

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jackson sees weak links in movie

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Samuel L. Jackson says his tortured character in the movie *A Time to Kill* suffered even more in the editing room.

"It's a good movie, and I'm proud of it, but it could have been so much better," the Chattanooga native said in an interview published Tuesday in *The Tennessean*.

He said a scene was cut in which his character was developed through a conversation with his lawyer. Jackson plays Carl Lee, who kills the men who rape his young daughter.

"Loss of that scene changed the concept of Carl Lee, even though there is a suggestion of his anguish later," Jackson said. "I don't usually complain about cuts, but that one really hurt."

Warner Bros. executives did not immediately respond to a call for comment.



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Mel Gibson to get back stolen "King Lear"

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — A stolen early edition of Shakespeare's "King Lear" has been recovered and will be returned to owner Mel Gibson, who played Hamlet in the latest film adaptation.

The 1681 book, valued at \$7,500, apparently was stolen from Gibson's home in Greenwich, police said.

A dealer in rare and used books was asked two weeks ago by an undisclosed person to sell the book on consignment.

Steven Turi said he became suspicious when he found some papers inside the book indicating it had been sold recently in Los Angeles. He contacted police on Thursday.

Investigators have a suspect, but a representative of Gibson asked that no charges be filed, Capt. Robert Comers said.

Gibson starred in the *Mad Max* and *Lethal Weapon* movies as well as the 1990 version of *Hamlet*.

Quayles fly south after nest empties

PHOENIX (AP) — The empty-nest syndrome has the Quayles migrating to Arizona.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle and his wife, Marilyn, are looking for a home in the Phoenix area, where he will teach next year at the American Graduate School of International Management.

The couple, who have been living in Carmel, Ind., just north of Indianapolis, will not be bringing along their three kids, spokeswoman Anne Hathaway said. Son Tucker graduated from college last spring, and Ben and Corrine are still in college.

Quayle grew up in Arizona and his parents live in Wickenburg.



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Politics

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"I just finished a book on Texas politics and found it (the Net) very useful," he said, "but I haven't found the (political party's) web pages to contain much depth or be incredibly helpful. They are self-serving and contain a lot of ambiguity, like sound bites and 'good old boy' testimonies."

Balido said she disagrees. She said she feels web pages are helpful in addressing all of voter issues.

While interning for a Texas senator Balido said one of her jobs was to place e-mail letters in legislative assistant's boxes so questions could be promptly answered.

"All the web pages have e-mail addresses that the legislative assistants read every day," she said. "They always answer you back."

Carl Baggett, Texas A&M student body president and a senior accounting major, said he feels political web pages are just as legitimate as newspapers, magazines or television.

"I think the more possible ways a student can become knowledgeable on candidates, the better," he said. "What's neat about America is if you want, you can find out the truth."

He said students might find it interesting to look into an Internet source titled "Political Skeletons In the Closet," which reveals interesting facts on prominent political figures.

Though the Internet is a fast

and extremely informative source ready available for A&M students, not all students use it. Emily Hatcher, a senior geography major, said because of her unfamiliarity with computers, she has not used the Internet to learn about political candidates yet.

"I'm not real big on computers," she said. "I get most of my information from newspapers and magazines."

However, after learning how easy getting into the Internet is, Hatcher said she plans on visiting an on-campus computer lab to gain political information soon.

Halter said students can obtain more interesting if not accurate information from looking at Net information put out by political opponents, such as "Political Skeletons In the Closet," and reading major daily papers.

Distance

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to alleviate this problem." In 1992, the Center of Distance Learning Research was developed to perfect the program.

Lloyd Korhonen, director of the Center of Distance Learning

Research, said the Center has telecommunications technology to move distance learning into the future at A&M.

"The mission of the Center is to provide state-of-the-art information about using telecommunications to develop education and training," Korhonen said. "This is a new endeavor, but it's the model that higher education

is moving toward." Storey said distance learning will prove to be convenient for students and teachers.

"There is no way some people can leave their families and come here," Storey said. "They can go to the campuses in towns for A&M classes. The technology is here — all we need to do is catch up with it. I want to be a part of it."

Turnout

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Local political officials are also trying to deal with the problem.

Roger Lewis, Brazos County republican chairman, said he understands why students do not participate in elections, but sees why they need to get involved.

"I've worked with student voters for over a decade and have registered thousands over the years," he said. "They (students) tend not to be informed and they don't want to make uninformed choices."

Lewis said students are involved in the local community in many ways.

"I own duplexes in College

Station and one-fourth of the rent my tenants pay goes to taxes," he said. "Every time a student receives a citation on campus, it's referred to a Justice of the Peace and they are elected to office too."

Lewis said student turnout is highest during state and national elections.

"The presidential and gubernatorial elections are the only ones students get excited about," he said. "The only time students turn out is when they feel it (the election) will have a direct impact on them."

In a combined effort with the Big 12 schools, Texas A&M Student Government is trying to improve student voter turnouts by holding a voter registration drive in the fall.

Chris Reed, speaker of the Student Senate and a senior finance major, said A&M will compete with other Big 12 schools to in a

registration campaign.

"The Big 12 is starting a voter registration contest," he said. "Most people don't realize what you have to do to register, and we want to make it to where all they will have to do is fill out a card. We want these people to vote."

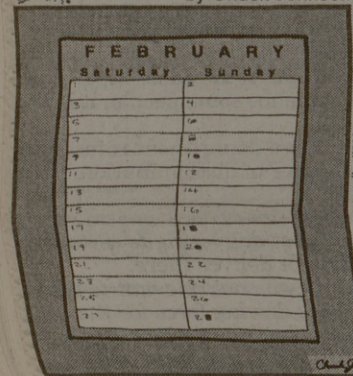
Carl Baggett, student body president and a senior accounting major, said he realizes students have historically had a low voter turnout in the past and hopes it will increase this fall.

"I know the numbers show that it (low student voting turnout) happens," he said. "And I'm glad the Senate is working on that."

Lewis said if students get involved, they will notice a difference.

"They don't realize the effects these elections can have on them," he said. "Students pay fines for speeding, they pay taxes, etc., but they just don't realize the impact they can make."

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be involved as citizens and voters."

The commission charged that the Christian Coalition distributed voter guides, identified Republican voters and used mail and telephone banks to get them to the polls in federal elections in 1990, 1992 and 1994 — all with partisan intentions. The FEC said also said the coalition

had used corporate funds on behalf of Republicans.

Such activities amount to "express advocacy" for particular candidates and legally should have been either reported as independent political expenditures or as in-kind contributions to the candidates, the FEC argued.

The voter guides compare candidates in state, local and federal races on a series of issues the group deems important. The coalition plans to distribute more than 60 million this year.

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