**Ranking the News**

*Using the news values discussed in this chapter, rank these stories. They will be used in a general circulation local newspaper that is the primary print source of news for its readers.*

**Sun:** St. Petersburg, Fla., is back in the record books, having just passed 800 sunny days in a row. The city also held the previous record for the most days when the sun shined.

**Interest:** After the Federal Reserve raised interest rates earlier this week, local mortgage lenders followed suit and raised their rates to the highest levels in five years. Economists say the higher rates could hurt the economy if they result in fewer home purchases.

**Governor:** Speaking at a luncheon on the other side of the state yesterday, the governor suffered a heart attack. He remains in critical condition today.

**Plane:** A Boeing 757 had to abort its takeoff from the local airport yesterday after having engine trouble. Passengers were transferred to another plane that took off two hours later. The incident is the fourth instance of engine trouble in 757s across the country during the past two months.

**Crash:** A truck overturned on the main route into town at 1 p.m. yesterday. Traffic was halted for an hour until it could be removed. The driver suffered minor injuries.

**Checks:** A former member of the local City Council was arrested and charged with passing bad checks. Sam Sardellis served on the council about 10 years ago.

**Dance:** A Russian dance troupe canceled its eagerly awaited U.S. tour after members received threats that they would be killed if they came to the United States.

**Power:** About 3,000 local residents lost electricity after construction equipment cut a line yesterday. Power was restored after four hours.

**Quake:** An earthquake in Japan has left at least 700 people dead and extensive damage to property.

**ATM Scam:** A local ring of thieves have has been posing as bank employees at automated teller machines. They tell customers they are there to demonstrate new features of the machines, then manage to get the customers’ card numbers and PINs. At least five people have found their accounts emptied, and police warn that the thieves are still at work.