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Shootouts are not gunfights of honor, they're gang wars and racial riots.

~Jessica Savitch

The most important event I covered was the Panama Canal debate, which dragged on for months.

~Jessica Savitch

For every two minutes of glamour, there are eight hours of hard work.

~Jessica Savitch

Anyone who writes an autobiographical work at the age of 34 is, at best, presumptuous. It occurred to me that it was time to set the record straight.

~Jessica Savitch

Never refuse an assignment except when there is a conflict of interest, a potential of danger to you or your family, or you hold a strongly biased attitude about the subject under focus.

~Jessica Savitch

Television news is a delicate balance of serving public good and private gain.

~Jessica Savitch

It had not occurred to me that marriage requires the same effort as a career. And unlike a career, marriage requires a joint effort.

~Jessica Savitch

No matter how many goals you have achieved, you must set your sights on a higher one.

~Jessica Savitch

Mistakes are not always the result of someone's ineptitude.

~Jessica Savitch

I don't exactly know what it means to be ready. A cake when the oven timer goes off? Am I fully baked, or only half-baked?

~Jessica Savitch

Newscasters cannot call attention to themselves by being too attractive or too unattractive.

~Jessica Savitch

I have had a lifelong phobia of snakes.

~Jessica Savitch

The bad news is that 50 people died in a hotel fire; the good news is that we got exclusive footage.

~Jessica Savitch

You can easily die racing to cover a bank robbery as you can in a war zone.

~Jessica Savitch

Texas was defined by its larger-than-life characters, particularly politicians.

~Jessica Savitch

How valuable NBC Magazine was in my career is questionable.

~Jessica Savitch

In the beginning, my mother humored me when I told her I wanted to be a reporter.

~Jessica Savitch

My current goal is to place a moratorium on goals.

~Jessica Savitch

My most lucrative job in college was a stint as the regional Dodge Girl.

~Jessica Savitch

Every time I am in danger of believing the glamour of my own press, some incident inevitably brings me back to earth.

~Jessica Savitch

When for so long you can't get a job for reasons that seem specious, you you finally do have it, you are constantly afraid of losing it.

~Jessica Savitch

I worked half my life to be an overnight success, and still it took me by surprise.

~Jessica Savitch

News events cannot be controlled, nor can newscasts be mapped out like entertainment shows.

~Jessica Savitch

Our free enterprise system of disseminating information is collectively referred to as The Media. But there is no collective.

~Jessica Savitch

I hadn't realized until I covered the police beat just how seedy crime is.

~Jessica Savitch

What is the value of sticking a microphone in a man's face right after he has learned of his wife's death?

~Jessica Savitch

Walking into a room filled with people you don't know but who know you brings out your worst vulnerabilities.

~Jessica Savitch

One reason I left local news was that I was tired of the constant musical chairs among news directors.

~Jessica Savitch

A press card does not provide you with an invisible shield. You're flesh and blood.

~Jessica Savitch

Some news managers have been slow to grasp that good television news is always substance over form.

~Jessica Savitch

Women were seldom given quality assignments or adequate air time.

~Jessica Savitch

When I first anchored in 1970, I had never seen a woman anchor a news show.

~Jessica Savitch

The better the coverage, the more discriminating the viewer.

~Jessica Savitch

The minute viewers callin or write about your looks, they were not listening to what you were saying.

~Jessica Savitch

The news anchor is exactly that - an anchor, a center, a focus.

~Jessica Savitch

In every interview I have ever read or seen or taken part in, the final question in our future-oriented society is always, What next?

~Jessica Savitch

It is my belief that one's salary is between an individual and the IRS.

~Jessica Savitch

The code of the road is, if there is anything to eat, eat; if there is a place to sit, sit; if there is a restroom, go.

~Jessica Savitch

Although I was entirely relaxed on camera, if I had to stand up and say something to an assembled group of people, I was rendered all but inarticulate.

~Jessica Savitch

By far my most perilous assignment was covering a tank car explosion.

~Jessica Savitch

The relationship between talent â€" a term loosely applied to those who work on-air â€" and management is uneasy, at best.

~Jessica Savitch

In real life, events seem much less dramatic.

~Jessica Savitch

Many senators have developed a canny sense of what will play best for the audience.

~Jessica Savitch

I very much wanted to be accepted by my peers, to be considered a serious journalist.

~Jessica Savitch

Being a novelty had its advantages.

~Jessica Savitch

The idea of stardom was difficult to grasp. It was like being schizophrenic; there was her, the woman on television, and the real

me.

~Jessica Savitch

The latest wrinkle is on wrinkles. There is a widespread belief that women can't grow old in television news.

~Jessica Savitch

Men still control the news, both on and off camera.

~Jessica Savitch

A fact of modern life is that it takes women longer to get ready than men.

~Jessica Savitch

In interviews I gave early on in my career, I was quoted as saying it was possible to have it all: a dynamic job, marriage, and children. In some respects, I was a social adolescent.

~Jessica Savitch

When I was a little girl in the 1950s, it would not have been possible for me to say, I want to be an anchorwoman when I grow up.

~Jessica Savitch

To get it first is important - but more important is to get it right.

~Jessica Savitch

Television is intensely personal.

~Jessica Savitch

Women didn't want to watch other women on television because they were jealous of their husbands' diverted attention.

~Jessica Savitch

The single life is not one I willingly chose for myself.

~Jessica Savitch

News reporting is a cycle: No matter how much you work at sending a message, it's only successful if it's received.

~Jessica Savitch

News events are like Texas weather. If you don't like it, wait a minute.

~Jessica Savitch

Women may not have it easy, but we are given a fairer chance to reach for the top.

~Jessica Savitch

My goal was to be a network correspondent by the time I was 30.

~Jessica Savitch

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