

OPINION

STAMPER

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of lawmen decided to stop at Shell before leaving Nicholas County.

As they finished their meals, Stamper entered the store and ordered two cheeseburgers. He then went near the counter for his burgers, paid for them with a credit card three minutes later and left the store without incident.

Murrell was standing directly behind Stamper when he paid for the cheeseburgers.

Murrell and Graves exited the store immediately after Stamper, and as Murrell hid Graves' goodnight, Stamper and Murrell approached Stamper, who was sitting in his vehicle. Graves said he thought he recognized Stamper as a Carlisle police officer. He had only worked directly around Stamper once before, and he testified that he thought it odd that Stamper had not spoken to either himself, Murrell or Hawkins while

inside." Graves was wearing dress pants with a shirt and tie on. He was not wearing sunglasses. Graves testified that he was in KSP uniform and easily recognizable as a lawman.

"It's unusual that a fellow police officer would not speak," Graves testified. Graves and Stamper spoke for approximately 30-40 minutes with one topic of discussion being "informants," according to trial testimony.

"Isn't it true you asked him to give you the identity of his informants?" Guarnieri asked Graves during his cross-examination.

"No it is not," Graves calmly replied. Under direct questioning by Kelley, Graves said that he did not detect any signs of Stamper being under the influence during that initial 30-40 minute conversation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

I am writing this letter to ask the questions that some people of Nicholas County have been asking me. On June 19 at around 10:15 a.m. our sheriff's office began a high speed chase with a man who acted like he had been drinking, they knew who the man was, and who did not have a drivers license.

Did this man kill someone, rob someone, was a dangerous fugitive, or even charged with being drunk when he was taken into custody? Why did they let people join them in the chase that have no training in or duty to do a job that was not theirs?

Why didn't they issue a warrant for the man's arrest and let the state police arrest him later, safely? Why did they want to involve a high speed chase in the morning, in the streets of Carlisle, around a play ground and ball park were children were and could have been playing, or through a heavily populated area?

Did they let people, on the excitement of the chase or maybe the thought of a front-page story guide them to put other lives in danger? What if something had went wrong? Someone would have gotten killed, would this have changed when to chase?

Why didn't they remember the ethics of conduct they were given when they were sworn into these jobs? The ethics of conducts for law officers is to uphold the law in a manner with no prejudice or malice to others, that does not endanger the lives of people they have sworn to protect. Is this what they did? Do they need to have some regulations that would remind them of what is more important in our county, the lives or our babies and friends?

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Christopher Lee Watkins
We thought of you with love today. But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and days before that. We think of you in silence, in the faces of people I meet on my way. Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Love Always, Julie Brette & Becky Thornburg

came from Stamper and his cheeseburgers. When Graves reentered the store, he was met with angry remarks by those inside. "People hammered me hard," Graves said. "Mr. Myers (Chris 'Pancake' Myers, who also testified in particular, "I hammered you and asked me why I would let a police officer drive drunk."

Graves said he was "dumb-founded" by Myers' remarks and when someone said "look at him he can't even get out of the car," he testified that he observed Stamper outside of the SUV leaning on the vehicle to hold himself up.

"I was embarrassed," Graves said, with a note of disgust in his voice. "Did you let a police officer change?" Kelley asked Graves. "Yes it did," Graves said

Conservative Columnist

Why the Number Sixty-Two is So Important

Sixty-two - it's a very important number. For one thing it can only be divided evenly by the numbers two and 31.

But there is a much more serious reason to pay attention to this number. It's a number that I hope every Kentuckian who reads this column will see buried on their minds this 4th of July. Sixty-two years since the height of the war in Iraq, we have given their lives for the freedom in Iraq.

I know that the issue of the Iraq war is one, which deeply divides us here at home. Was it the right decision? Should we have focused the war on terror somewhere else? Has it been worth the sacrifice? I suppose the only thing we can all agree on is the fact that they all want the situation resolved as quickly as possible and we want our troops back home safely as soon as possible.

Regardless of how you feel about this war, it should be noted that our soldiers don't make the decision to go on specific missions. Every one of them is following orders because of their loyalty to us. The soldiers don't know where they are going to go, or some other crisis that threatened national security required their efforts.

So, when they finally come home, how will you react? Will we repeat the atrocious treatment of our Vietnam veterans in the 70s? Or will we make sure that they know how much we appreciate



Island Greary

their bravery and sacrifice? Will we thank them for putting their lives in the line for the freedoms we enjoy here at home? More importantly, how will we remember the fallen?

Some time ago, during the height of the war in Iraq, the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport on a business trip. A lot of our troops pass through there on their way to and from the theatre of action. I was standing in line from the food court behind a man in uniform. Not a dress uniform, but combat fatigues with dusty boots - probably Iraq dust. I wanted to say that I was a little nervous. I am normally not a shy person and can usually strike up a conversation with just about anyone I meet.

After all, this was a soldier who had been fighting a war. What could I possibly have to say to him that was of any value? No wonder I've heard that.

Despite my hesitation, I decided to go to it. I stuck out my hand and introduced myself. He said, "I appreciate what they finally come home, how will you react? Will we repeat the atrocious treatment of our Vietnam veterans in the 70s? Or will we make sure that they know how much we appreciate

and testified that he escorted the store and approached Stamper, who was still outside of his vehicle, attempting to raise the hood of the vehicle because he couldn't get the SUV started.

"I checked him out pretty good," Graves said. "I told him, 'I can't believe you're drinking and driving. Eviction in here knows you're drunk.'"

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hot spots. As he told me that he was on his way home for two weeks of I&R with his family and then back to Iraq, his eyes teared up a bit. From that point forward I made up my mind to thank every soldier I could find in the support. This proved to be easier said than done in that particular situation.

Later, waiting at my gate, two more soldiers were sitting across from me. We began talking. Both were finishing their tours and headed home to stay. I asked them if they would do it again. "Yes, in a heartbeat," they both said almost in unison. They told me that it was hard for them to leave. They felt like their work wasn't finished and their buddies were still back there doing the job.

My father served in the Air Force during the 60s. I wanted to follow in his footsteps but developed a heart murmur in high school. I've never had to stare down the Soviet, atom-bomb or the ever enemy territory dodging bullets and surface to air missiles. But for those who do these things on a daily basis, the least I can do is thank them when I see them and say a prayer for their ev-

ery night. Every Fourth of July we hear a lot of rhetoric about independence and supporting our troops, but we can't remind people enough of the daily sacrifice our soldiers make. For most of us who have never faced mortal combat, suicide bombers, or the bombs of a jet's easy to play armchair quarterback from the safety of state-side comfort.

That's why the number sixty-two is so important for the sixty-two families of Kentucky's fallen soldiers, we soldiers of peace are a reality every day. I am not asking you to put aside your political beliefs or concerns this war. But I will not be silent about it. I think of that very important number the next time you see a man or woman in uniform. Remember that they don't make the decision to go to war - the only decision they've made is to answer their political beliefs. The least we can do is thank them for it.

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2008 Ewing-Fleming County Fair

Table listing fair events from Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11, including Floral Hall Exhibits, Senior Citizens Morning, and various contests.

Engagement

Reid - Fryman to wed Fuller-Davis to wed



Smuel Bernard Reid and Tabitha Dawn Fryman

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fryman are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tabitha Dawn Fryman to Smuel Bernard Reid son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid of Carlisle.

Tabitha is a 2005 graduate of Nicholas County High School. She is currently attending Eastern Kentucky University and will graduate in May 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Sm is a 2004 graduate of Nicholas County High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently working on his Master's degree in Criminal Justice at Eastern Kentucky University.

Tabitha is the granddaughter of Scotty and Nancy Fryman of Carlisle, Janette Kitchie of Carlisle and Billy and Vanda Tinch of Paris. Sam is the grandson of Wainita and the late James Reid of Carlisle and Laura Hillard of Carlisle.

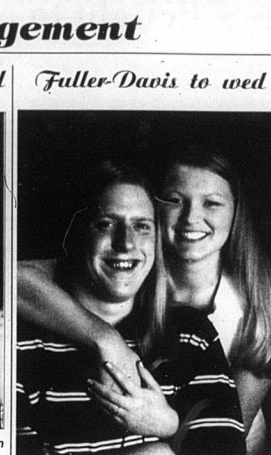
Tabitha and Sam were engaged on March 3, 2008 and are planning a summer wedding in 2009.

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make the full employer contribution, as recommended by investment system actuaries, by 2025, with higher payments required until we reach 100 percent.

This is not a complete solution, and no one is 100 percent satisfied with the bill we passed this week. However, HBI is a good first step on the path to fiscal soundness. With that legislation, we will assure our public sector employees that we will honor our obligations to them, while also assuring the taxpayers that we will not leave their children and grandchildren held responsible for our missteps of yesterday.

Unless the Governor calls us back for another special session, we will return to the Capitol on January 6, 2009 for our old-year "short" session. In the meantime, we will have meetings in Frankfort to study the issues and prepare for the 2009 Regular Session. Just because we are not voting on legislation, though, does not mean you should not stay in contact. You can stay always follow our work on our web site www.ky.gov, and if you have comments you would like to make on the issues of legislation, we will assure our public sector employees that we will honor our obligations to them, while also assuring the taxpayers that we will not leave their children and grandchildren held responsible for our missteps of yesterday.

Today's Menu: Breakfast \$3.89 + tax, Pepsi Cubes \$5.99 (4-11 coupon off), MARATHON 5399 Concrete Rd. - Carlisle 859-289-6118 Deli Open Til 9:00 p.m.



Christopher Scott Davis and Melony Ann Fuller

Bruce Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Hawkins of Carlisle are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melony Ann Fuller to Christopher Scott Davis, son of Keith Goins of Charleston, SC and the late Cynthia Davis of Paris, KY.

Melony graduated from Bourbon County High School in 2005 and attended Bluegrass Community and Technical College to major in Medical Coding and graduated in May 2008. Chris graduated from Bourbon County High School in 2006. Chris is currently employed at Toyota Manufacturing in Georgetown, KY.

Chris and Melony are planning a wedding for July 12, 2008 at Bedford Acres Christian Church at 3:30 p.m. and all friends and family are invited to attend.

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SENATOR R.J. PALMER represents Clark, Bourbon, Harrison, Nicholas, Montgomery and Bath counties.

ESTATE Auction Saturday July 5th, 9:30 AM 317S. Church St. (Cynthiana, Kentucky)
Antique oval portraits, Hand Rock marble w/ chairs, Oak Case bottom captain chairs, dining chairs, wing back chairs, Oil lamp, Stone jars, Antique Lunch table, severely, Alder, maple, Cherry coffee & end tables, Cherry Drop Leaf tables, Cherry Blanket Chest, Quilt, Dining room table w/ 6 chairs, recliners, Sofa & matching love seat, Gold framed mirrors, Slant top secretary, Brass lamps, stone, Crystal - Depression & Eternity Glass, Art & EAPo Glass, trunks, baskets, Tiffany style hanging light, Bentwood rocker, nail keg, child's truck, costume jewelry, Alder, Brass Lamp, collector plates, White & Blue Crocks, collector knives, Griswood Iron skillets, Hull & McCoy pottery, punch bowl and cups, bed linen, Blue Jean 45's & LP records, craft items, power hand tools, HD Motorcycle desk telephone, Queen Cherry bed, Cobble beach, Maple desk, pots, pans and dishes, small kitchen appliances and much more. TERMS: 10% Buyers Premium will be added to determine the final sale price. Cash or Check with proper ID, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Absentee bidding and live internet bidding is available. Visit our web site for details. Inspection of the items from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday through Friday the week of the auction.

NICHOLAS NEWS TRIANGLE HEADQUARTERS - SALTWELL - BARTERVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Elaine Elyre and sons spent the weekend in Illinois conducting his second job which is his Business of Sporting Equipment. Chad and Shelly Doyle were among prepared a big dinner, Sunday, for two birthdays. Dan Frederick and he and son Mike sang two special services. The 7:00 singers were the Bluegrass Gospel Travelers. They now have some different singers and musicians.

Molly Smith, Joyce Smith, Sydney and Samantha recovered from his work with 'Woodmen of the World Insurance and Financial Services. Much criteria has to be met for this, which he was a trip every year. He was able to take one person with him, so he took his son and this was his first time to take one person with him. Brenda Rott visited David Doyle last Saturday and also visited Walter Mitchell and others on Monday. Donald Riggs spoke at the

20th Wedding Anniversary celebrated
Donald Wayne and Kathy Fryman celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2008. They celebrated their anniversary with a 3-day Caribbean Cruise to Key West and Bahamas. They have two children Jimmy Fryman and Lon Kenney.

NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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