

Letters

The victims are more than families and friends. Luke Ramsey, owner of the car wash, William Harris, the brother of the killer, the police and the counselor are victims.

Harris is a danger to other inmates and guards while he lives. Some people harden their hearts against God and will never accept Christ.

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Leo, the bichon frisé killed by Andrew Burnett.

Not enough outrage

I read several editorials on the death of Leo the dog and thought that while thought-provoking, they didn't say nearly enough.

And after volunteering at the Southern Animal Rescue Association, I'd say the editorials didn't scream loudly enough.

We should be worried when a couple of Baylor University students think it's fun to skin a cat alive and then decapi-

tate it. We should be outraged when a dog is beaten to death with a baseball bat and sledgehammer because he peed on the carpet. We should be more than a little concerned when a couple of young boys think it's fun to sodomize a cat with a large stick.

Why? Because the same things happening to these animals are happening to our society, our families, our children. And by accepting cruelty to animals, we are accepting cruelty and violence in general.

If you feel like screaming, I urge you to visit or volunteer at SARA. If you don't feel like screaming, you should wonder why.

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Trying to help

Paul Farhi of the Washington Post writes that the public reaction to the killing of a small dog is misguided and hypocritical because "our outrage [does not] really reflect our beneficence toward animals." ("Three years for a crime against cuteness," June 22 column).

It's time to stop using hypocrisy as an excuse to belittle anyone who tries to do good in the name of a cause, but who does not take the cause to the logical extreme.

People who were moved to action by the cruel death of Leo may not, as Farhi writes, be moved by the abuse of children or the source of the leather in their shoes. I wish they were. But what good does it do to dismiss those people?

Farhi's position is that consistency outweighs goodness. The more con-