson goes over the basics of news in his How to Freelance column on page 20. Learning the ropes of reporting will help bring discipline to your fiction as well as your freelancing. So take a look, then practise by sending stories to [news@writers-forum.com](mailto:news@writers-forum.com) – the best item published each month wins a free subscription.

I am sad to announce that we've taken the decision to close the Young Writers contest. Although it has remained popular among a regular group of entrants, space is limited and we want to use the pages for content that all of our readers will find useful. Our final winners appear on page 48. I wish to thank everyone who sent us a story or poem over the years and wish you the best of luck with your writing. I expect to see many of our past entrants winning our main fiction and poetry contests in the future.

Write soon, Carl

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