

## TYPES OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Most of the articles you see in a newspaper or news magazine are news articles. News articles focus only on the facts; they don't contain anyone's opinion. There are several types of news articles:

A **local news** article focuses on what's going on in your neighborhood. An example of a local news story would be an article on a city council meeting.

A **national news** article focuses on what's happening in the United States. An example of a national news article would be an article on the U.S. Senate passing a new bill.

An **international news** article focuses on news that's happening outside the United States. A story on an influenza outbreak in Chile would be considered an international news story.

A **feature article** is an article that is about "softer" news. A feature may be a profile of a person who does a lot of volunteer work in the community or a movie preview. Feature articles are not considered news stories.

An **editorial** is an article that contains the writer's opinion. Editorials are usually run all together on a specific page of the paper and focus on current events. Editorials are not considered news stories.

A **column** is an article written by the same person on a regular basis. A columnist (the writer of the column) writes about subjects of interest to him/her, current events or community happenings. Columns are not considered news stories.

A **letter** to the publication or to its editors, typically commenting upon a published item.

An **obituary** is an announcement of a death or an appreciation of a colleague who has recently died.

A **product-review** is a description, analysis, or review of a product, service, website, etc., for example, a software package. (The similar value “book-review” provides the same sort of review or description of a published work.)