

Chapter 6

Exercise 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 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~~Friday morning.

Postmaster Mel Colley; ~~Postmaster~~, called the ~~P~~police ~~Dept.~~ after a postal worker heard strange ~~noices~~noise coming from a package, which was ~~eight~~8 by 10 by 6 inches ~~in-sized~~ and ~~weight~~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-squa~~the block cleared to ~~insure~~ensure public safety.

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

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