

**Chapter 6, “Basic News Leads”
Leads Homework—Pages 162-166, Sections I-VII, Nos. 1 and 2
each section**

Section I: Condensing Lengthy Leads

- 1. The husband of Mount Pleasant Mayor Sabrina Datolli was injured in a car accident today. (15 words)**
- 2. A new convention center and sports arena in downtown Charleston are one step closer to reality today. (17)**

Section II: Using the Proper Sentence Structure

- 1. Two Charleston City Council members would like to see a committee formed to oversee renovations in the downtown historic district. (20)**
- 2. An unusual twist in a local murder case: the suspect has received a lesser sentence because his stabbing victim refused medical attention that may have kept him alive. (28)**

Section III: Emphasizing the News

- 1. The desert near Las Vegas will be a safe place to store tons of radioactive waste, the head of the U.S. Department of Energy said Monday. (26)**

- 2. The defendant appeared drunk when he got into his car before striking and killing a pedestrian, testified three Iowa State University students today. (23)**

Section IV: Combining Multisentence Leads

- 1. A former City College president has been offered the job of Harrison County school superintendent. (15)**
- 2. City detectives say they shot a robbery suspect while breaking up a liquor store hold up this morning. (18)**

Section V: Stressing the Unusual

- 1. The ongoing heat wave has claimed three more lives, elderly people whose homes had unopened fans and air conditioners in their boxes, health department officials said today. (27)**
- 2. A local woman faces several charges after her son, who was riding a bicycle, was struck by a train. (18)**

Section VI: Localizing the Lead

- 1. A state lawmaker wants to give credit card holders more protection from identity theft. (14)**

- 2. The Charleston County School District will receive a \$1.2 million boost in its efforts to help at-risk students. (17)**

Section VII. Updating Your Lead

- 1. The defendant in a local murder trial admitted on the witness stand today that he knew the woman he is accused of killing. (23)**
- 2. The woman killed in a local car accident yesterday was legally drunk, city police officials disclosed today. The crash also claimed the life of the woman's 2-year-old daughter. (28)**

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