

Chap 6, Ex 6: Bomb Scare

You are a copy editor with the Wessex Town Crier. Using The Associated Press Stylebook as a guide, edit the following news article for Saturday's edition for style, spelling, grammar, logic, syntax and factual errors. Also correct any awkward writing. Include comments about any information in the story that is incomplete or illogical.

A beeping pager summoned the Wessex Police and Fire ~~Dept.~~departments ~~workers~~ along with the ~~Bomb~~bomb Squad~~squad~~ to the ~~Postoffice~~post office at 321 ~~1st~~First Street~~St.~~ ~~yesterday~~on Friday morning.

Lead could also say, "A beeping pager summoned the Wessex police and firefighters..."

Postmaster Mel Colley, ~~Postmaster~~, called the ~~Police~~police Dept. after a postal worker heard strange ~~noices~~noises coming from a package, which was ~~eight~~8 by 10 by 6 inches ~~in sized and weight~~and weighed about ~~two and a half~~2.5 lbs~~pounds~~.

~~Postmaster~~ Colley then evacuated the building. The police, ~~which~~who ~~had also~~ called the ~~Fire~~fire Dept.~~department~~ and ~~Bomb~~bomb Squad~~squad~~ as a precaution, ordered ~~another one square block~~the block cleared to ~~insure~~ensure public safety.

The ~~Bomb~~bomb Squad~~squad~~ ~~*X~~-rayed the ~~bomb~~package and discovered it was actually a ~~motorolla~~Motorola pager that apparently had been activated by a phone call.

One it was determined that the device was ~~unharmful~~harmless, everyone went back to work.