

Subj: **Story Proposals in Search of a Writer**
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Dear Ms. Thomas:

Thank you for promptly responding to my January 26th e-mail request to Mr. Naureckas for Ben Bagdikian's address. I do not know the extent to which you are familiar with the substance of my correspondence with Mr. Naureckas, however, I believe that you, as *Extra's* publisher, should *independently* review it. Do you share Mr. Naureckas' evaluation of CJA's story proposals as not being of interest? Do you also view news ombudsmen as "more of a problem than solution"? How about other structural mechanisms, whose purpose is to foster media accountability, such as news councils. Has *Extra!* or FAIR ever done stories or studies on these mechanisms – and their rejection by *The New York Times*?

I commend *Extra!* on publishing John Hess' excellent book review "*The Family Behind the Times*" in its current issue. Perhaps I am "reading between the lines", but it almost appears as if Mr. Hess may be writing his own book about *The Times*. Do you know if this is so? In any event, do you have Mr. Hess' phone number and address (regular and e-mail) so that I might contact him directly?

Thank you.

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