

TV News

Chapter 6, “Storytelling and Writing for Broadcast”

SCROLL DOWN TO SEE DOUBLE FATALITY READER SCRIPT...

Page 181, Writing Assignment 1

- a. The Five W’s of the story:
 - **Who:** County Treasurer Nicole Wilson and her husband Tim
 - **What:** Both died from injuries in a car crash; a tractor-trailer crossed the center line and hit them head on
 - **When:** Accident happened last night after 7:30. They were taken to the hospital where both died before midnight
 - **Where:** Accident happened on Highway 11-W between Meadowview and Glade, Connecticut
 - **Why:** Police are investigating, will announce by 1 p.m. today whether to place charges against the truck driver, Paul Roost

- b. Three most important elements—who or what did what to whom or what?
The driver of a tractor-trailer truck crossed the center line and hit a passenger vehicle head on. The couple in the car both died from their injuries. One victim is a local official: the county treasurer

- c. Write a 30 second split-page television script (see next page)

**COUNTY TREASURER DIES
HARWOOD
SEPT. 17, 2009**

TRT: :30

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**A LOCAL OFFICIAL AND HER
HUSBAND ARE DEAD AFTER
THEIR CAR WAS HIT HEAD-ON BY
A TRACTOR TRAILER.**

**COUNTY TREASURER NICOLE WILSON
AND HER HUSBAND...TIM... BOTH DIED
AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL. NICOLE WAS
36 YEARS OLD...TIM WAS 35.**

**THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED LAST
NIGHT ON HIGHWAY 11-W BETWEEN
MEADOWVIEW AND GLADE.**

**POLICE SAY A TRUCK...DRIVEN BY
PAUL ROOST OF GOMEZ TRUCKING IN
MAINE...CROSSED THE CENTER
LINE...HITTING THE SMALL
PASSENGER CAR HEAD-ON.**

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TREASURER DIES (P. 2)

**THE TRUCK DRIVER WAS EXAMINED
AND RELEASED.**

**POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE.
THEY SAY THEY'LL DETERMINE
TODAY WHETHER TO CHARGE ROOST
IN THE TWO DEATHS.**

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