

Exercise 1: Copy Editing

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the proper copy-editing symbols to correct all the mechanical, spelling and AP style errors in the following sentences. Also, suggest paragraphs breaks.

1. Suggested Headline: _____

During the 1990s, a nine year old girl in Ruston Louisiana won a trophy, 5000 dollars, and a trip to the United States Capital Bldg. Thomas Shriver Junior an employee of the Roess Company in Fairbanks Alaska has a Ph.D. in economics and will be here Mon, Tues., & Wed. Prof. Rebecca Malone of Forty-two Fifth Avenue works in the History Department and shares an office in Rm. 247 of the Humanities Bldg. Afterwards, 7 persons, all United States citizens, testified that the US navy payed the Westinghouse Corporation \$14,200,000 dollars. "The Washington Post" reported Tue. That the suspect is White, in her 30's, about 5 ft., 2 inches tall, and weighs about one hundred pds. Only one media reported that the President of the National Rifle Assn. met with sixteen members of the US Congress on August 23, 2008. During the 1960's, a committee of the United States Congress estimated that the program would cost \$7 to \$8.4 billion dollars. The boy, age 7, had 42 cents and said his mother, the Mayor, will attend the P.T.A meeting Nov. 28 if the temperature remains above 0. It was an unusual phenomena. During the twentieth century, the odds were 9 to 1 that 80% of the Mayors would be reelected to a 2nd term. Moving backwards, the 14 yr old babysitter in martin Tn. Said goodbye, then picked up the bible and ran towards her home on Roe St.

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Wilma DeCastro is an English teacher at Kennedy High School and, six months ago, was named the city's "Teacher of the Year." Today she resigned. "All my life I wanted to be a teachher," DeCastro said. "Ive really enjoyed it, but I have two little girls and Can't afford it any longer. I want a good live for may family, and now wecan't afford to buy a decent house in a good neighborhood, a newcar, nice clothes, or so many of the other things we want. wee skimp on everything, even food." There years ago, DeCastro began to sell real estate during her summer vacations. For th e last year, she has continued to sell real estate part-time, primarily weakends "I can't do it any longer," she said. "I can't wrok two jobs, do a good job at both of the jobbs, and a.lso have time for my daughters, so I've decided to go into real estate full time. I can triple salary my salary. INN a few years, if I work hard, I should be able to do even better than that. eventually, I'd like togo into buisnss for myself." Greg Hubbard, superintendent of the city's school system, said: "Of coures we're sorry to see her leave. We'd like to keep her, to be able to pay all our teachers mr more, espec ially our best teachers. But there's no moneey for higher salaries. NO one wants to pay higher taxes. DeCastro is 28 and started teaching at the high schoo0l six years ago. she aws named "Teacher OF The Year" because of her popularity, but also because she inspired several sutdentsto start literary maga zine that has won adozenprizes

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while walking to school this morning, an 11-year-old girl, noticed a gunman robbing two clerks in a convenience store on Colonial Drive. The girl, Kathryn Kunze of 94 Jamestown Drive, ran to a nearby telephone, dialed 911, then returned to the store and noticed an empty car parked nearby with its motor running. She reached inside, shut off the car's motor and took the keys. "Imagine what the robber thought when he ran out of the store, jumped into his car and realized the keys were gone," said Sgt. Tammy Dow. "She was one smart girl, and brave, too." The gunman went back into the store and asked the clerks for the keys to their cars. Both clerks, however, said that they had walked to work and did not own a car. The gunman then walked to a nearby park, and the police arrested him there five minutes later. William J. Chuey, 27, of 5710 Michigan Ave was charged with armed robbery. Police officers later questioned the girl at school. "I saw this man with a gun just like on television" she said. "Then I saw the car. It was running, and I just figured it was the robbers, so I took his keys and ran here." Kathryn's mother, said she was "proud--and frightened-- by her daughter's actions. "I'm proud she thought so quickly," Mrs. Lauren Kunze said. "But I don't want her to try anything like that ever again."

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Railroads have abandoned hundreds of miles of old roadbeds in the state and the governor today revealed plans to convert the roadbeds into trails for bicyclists, hikers, horseback riders and runners. The governor said her budget for next year will include an extra \$10 million for the Department of Natural Resources, which will use the money to acquire and maintain the trails. "The initial outlay is modest," the governor said. "But we hope the program will expand so, in five or 10 years, we'll have hundreds of miles of these trails. Eventually, the people using them should be able to hike or ride from one end of the state to another." A representative for the state's railroads said that most will probably agree to sell their abandoned roadbeds to the state, provided they receive a fair price. "We aren't using the roadbeds for anything," he said, "and there aren't many other buyers. They were out of the most profitable routes, and that's why we abandoned them." During a press conference this morning, the governor added: "We need more land for recreation and this is the perfect solution. We think we can acquire the roadbeds for a reasonable price, and we'll start with some of the most scenic. We'll also concentrate, at least initially, on roadbeds near the state's population centers, as they're convenient for a majority of the people using them." The governor said the biggest expense, after acquiring the roadbeds, will be improving their bridges. "We'll need better flooring and railings to protect the public, and that will cost some money," she said. The railroads have already torn up the tracks, or selling them for scrap.

