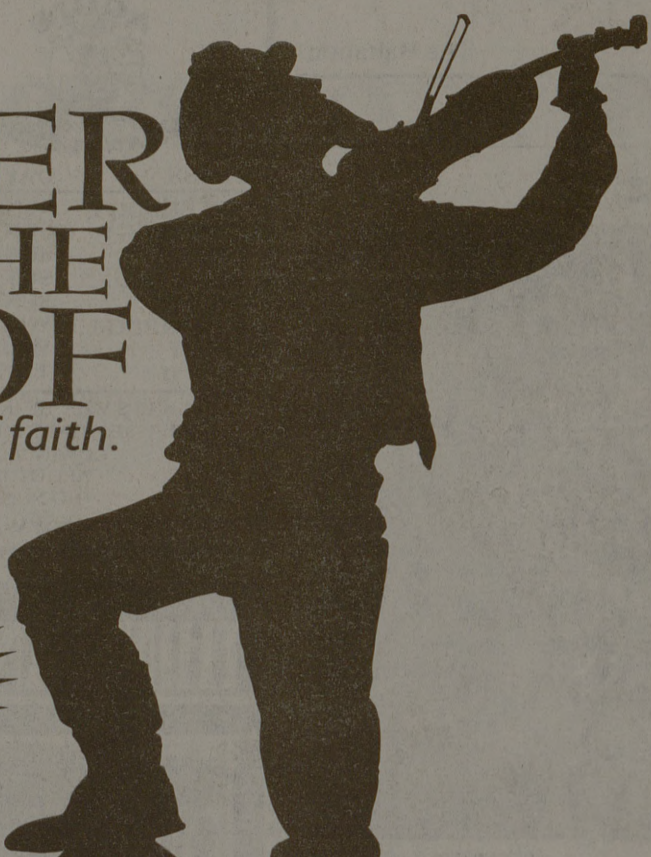


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Fort Worth man shoots ex-girlfriend

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A man shot and critically wounded his ex-girlfriend outside a post office Wednesday before driving away and killing himself, police said.

Gayla Curry, 26, of Hurst, was in critical condition at Harris Hospital.

Ms. Curry was picking up mail for her employer when William Hamm, 33, approached her car just before noon, and the two started talking through her open driver-side window, Fort Worth police Lt. Mark Krey, said.

"They were conversing calmly until witnesses heard her say, 'Put the gun away,'" Krey said.

Hamm fired once with a .25-caliber handgun, striking Ms. Curry in the neck, and the bullet passed through her neck, Krey said.

Witnesses told police that Hamm walked to his truck and drove off. Ms. Curry went to a nearby business and asked for help.

When police officers arrived, she told them her ex-boyfriend had shot her, Krey said.

She told witnesses Hamm, a Burleson resident, wanted her to reconcile with him.

Acting on a hunch that Hamm might have gone to a rest stop to commit suicide, Burleson police found Hamm's truck at a rest stop along Interstate 35-W, Krey said.

Police said there was no known history of violence between the two.

Krey said police believe the shooting occurred at the post office because Hamm knew Ms. Curry routinely stopped there, "and he was basically lying in wait for her."

Stinky situation

Feedlot operators, federal officials quarrel over disposal of manure

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal officials and feedlot operators are raising a stink over a particularly stinky issue: where to dispose of the millions of tons of manure produced each year in Texas.

There are about 140 feeding operations that fatten cattle for slaughter in Texas, and they produce 6 to 9 million tons of manure a year, the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

Poultry and hog operations add to the dung heap.

Nearly all of the manure is sold or given to farmers who use it on their fields, supplementing or replacing chemical fertilizers.

But scientists at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are worried the manure is fouling waterways.

They're proposing that farms in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma begin keeping track of how they use manure.

The EPA contends that in high concentrations, phosphorous can stimulate algae growth that kills fish and other aquatic life.

Under the proposed rules, farms with high concentrations of phosphorous would have to stop using manure.

Texas officials who would be charged with enforcing the mandate said they would prefer to keep their current rules, which do little to govern where manure can be spread.

They have asked to reconsider its proposal.

"In some areas, you actually put people out of business,"

Hofmann, executive director to the head of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, said.

Environmentalists state officials of their responsibility.

"If they wait until federal government sets a standard, they don't take the heat for it,"

Hess, regional legal counsel in Austin for the National Wildlife Federation, said.

Ranchers and feedlot operators said the EPA would discourage manure as a fertilizer.

state officials have pushed a safer alternate to chemical fertilizers.

"We're talking about organic agriculture trying to regulate," James Rell, a spokesman for the Texas Association of Men, said.

"Why is the EPA shoving this down our throats?"

The dairymen's group hired an engineering firm to show that phosphorous in some places are so high that manure regulation is not needed.

Along with cattle and poultry groups, the dairy also are considering a counterproposal, but to require commercial manure haulers to keep records where they take the manure.

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