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Police: Road rage leads to injuries

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An instance of road rage led to a man being stabbed near Gate 7 on Fort Campbell Boulevard Monday night.

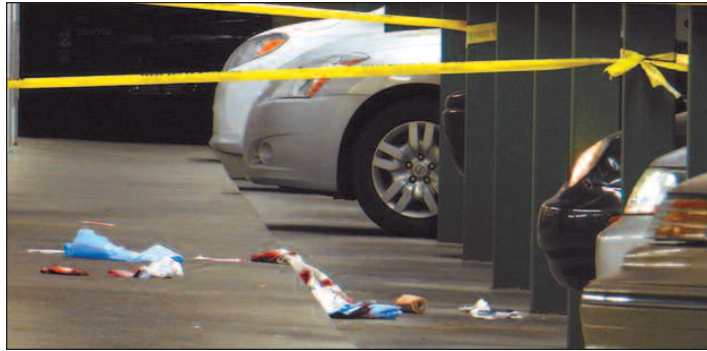
According to Oak Grove Police Det. Ben Walden, two drivers were involved in a traffic incident on Tiny Town Road in Clarksville at 8:46 p.m. Monday. Both drivers came up Fort Campbell Boulevard into Oak Grove, and Nicholas Martinez, 20, Fort Campbell, attempted to turn into Gate 7.

Walden said that a second vehicle cut off Martinez's vehicle, and both cars pulled off the road. "The other guy cut him off, got out of his vehicle and approached (Martinez's) vehicle," Walden said. "They all started arguing, and one thing led to another: The victim was fighting with (Martinez), struggling while the guy was in his vehicle, and then (Martinez) stabbed him."



Martinez

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Yellow police tape surrounds bloody rags where a man was stabbed after a road rage argument at the Sonic Drive-In on Monday night in Oak Grove.

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Ceremony at sunset



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Four Fort Campbell soldiers (above) wait for the plane carrying the returning troops Sunday night. Sgt. Amanda Olmeda (below), was welcomed home by her husband Jay and her two children, Andrew, 9 and Victoria, 7. The children greeted their mother tearfully and expressed their excitement to have her home.

Advice offered to families as 200 soldiers come home

BY KAT RUSSELL
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Approximately 200 members of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) returned to Fort Campbell on Sunday after nine months in Afghanistan.

Landing at about 9 p.m., the troops were welcomed home by a

crowd of family, friends, loved ones and fellow soldiers. From there, they were marched into a hangar where their loved ones were waiting.

Brig. Gen. Mark Stammer, senior commander of the 101st Airborne Division, made a few quick remarks to the returning men and women.

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House amends farm bill for research on industrial hemp

BY CARLA JIMENEZ
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When the U.S. House approved the farm bill last week, lawmakers also approved an attached amendment that would allow colleges and universities to grow hemp for research purposes.

Reps. Jared Polis, D-Colo., Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., and Thomas Massie, R-Ky., introduced the amendment. The lawmakers who sponsored the amendment represent some of the states that have already legalized the production of hemp.

The Kentucky General Assembly passed a bill earlier this year that would allow farmers to obtain licenses to grow industrial hemp, pending legalization on a federal level. Since the passage of industrial hemp, Kentucky lawmakers and farmers have been lobbying federal lawmakers to legalize hemp, and most of Kentucky's congressional delegation have voiced support for hemp.

"Industrial hemp is used for hundreds of products including paper, clothing, rope, and can be converted into renewable bio-fuels more efficiently than corn or switch grass," Massie said in a news release. "It's our goal that the research this amendment enables would further broadcast the economic benefits of the sustainable and job-creating crop."

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Hopkinsville residents respond to Zimmerman acquittal

BY BILLY MITCHELL
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When a jury acquitted George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watchman accused of racially profiling and murdering Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old African-

American, many people across the nation erupted.

Whether in defense of the American justice system and Florida's Stand Your Ground law or a cry for justice and racial equality, a lot of people had something to say about Saturday night's verdict in San-

ford, Fla.

And from nearly 800 miles away, many in Hopkinsville expressed their opinions, skewing to all sides of the debate.

The Rev. John Banks, president of the Hopkinsville-Christian County branch of the NAACP, said he was flabbergasted.

"I thought they would come back with at least manslaughter," Banks said of the jurors. "To me, (Martin) was racially profiled. He was being stalked. He was being harassed, and he got killed. There is no

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WHO WE ARE: Brittany Burton, 19, Hopkinsville

Brittany Burton isn't originally from Hopkinsville, though you'd never know it.

Burton is from Alabama, but her accent blends in well with any Hoptowner. Sometimes, though people can identify that she's not from around town.

"I've had people tell me my accent is annoying," she said with a laugh.

She said she likes Hopkinsville a lot, and it reminds

her of Alabama. They are similar because they're both country, she said.

Burton moved to Hopkinsville a year ago to be with her husband, who is a soldier with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division (Air As-



sault). The two met through her sister, who was her husband's best friend. The two were married almost two years ago, though he was deployed to Afghanistan before the couple's first anniversary. She said he's home now, and she's glad.

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