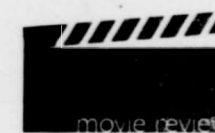




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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Becky Cannon, executive director of the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, answers questions after a short video about courtroom procedures concerning rape victims. The LRCC provides a 24-hour hotline with trained volunteers as well as paraprofessional counseling, crisis intervention and follow-up counseling for victims and family members. SEE RELATED INFORMATION ..... Page 2

## Streets close for annual upgrade

by Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

The intersection of 18th Street and Boston Avenue will be closed effective June 22 for two weeks in order to make standard repairs to the road, said Gene West, Vice President for Operations at Texas Tech University.

The repairs, scheduled to begin Monday, were delayed due to rain that fell over the weekend. He said the university wanted to postpone digging up the intersection to avoid possible problems due to flooding.

West said the intersection closing is part of the repairs that the university does every summer in order to maintain the roads. He said that this intersection closing will be the biggest concern because of the high amount of traffic that uses the intersection.

"A lot of students and faculty use this intersection to enter and leave the campus. We're concerned about incon-

veniencing them with the project," West said.

Tech employees who work in buildings around the 18th Street and Boston Avenue intersection said that while the closing of the intersection will be inconvenient, they do understand the need for repairs.

"I think that it will be unpleasant, but if they need to repair the road, it will be fine as long as there is still a way to access the library parking lot where the staff parks at," said Vassil Vissilev, a junior advertising major from Bulgaria, who works at the circulation desk.

Nick Barrera, a sophomore pre-dentistry major from Lamesa who also works in the library, said while he normally walks to the library to go to work, he does think it will inconvenience those who do normally use the intersection.

"For the people who use the lot it will be a hassle because they will have to drive farther to get to work," he said.

see REPAIRS, p. 2

## Tech bookstore prepares for take-over

by Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Bookstore will be closed the week of June 19 in order to complete the transition in ownership between Wallace's and Barnes and Noble, the new owner.

"Overall, we are very excited about the opportunity to build an academic superstore (at Texas Tech). We plan to offer a variety of research and trade books and a big periodical department as well as traditional textbooks," said Stan Franks, marketing director at Barnes and Noble.

Tom Shubert, director of the University Center, said the shutdown will be devoted to allowing Wallace's three days to complete a final inventory of what is in the bookstore and to allow

Barnes and Noble the opportunity to prepare for their opening on June 26. The bookseller took over the contract after the contract that Wallace's had with the university expired this year. Barnes and Noble's contract will be in effect for 10 years.

"I think the first priority (of Barnes and Noble) will be to make sure that they have the textbooks for the second summer session. They may make a few minor changes, but most of them will occur when the bookstore changes locations," Shubert said.

Shubert said when Wallace's contract came to an end, a committee comprised of students and faculty looked at a number of firms in order to decide which one would be the most beneficial to the campus.

"We looked at a number of

different firms, and we felt that Barnes and Noble was the best fit for the campus because of the variety that they offer. They are more than just a college bookstore," he said. "We liked the fact that they wanted to add a café and that they wanted to offer fiction and non-fiction departments."

Franks said Tech issued a request for proposals after Wallace's contract was up and invited Barnes and Noble to submit a proposal.

"We were very pleased that they selected us," he said.

Shubert said the bookstore location will be temporary. The University plans to build a new bookstore in the University Center as part of the UC Expansion project, set to begin January 2001. The project is expected to be completed by

January 2002.

Franks said the chain is planning to outfit the store much like the Barnes and Noble bookstores around the country. He said the company plans to add a café complete with Internet access for students and customers to use while visiting the store.

"We are offering seating for customers at the café...we are hoping it will become a central meeting place for people on campus," he said.

Franks also said the store will offer a website to make shopping more convenient for customers. The website will include services where students can reserve books online, faculty can request books for classes, alumni can purchase clothing and store events can be posted.

"We see service as the most



Joe Mays ■ The University Daily

The Texas Tech Bookstore will be closed the week of June 19 in order to complete the transition in ownership to Barnes and Noble.

important aspect of a bookstore; our focus on that is why people see Barnes and Noble as being so successful," Franks said.

Barnes and Noble operates 400 college bookstores across the country, including stores at Harvard, Yale and Columbia universities.



## Man executed for killing former mother-in-law

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A man convicted of shooting his former mother-in-law and her mother to death was executed by injection Monday.

Wayne Mason, 48, was arrested the day after the Oct. 2, 1991, shootings of Marsha Brock, 55, and her 80-year-old mother, Sybil Dennis.

Mason was the estranged husband of Brock's daughter, Melinda Mason.

Two weeks before the shootings, Mason took Melinda Mason hostage and held her at gunpoint for 5 1/2 hours, according to testimony at his trial.

The former drywall installer denied any role in the slayings. In his final statement, Mason said his "sellout lawyer" conspired with prosecutors to orchestrate his conviction and the failure of his appeals.

"Who's getting the last laugh?" Mason said. "The guy who got away."

A group of scholars opposed to the death penalty urged a

halt Monday to next week's scheduled execution of another Texas inmate, Gary Graham.

Officials with the Center on Wrongful Convictions at the Northwestern University School of Law said they believe Graham should not have been found guilty of a 1981 killing. They said one witness identified Graham while six others either said he wasn't the shooter or described differently the individual responsible.

Gov. George W. Bush's office has said it is powerless to grant Graham the one-time, 30-day stay allowed by law because the governor's predecessor, Ann Richards, already gave him one in 1993.

If Graham's appeals fail prior to his scheduled execution on June 22, his last chance for a reprieve likely will be the Texas parole board.

Bush this month granted his first 30-day reprieve in a death penalty case, to allow for DNA tests on evidence.

## Government gunfire issue won't go before jury in Branch Davidian trial

WACO, Texas (AP) — The jury in the Branch Davidians' wrongful-death trial will not consider the issue of whether federal agents shot at members of the sect during the fiery end of the 1993 siege, a judge ruled Monday.

Instead, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith said he will take up the issue separately when a court-appointed expert — who is unable to attend the trial set to begin next week — is available to testify.

Attorneys for both sides said they

believe the issue won't be addressed until August.

The jurors will hear testimony on other issues, including whether federal agents used excessive force in the initial raid on the Branch Davidian compound that started the 51-day standoff, and whether they helped caused fires that destroyed the compound.

The seven jurors will act as an advisory panel and the verdict will come from the judge.

The fires broke out six hours into a tear-gassing operation designed to flush sect members out on April 19, 1993. Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and some 80 of his followers died, some from the fire, others from gunshot wounds.

The plaintiffs charge that FBI agents fired at the compound, discouraging people inside from fleeing and ultimately contributing to their deaths. The government denies that any shots were fired.

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# Crisis Center offers volunteer opportunity

The Lubbock Rape Crisis Center began volunteer training Monday for those wishing to assist victims of sexual assault.

Volunteer responsibilities include working a minimum of three on-duty phone shifts per month to answer the 24-hour crisis line and a minimum of three on-call shifts monthly to provide direct support services for sexual assault victims and their families.

Rene Ramirez, assistant director of LRCC, said the center is looking for concerned and motivated individuals who are interested in volunteer-  
ing.

"I would like to stress that we are interested in both male and female volunteers to perform these duties," he said.

In order to become a volunteer one must meet three specific requirements:

- \* Be at least 18 years old
  - \* Complete an application and a short interview
  - \* Complete an intensive 2-week long training program successfully
- The volunteer training program began Monday, June 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will continue at the same times through Thursday, June

8, including a morning session on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ramirez said training will conclude with three sessions beginning Monday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 21 at the regular weekday times.

The LRCC is a non-profit corporation that has been providing public education and services for sexual assault victims since 1975.

Ramirez said the staff, the Board of Directors and the volunteer case-workers of the center are committed to victims, their trauma, their courage and the resolution of their cri-

sis. The LRCC provides a 24-hour hotline with trained volunteers as well as paraprofessional counseling, crisis intervention and follow-up counseling for victims and family members.

It also offers a court watchers program, support groups, accompaniment to medical, legal and law enforcement proceedings and documentation of forensic medical exams.

For more information or to sign up for the training, please contact Rene Ramirez at 763-RAPE (7273).

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West said crews are removing the first layer of asphalt on the streets, making the necessary repairs and then applying new asphalt.

"We are not having to close down any of the streets as we repair them because they are going to be handled one lane at a time," West said.

Other areas the University plans to work on include: Flint Avenue from 19th Street to 15th Street; 18th Street from Boston Avenue to Indiana Avenue; Boston Avenue towards the Frazier Pavilion and Memorial Circle; 15th Street from Boston Avenue to Flint Avenue and Main Street from Indiana Avenue to Hartford Avenue, which is right in front of the arena.

West said all street repairs are part of the maintenance the university does every summer. He said all repairs should be finished by the beginning of fall classes.



The intersection of 18th Street and Boston Avenue will be closed effective June 22, for two weeks to make standard repairs to the road. All street repairs, will be complete by the Fall semester.

Joe Mays ■  
The University Daily

## Thirteen-year-old boy accused of shooting teacher to death

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy accused of shooting a teacher to death after being sent home for throwing water balloons was indicted as an adult Monday on first-degree murder charges.

That means Nathaniel Brazill will

get life in prison without parole if convicted.

If prosecuted as a juvenile, he could be held only until he turns 21.

Nathaniel was charged in the May 26 slaying of Lake Worth Community Middle School teacher Barry Grunow,

who was killed in the closing minutes of the last day of the school year.

Nathaniel had been sent home earlier in the day for throwing water balloons.

He later returned and went to Grunow's classroom, police said.

## Deadline for degree plans, intents nears

Deadline is approaching for students graduating in the College of Arts and Sciences.

All students who intend to graduate in December 2000 must file their degree plan by August 9.

December graduates must also file an intent to graduate must be filed by September 22.

May 2001 graduates must file a degree plan by December 13.

Degree plans and intents to graduate should be filed in Room 102 of Holden Hall.

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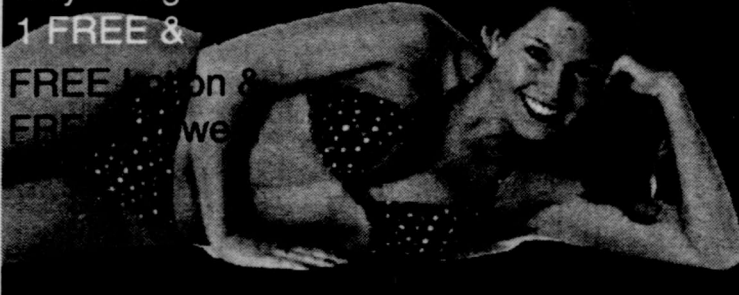
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# New resolution includes gays

## Senate adds sexual orientation to non-discriminatory policy

by Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Faculty Senate recently proposed a resolution that will add sexual orientation to the university's non-discriminatory policy.

The proposed resolution was approved by the provost council and will be sent to the Tech Board of Regents on August 1, 2000 for final approval.

Provost, John Burns, said the resolution is at the point where nothing can be done until the BOR gives approval.

The Tech Operating Policies Manual states Tech shall not discriminate because of race, sex, creed, nationality, or religion.

Director of Equal Employment Opportunity at Tech, Julio Llanas, said

he believes the current non-discriminatory policy covers all types of discrimination.

"The policy that Tech has in effect right now basically is a catch-all type of policy," he said. "I can also see where this new proposal would be justified though."

Faculty Senate President, Charlotte Dunham, said the idea for the new addition to the policy originated in the faculty senate when a senate member proposed that employees at Tech who are in "same sex" relationships be awarded employee benefits.

A separate issue was brought up at a later faculty senate meeting proposing the wording be changed in the Tech Operating Policies Manual concerning non-discriminatory policy.

"This was brought up only as an issue of fairness," she said.



Mindy Stompler, who proposed the addition, could not be reached for comment as she is currently on sabbatical leave.

If the BOR decides to accept the new proposal in August, the Tech OP manual wording would be changed to include sexual orientation in the non-discriminatory policy.

Llanas said, if something like this were to happen, it would apply to all departments at Tech and not just one or two.

"All of the departments at Tech including faculty and staff operate according to the OP manual, and this rewording should apply to all departments," he said.

# Guard attacked by inmate, warden questions training

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A female prison guard attacked during an inmate cell search may not have followed proper search procedures, a former Texas warden said.

Irene Fonseca, 35, was airlifted to a San Antonio hospital Wednesday after convicted rapist Bryan Thomas, 40, attacked her.

Fonseca suffered facial fractures and swelling around her brain and had most of her teeth knocked out.

The attack occurred after Fonseca found extra food and toiletries hidden in Thomas' coffee-pot during a routine search at the Connally Unit in Karnes County.

"If the inmate was physically there in the cell of the dorm bunk, why wasn't he put somewhere else?" Terry Pelz, a warden in the Texas prison system for almost a decade, said in Sunday's editions of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

"We always operated that way. There's never any rush to do a shakedown."

Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, declined to comment on Fonseca's actions because prison officials are still investigating the attack.

But he said it is standard procedure to secure an inmate before searching a cell.

Pelz said inmates should be secured in another area of the prison. Pelz said Fonseca, who has been employed at the Connally Unit since August of 1999, may not have been properly trained to handle the situation.

"She may not have known," Pelz said. "She was there 10 months and may never have been

told that."

Brian Olsen, deputy director of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, told the Caller-Times extensive training problems exist throughout the prison system because of staff shortages.

Olsen said some new correctional officers receive on-the-job training from officers who may only have three or four months' experience. In some units, training that would normally take a week has been cut to eight hours.

"They're in a crisis," Olsen said. "The training has never been what I would consider up to snuff."

Todd said investigators would consider all aspects of the attack, including procedures, policies, training and Fonseca's actions.

"Our goal is to prevent it from happening again," Todd said.

Fonseca is now conscious and breathing without the aid of a ventilator, according to hospital officials.

She is listed in serious but stable condition.

Fonseca, a single mother of three, was remembered with a moment of silence at a ceremony held Friday in Huntsville to honor fallen TDCJ officers, Todd said.

Thomas has been transferred to another unit, where he remains in administrative segregation, the highest security classification within the prison system.

He may be charged with attempted capital murder, Todd's old woman in her Lamar County home.

He was also convicted of aggravated assault for striking another correctional officer.

# Justice Department takes on credit card industry, challenges Visa, MasterCard

NEWYORK (AP) — Fresh from winning its antitrust case against Microsoft, the government is taking on the credit card industry.

The Justice Department on Monday opens arguments in U.S. District Court in Manhattan in a trial that could force major changes in the way the Visa and MasterCard networks operate.

"This case could have the same significance for the issuance of credit cards that the Microsoft case has for the computer industry," said New York antitrust lawyer Harry S. Davis.

The Justice Department filed the lawsuit in October 1998, alleging that Visa USA and MasterCard International Inc. violated antitrust law by limiting

competition.

The two companies currently control about 75 percent of the credit card market in the United States.

American Express, which issues Amex and Optima credit cards, has about a 17 percent share, with Discover and other cards holding the balance.

The lawsuit charged that the same group of banks control both Visa and MasterCard, lessening competition between the two networks.

And it said rules adopted by both credit card associations restrict the ability of banks to do business with other card networks such as American Express and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.'s Discover card.

The result, the department said, was reduced consumer choice and

slowed technological innovations in the credit card market.

In a preliminary hearing Thursday, Melvin A. Schwarz, lead counsel for the Justice Department, said the Visa and MasterCard rules are designed to severely restrict competition.

"There is no question that the output of American Express and Discover would go up if they had access to the banks," he said.

Visa and MasterCard have repeatedly denied the allegations and suggested that American Express, which will testify for the government, has been maneuvering behind the scenes to try to force changes in the industry for its own benefit.

Both Visa and MasterCard are set up as nonprofit associations.

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# Opinions & Ideas

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## Live life for the here and now; Study later

Even though you've heard this phrase (or something similar to it) heralded throughout your life, I feel it is my duty to be redundant on the subject:



**KC Swink**  
Columnist

Live for now. So often I see fellow students and friends stressed to extremes by the rigors that are associated with school, relationships, jobs, and/or the

other trials and tribulations that life puts in our way.

It is important at times like this when we feel overwhelmed to take a step back and look at the whole scope of the problem as it plays out in our lives.

Yeah, this upcoming marketing test is important, but I've probably got three other tests in this class this semester to balance it out, not to mention probably four or five other classes to lessen the impact of the grade (well, maybe not so many grades and classes in summer school). The test begins to seem a bit smaller in the scope of the semester.

Now, take another step back and look at the semester in the scope of your whole college career.

It's one semester out of (hopefully) at least eight or more. Now, look at college compared to the rest of your life.

It comprises about four or more years of the total twenty or so of your life thus far. That's about a fifth of your life.

If you plan on living until the age of sixty or so, you're looking at college being about a twelfth of your total life.

How important is that one test in the scope of your entire exist-

ence? Some of you are probably like, "Pretty frigin' important, jerk!" I'm sure that you are.

I'm not trying to down play the importance of tests, and you do need to get your stuff done in order to graduate and go on and lead a successful life and blah, blah, blah, blah... Just think ahead to the future and decide — is an 'A' on this one test more important than taking a road trip with three close friends to see a band in another city that you may never get a chance to see or experience again?

Or traveling six hours by yourself one weekend to surprise a friend on his/her birthday?

Or is it more important that you spend your weekend slaving over technically mundane material, that may never serve another useful purpose in your life, except as seven down in a crossword puzzle as you ride the A train to a job where you work in a five-by-five cubicle from nine to five doing work a fifth grader could be trained to do?

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Every relationship, if not serving as the final, marital one of your life, serves as a learning tool for your next one.

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tions? Think of the last relationship as a class that was a prerequisite for the current one.

No current relationship? You're on summer break, enjoy it. Class will start up in the fall again, I promise.

Focus on the good things and be happy. Don't allow yourself to stress out.

There's not enough life or energy in anyone to be wasted on negative stress.

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*KC Swink is a senior advertising major from Richardson.*



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# Young calls it quits after 15-year NFL career

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young couldn't say goodbye without one more visit to the locker room.

Young, 38, a two-time league MVP who succeeded Joe Montana and led the San Francisco 49ers to their fifth Super Bowl title following the 1994 season, was to announce his retirement Monday at a farewell news conference. It was held in the club's locker room at team headquarters at his request.

The guest list included former 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo, who turned control of the team over to his sister to help resolve a family feud, and Cleveland Browns president Carmen Policy, who left San Francisco after a falling out with DeBartolo.

Members of Young's family along

with Seattle coach Mike Holmgren and Denver coach Mike Shanahan, both former 49ers offensive coordinators and both influential in Young's development, also were expected to attend.

The decision to end his 15-year NFL career followed months of agonized debate, both within himself and the organization, over his future because of his history of concussions.

The last blow came Sept. 27 in a game at Arizona, a frightening hit that left Young out cold for some 30 seconds with his eighth known concussion and fourth in three years. He endured post-concussion symptoms of nausea, dizziness, headaches and lethargy for weeks and missed the rest of the season.

Young's primary neurologist, Stanford University's Dr. Gary Steinberg, is believed to have told Young last year that he should quit football because he would put himself at risk for more damaging head blows by resuming his career. However, Young, still yearning to play, sought advice from other doctors and passed a series of neurological tests showing he was clinically "normal."

The salary-cap stressed 49ers, fearful of the potential for re-injury and wary of the payroll implications if they brought Young back, urged retirement. Young briefly considered the notion of going to Denver for one last shot at a Super Bowl run but ultimately determined it was time to call it a career and to finish as a 49er.

Changes in his personal life also influenced his decision. The long-time bachelor got married March 14 to Barbara Graham and the couple is expecting a baby in late December.

Young, who overcame the shadow of Montana to create his own legacy, leaves as the NFL's highest-rated passer and a six-time winner of the league's passing efficiency title.

With Jerry Rice, he formed the most prolific touchdown-pass tandem in NFL history as they combined for 85 scores.

He was part of one of the most riveting finishes ever in a playoff game when he hooked up with Terrell Owens on a last-second 25-yard touchdown pass to beat Green Bay on Jan. 3, 1999.

Equally dangerous as a runner, the

seven-time Pro Bowler rushed for an NFL-record 43 touchdowns, including a remarkable 49-yard scramble in 1988 against Minnesota that endures as one of football's greatest broken-field runs.

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"I really believe he's one of the top five players ever to play the game at his position," said Shanahan, who was San Francisco's offensive coordinator during the 49ers' last Super Bowl season. "He could do it all. He had a great sense of timing. He could make all the throws. He was a great competitor."

## Lakers still lead series 2-1, after nine-point loss to Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Take away Kobe Bryant, add 18,345 enemy fans and clamp several defenders onto Shaquille O'Neal. Suddenly, the Los Angeles Lakers don't look so invincible.

Erasing any notion that the NBA Finals would be merely a coronation, the Indiana Pacers emphatically defended their home court with a 100-91 victory in Game 3 on

Sunday night, cutting Los Angeles' series lead to 2-1.

After losing two games in Los Angeles without much of a fight, the Pacers were talking trash, shoving the Lakers around and reveling in the support of the basketball fanatics crammed into Conseco Fieldhouse for the Pacers' first finals home game.

"We're not a team that's going to be pushed around," Indiana's Jalen

Rose said. "We're not a team that's coming into the series like we're the JV team. We have to be on edge (and) we have to be excited."

Reggie Miller, who had 33 points after struggling in the first two games, exemplified the Pacers' newfound swagger when he muscled his way into Los Angeles' huddle during a fourth-quarter timeout to "save" teammate Mark

Jackson, who became trapped behind several angry Lakers.

"It always comes down to me. This is my team," Miller said. "I've got to step up and I've got to do everything."

The Lakers struggled in their first full playoff game without Bryant, who asked to play on his sprained left ankle but was held out by the team's medical staff. None of the Lakers as-

sumed Bryant's scoring load, and his absence on defense was obvious with every open shot taken by Miller and Rose, who had 21 points.

"His defensive energy is probably what we missed the most," said Lakers guard Derek Fisher, who had 10 points and 10 assists. "We feed off of him, and he's tough to replace."

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**Springsteen set to open 10-concert stand**

NEW YORK (AP) — There will be plenty of police on hand Monday for the opening night of Bruce Springsteen's 10-concert stand at Madison Square Garden.

But they are urging everyone else to stay home.

A Springsteen song inspired by last year's police slaying of an unarmed West African immigrant in the Bronx has prompted a call for a boycott of his concerts by the police union.

Amadou Diallo, 22, was hit by 19 bullets and killed in the vestibule of his apartment building. The four officers involved in the shooting were acquitted of murder in February.

Springsteen's unrecorded and unreleased song, first performed in Atlanta a week ago, opens with the words "41 shots, 41 shots" — the number of bullets fired at Diallo.

**Jackson 'shafts' idea of kinder, gentler role**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Samuel L. Jackson said he was the cat who wouldn't cop out when there was conflict on the set of "Shaft."

Jackson and director John Singleton said the studio wanted to soften the lead character.

John Shaft, a hip New York detective known for his hot temper, cool style and womanizing ways was played by Richard Roundtree in the original movie. Roundtree reprises that role in the new version and Jackson plays his nephew in the lead role, also a hip New York detective named John Shaft.

But Jackson wanted no part of a kinder, gentler Shaft.

"I wanted to be faithful to what I think the 'Shaft' movie is, so I'm not going to get bullied or allow whoever else is being bullied into doing something that I don't want to do just to defuse (an argument)," Jackson said in Sunday's *Daily News of Los Angeles*.

**Grammer takes title role in 'Macbeth'**

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Kelsey Grammer, who will play the title role in "Macbeth" this summer on Broadway, says he is returning to the stage partly because of a heightened sense of mortality.

The 45-year-old star of the sitcom "Frasier" says the untimely deaths of his father and sister made him more aware of how short life is.

"I will always be foolhardy because, to me, the best fruit of life is the idea that you don't always play it safe. If you don't reach beyond where you're comfortable, you will not grow," he says in the June 17 issue of TV Guide.

He also says he's expecting some tough reviews from New York drama critics.

"I haven't had this much fun since I rolled my car," he says, referring to the 1996 wreck that nearly killed him and sent him into drug rehab.

**Despite all-star cast, movie flops**

**'Gone' packed with excitement, lacks depth in script**

by **Brev Tanner**

Contributing Writer

Like most of Jerry Bruckheimer's productions, "Gone in Sixty Seconds" is loads of action-packed excitement with absolutely no depth in the script or acting.

Now, let me get this straight. I did enjoy the film, but it was terrible - at least film wise. The plot is paper thin and extremely predictable. When Giovanni Ribisi ("The Mod Squad," "The Boiler Room") screws up stealing a Porsche, his life is in forfeit. It is up to his brother, Nicholas Cage ("Snake Eyes," "Face-Off"), a retired car thief himself, to do his brother's job for him and steal fifty cars in one night. OK. Remember, this is a movie.

The acting (by some great actors) was so silly that I was laughing throughout the entire film.

Cage, whose Academy-Award winning performance in "Leaving Las Vegas" was truly a breakthrough for him



acting-wise, has not even attempted to find a role that challenging again. Making action flicks must be fun because he has made only them since (with the exception of "City of Angels" in 1998). The newly wed Angelina Jolie ("Gia," "Playing By Heart"), who also is now an Academy-award winner herself for "Girl, Interrupted," seems like she is not even trying to act. Of the rest of the cast, only Delory Lindo ("The Cider House Rules," "Clockers") gives a somewhat believable characterization of a police detective trying to find out why Cage has returned after a seven year absence.

Veteran actor Robert Duvall ("The

Godfather," "The Apostle") plays a stereotypical old mechanic who has to sacrifice his now legitimate career to help his old friend save his brother's life.

On the good side of this film, it is loads of fun, and the real stars of the film have to be the cars: a Lamborghini Diablo, three Mercedes, a Ferrari, a Cadillac SUV and a very sleek Shelby Mustang nicknamed Elenor.

The final chase scene, which takes up about thirty minutes of the film, is awesome. The editing and the sound effects were great and kept me guessing how Cage was going to get out.

All in all, this film is horrible by filmmaking standards, but the excitement alone is enough to keep the audience glued to their seats. And as for the acting and the script, just laugh like I did, and have a good time. And always remember, this is just a movie. But after it is over, you better run to the parking lot to check on your car.

**Drunken gambler settles lawsuit over casino debt**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Two Las Vegas casinos have reached an undisclosed settlement with a man who claimed he was piled with drinks while he gambled away more than \$1 million.

Nevada prohibits serving alcohol to anyone who is visibly intoxicated and allowing such a person to gamble.

Stephen Roel, 54, had filed suit in January in federal accusing the Las Vegas Hilton and the Mandalay Bay Resort of capitalizing on his alcoholism.

One month earlier, the Hilton had

sued Roel, seeking \$300,000 he borrowed and lost during a three-day binge.

Details of the recent settlement were not filed with the court and Roel and his attorneys would not comment.

The construction company executive said in court documents that Roel had the Hilton send its private plane to pick him up last September.

He had been gambling regularly at the Hilton for 15 years and had a \$50,000 credit line.

Roel, of Encinitas, was visibly in-

toxicated when he arrived at the Hilton and promptly lost \$117,000 in cash at blackjack, his lawyers said in court papers.

He continued drinking and signed markers for \$839,000 in losses.

A Mandalay Bay representative encouraged him to switch casinos. Roel's lawyers said he lost several hundred thousand dollars there and had \$100,000 in overdue markers. Mandalay Bay did not file suit seeking repayment.

Roel said he had entered a treatment program for alcoholism.

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# Devils look to relax, but changes on horizon

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Most of the New Jersey Devils were just too tired to even discuss winning back-to-back Stanley Cups.

After waiting five years and being forced to play five overtime periods the last two games, talking about next year could wait a couple of days. Or weeks. Or even months.

"The only repeat I'm going to do is go back to my house," goalie Martin Brodeur said early Sunday morning after the Devils beat the Dallas Stars 2-1 in double overtime to win their second Cup since 1995.

While the Devils won the best-of-seven series 4-2 in dethroning the Stars, very little separated winning and losing after the first game, a 7-3 Devils win.

In the last two games, the teams played 194 minutes, 41 seconds and were tied for all but 69 seconds in those games.

Mike Modano gave Dallas a 1-0 victory in Game 5 by scoring at 6:21 of the third overtime. Jason Arnott got the Cup clincher at 8:20 of the sec-

ond overtime Saturday night.

"It just goes to show you how hard it is to win the Stanley Cup and the dedication it takes," said veteran defenseman Ken Daneyko, one of nine holdovers from the Devils' other championship team. "No matter what you do in the regular season, everyone is gunning for you in the playoffs. It's tough. It hard to win this thing."

Winning it again will be even tougher. The Devils may be a very different team at this time next year.

Owner John McMullen is in the final stages of selling the team to a subsidiary of YankeeNets for \$175 million.

The sports and entertainment group said it wants Lou Lamoriello to remain as president and general manager, but nothing has been finalized.

If Lamoriello doesn't stay, it's hard to say whether Larry Robinson will return as coach or look elsewhere.

As a team, the Devils can expect changes. Forwards Claude Lemieux

and Sergei Nemchinov and defenseman Vladimir Malakhov are all unrestricted free agents. Defenseman Scott Niedermayer and Arnott are restricted free agents, and

**"No matter what you do in the regular season, everyone is gunning for you in the playoffs."**

-Ken Daneyko

one has to wonder whether veteran forward Randy McKay and backup goalie Chris Terreri will remain a part of the picture.

The Devils have young players like Steve Brule, Steve Kelly, Willie Mitchell and Ari Ahonen seemingly ready to join youngsters Scott Gomez, John

Madden, Colin White and Brian Rafalski in the lineup.

"This has been such a great run I want to do it again," said Patrik Elias, whose play along with Petr Sykora and Arnott gave the Devils a top-flight offensive line for the first time in a while.

The year after the Devils won the '95 Cup, they failed to make the playoffs, and that started a tale of postseason woes.

They won the regular-season Eastern Conference title each of the following three seasons and never made it beyond the second round of the playoffs, losing in the first round in 1998 and '99.

That's why no one expected much this season when the team went on a late swoon that led Lamoriello to fire Robbie Ftorek and give the job to Robinson with eight games left in the season.

"This one you savor a lot because of the problems we had," said Brodeur, who only gave up four goals in the final four games. "But what a year it was. We went from really high

to really low and back to high again. It took a lot of people for us to do this."

The big star for New Jersey was captain Scott Stevens, who won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoff MVP. In beating Florida, Toronto and Philadelphia in the opening three rounds, the defenseman shut down the opposition's leading scorer.

Modano and Brett Hull scored a little in the finals, but Stevens got plenty of help from Arnott and Brodeur in the final series.

"If we can battle back like the Dallas Stars did, we have a chance to get back, because they played unbelievable," Stevens said.

The Devils were just a little better though.

"Everyone says it's more difficult when you've never won it before," Lamoriello said. "But in my mind, the second one is harder because you're expected to win it. And then if you don't, they suspect something's wrong."

And on Sunday, there was nothing wrong with the Devils.

## Rangers fall to Rockies in 5-game skid

DENVER (AP) — Jeffrey Hammonds hit a two-run double, and Tom Goodwin had a two-run single in the eighth inning, rallying the Colorado Rockies to their fourth straight win, 9-8 over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

The Rangers lost their fifth straight game, matching their longest skid of the season.

Trailing 8-5, Colorado loaded the bases with no outs in the eighth on two singles and a walk off Mike Venafo.

Hammonds greeted Tim Crabtree (1-2) with a double down the left-field line. With two outs and the bases loaded again, Goodwin singled to short center.

Mike DeJean (1-1) pitched 1-2-3 in-

nings, and Jose Jimenez pitched the ninth to earn his 11th save, starting a 1-6-3 double play to end the game.

Hammonds had three hits and four RBIs, and Goodwin had three hits and three RBIs.

Ivan Rodriguez and Luis Alicea each had four hits for Texas, and David Segui drove in three runs.

## Stewart wins back-to-back races

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Tony Stewart came on strong when it counted, winning the rain-shortened Kmart 400 on Sunday at Michigan Speedway.

Last year's top NASCAR rookie, winning his second straight race after a difficult start to the season, was delighted when the second downpour of the afternoon ended the race just over five laps from the scheduled finish.

Stewart, who won the previous Sunday in Dover, Del., charged past Robert Pressley to take the lead on lap 185 of the scheduled 200-lap event on Michigan's 2-mile, high-banked oval.

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