



DDF 104 – Screenwriting

Week 10: Newspapers

Without a doubt one of the easiest sources for short film ideas is the newspaper.

Think about the following tid-bits from the newspapers as I write this –

- Italian animal rights campaigners are concerned about the number of black cats that are killed by suspicious people
- China has set up a support centre for people who are “problem ticket holders” in the state lottery
- The electric guitar manufacturer Gibson has announce the release of a new robotic electric guitar that keeps itself in tune as well as accessing non-standard tunings at the push of a button
- Dutch police have arrested a 17 year old for stealing virtual furniture used in the online game Habbo

So – go looking in the newspapers, or the Stuff website (<http://www.stuff.co.nz/>), and send me a 5 page script inspired by a real event. You do not have to stay true to the real event, and you can manipulate the truth any way you like. **Send me a brief summary of the real event as well.**

Due this week – maximum 5 pages – 5%

A	An interesting and engaging, correctly formatted, screenplay
B	Possible very minor formatting errors, but a workable screenplay.
C	A good attempt at creating a screenplay, but marred by frequent format errors
D	Significant formatting errors, or is not written in a way that would be film-able, or a very poorly conceived story
E	The work has frequent technical problems and does not embody the principles described in this course.