

NEWS

Juneteenth parade, celebration commemorates racial equality in Lubbock

MIA WALTERS STAFF WRITER

Red and blue flashing lights, sirens, motorcycle cops, and fire trucks rarely mean good news.

Juneteenth celebrations took place in Lubbock on Saturday morning, with the highlight being the parade that ended at the Mae Simmons Community Center.

People of all ages lined the streets waiting to see parade floats cially since it was nice and cool." boarded by people ready to toss candy to the audience watching entrants in the parade, but partcifrom the curb. Not only did the parade deliver candy, but it delivered messages of hope and freedom as well as a political agenda to show support for presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. Juneteenth is an annual celebration in 29 states that commemorates the mally participate in the parade, abolition of slavery in Texas on said Christopher Flores, president June 19, 1865.

Texas Tech showed support for every year by serving food. Juneteenth by the Masked Rider. Ashley Hartzog, who ride Tech's needed, which was evident by the mascot, Midnight Matador, along long line of people who were waitthe two-mile parade route.

"I thought it was really neat

and everything. I love to see them about Juneteenth and everything know the struggles of other races, Emancipation Proclamation at all giving me the guns-up.'

With most of the people at the Hartzog said she thought it could have been more diverse, but that did not impede anyone's enjoyment.

"I think everybody had fun and was excited," she said. "It was a great day to have a parade, espe-

There were approximately 30 pants helped out in other ways.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, for instance, participated in Juneteenth celebrations by helping to prepare and serve food at the gathering at the community center.

The fraternity does not norof Alpha Phi Alpha, but they help

Flores said that is where aid is ing to be served.

"I think this parade and celebrato see all the little kids having so tion is a great thing," he said. "This much fun," she said. "They were re- is an opportunity where people in

ally excited to see me and the horse Lubbock can come out and learn it stands for.'

parade being African-American, the number of people who came and may not acknowledge oth- portunity for them to gain greater out to celebrate, but was slightly ers'. disappointed by the lack of other races showing their support and interest.

> "There could be more diversity," he said. "It would be a good learning experience for everyone if they came out, especially if we could get other schools and organizations involved."

College professor of American Americans and should all know ing on and what it means. Really, I minority studies, said she believes about this important event that think it might be about a comfort it is significant for people to un- helped us as Americans move zone for some people, but as long derstand what Juneteenth stands for, and that is why she brought her family to the parade and celebration.

Rosiles said her passion for stands for.

"It is my goal to have my chilpart of African-American history, rather, it is a part of our Ameri-Armida Rosiles, a South Plains can history," she said. "We are all country.'

> Rosiles had her three children at the festivities with her. One of

It is important for people to her children learned about the she said, because people tend to school this year, and Rosiles said Flores said he was excited about focus on their own race's struggles this celebration was a perfect opawareness.

> Rosiles said she was unimdiversity education is evident pressed at the amount of support by the knowledge her children from organizations at Tech as well showed about what Juneteenth as the lack of diversity within the audience.

> "I was disappointed that there dren learn that this is not just a were not enough people from the other side of Lubbock," she said. "I think a lot of people don't really understand why the parade is goforward for the betterment of our as we all continue to learn from each other we will all be able to step out of our comfort zones."

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Bicycle thefts provoke police to encourage students to exercise precaution

STAFF WRITER

An increase in bike thefts in the Lubbock area has left some students stranded and riding at their own risk.

Students know to securely lock their bikes. However, thieves have been breaking time because people are more out and locks and walking off with bikes both on and off campus and in broad davlight.

Sgt. Bill Casey of the Lubbock Police Department neighborhood services unit said there have been approximately 40 bicycles stolen since the beginning of May.

He said he was not sure if any bikes have been returned to their original owner yet, but when they do recover stolen item, it tends to be in bulk.

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the rise in gas prices and the increase in help track it. bike thefts has been brought to the community's attention.

Casey said the increase in bike thefts is not correlated to the rise in gas prices.

"A lot more bikes are out in summerabout," Casey said. "Children, students and even professionals are riding them more."

He said bikes are a popular item to steal this time of year. When people steal things it is more of a spur-of-the-moment act and there is a growing market for stolen bikes. Casey said thefts have occurred more often in the apartment complexes near Texas Tech's campus. Bikes are more visible in apartments and people forget about them when they go inside, he said, making it easier for the thief to get away without being seen.

The Lubbock Police Department enbicycle and write down its serial number and keep it on hand in case it is stolen.

According to a Tech bicycle security press release from campus police, students should register their bikes with the Texas Tech Police Department to better the chances of recovering students' bikes. Stolen registered bikes will be entered into

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The question of a correlation between a nationwide computer system that will

Students also can take advantage of Operation ID, which is a free service of the police department that engraves students' driver's license numbers on the bicycle.

Unlike Tech Police Department, Lubbock does not have bike registration programs, but the department can enter a serial number into a statewide search.

Adam Frinsco, a graduate student from Clear Lake, said he never takes his bike on campus without bringing a lock.

He also brings his bike inside his house to lessen the chances of it being stolen.

"I've had too many friends whose bikes have been stolen just right outside of their homes," Frinsco said.

Frinsco said he uses a standard lock for his bike, but has contemplated investing in a more expensive, stronger lock.

The site said bike riders should purcourages students to take photos of their chase a high tensile strength locking system with a U-Lock device or something comparable. If students make it hard on the thief, then he or she will move on to an easier target.

> The site also said students should make frequent checks on their bicycle and report any suspicious persons loitering around bicycle racks to the police department immediately. If students witness someone stealing a bike, they are advised to note the appearance and direction of travel of the thief to the police, but not to physically intercept the suspect.

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Tech instructors work to complete mural at Lubbock's American Wind Power Center

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ally can witness the history of wind changes took place as it evolved. power at the American Wind Power Center and Museum.

Two instructors at Texas Tech's College of Architecture are working on a mural project at the windmill museum's covered patio area.

The project is self-funded by the ences will feel like windmill museum, said Coy Harris, they are standing the museum's director. Tech instructors were chosen to be the artists when they won the competition with their artwork.

The project's plans call for what posed as models will be an approximately 6,000 so the artists could square foot, 30-foot-high wall that is capture the details made of metal panels measuring 4 feet by 5 feet which are painted with acrylic materials.

Harris said, from the start, he details seen in the laid out specific ideas for the art- project - such as ists.

"The overall theme plan was a windmill story," he said. "They had added all the different elements. We tell them what windmills we wanted. They figure out where they go and what they're going to look like. They do their artistic impressions of everything."

The mural consists of several different scenes and scenic transitions, said LaGina Fairbetter, one of the artists for the project. Each scene represents a different storyline and time frame regarding the history of wind power from the late 1800s to modern designs

Fairbetter said depictions from after the 1800s are more civilized. Just next to an almost life-size windmill from the early 1900s is a small town including a public mill, schoolhouse, farm homes and other types of structures. Animals on the mural - life-size cows, prairie dogs and even a cat - are used to bring perspectives to the foreground. Some animals in the mural are museum staff members' very own favorite pets.

"That is important to the people who have anything to do with the museum," she said. "If it's appropriate, we'll try to find a place to put that in the project. If it has to have a horse, it might as well be a special horse.

Officials began planning the project in 2005. It began with a series of drawings on papers and num-

The priming process began toward ence photos and books. the end of 2007. The project went This summer, residents liter- through various transitions, and accurate," she said. "So the mural tio area often is rented out for wed-

Fairbetter said

the artists are in the

process of creating

an illusion for the

mural. Once it is

complete, the audi-

on a higher plane

and looking down

such as lighting on

clothing, Fairbetter

said. The specific

colors, sizes and

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"We wanted to be historically

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LAGINA FAIRBETTER AND John Chinn, both instructors at Texas Tech's College of Architecture, work on a mural inside the American Wind Power Center.

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bered metal grids, Fairbetter said. research and the studying of refer- portray windmills and accurately to watch the progress." portray the setting."

should be detailed to accurately dings, receptions, graduation par-

types of big gatherings. also hosts a number of tours. "Even

progress and parties love it," she said. "It's we get people that actually and pull up a

John Chinn, the mural's other Fairbetter said the museum's pa- artist, said the challenge this project brings is one reason he is involved.

"It's about long-term committies and other ment to an idea," he said, "and to pull together a theme, and to take an idea and turn it into an actual The museum object: the mural."

Both artists' students at Tech are aware of this project, and artists are educational hoping to finish the project by the fall semester, Chinn said. They hope to bring many of their students from though it's in to the museum after it is complete.

Chinn said in some ways this not finished, project is architectural and the people at the effects of space and the story told through the painting are some things that could be relevant to what real crazy that their students do.

"Next fall, we'll force them to come out," he said, laughing. "I come in every think it should be required. Grades week or two will be important to them."

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Media in the middle: Internet hosts new generation of news

To matter what the day of the week is, my activities are suspiciously routine and habitual. It may have something to do with the significant other I spend most of my time with. We spend time apart, but when we're together, something magical happens. The warmth of being close and looking at the other and knowing exactly what they're telling you the constant pushing of buttons.

And at night, we play; the rest just might be a little too personal. This would be a perfect moment if it wasn't spent with a computer.

Growing up in the days of Windows 95, the household computer became my domain. If there was ever a problem, it was up to me to fix it. Any hiccup would be the result of my malicious intentions, and all triumphs were to be shared with my parents and technology.

ran off to have fun with the TV and I was gather with our limited means, more truth left with the mess. The computer was their than any high-definition camera or boom mistress and I was the betrayed lover, always microphone could ever manage. Unfortu-



keeping things in good order. No more.

Nowadays, we kids own the new media. We stand ready with camera phones and tape recorders to dispatch our findings to YouTube or even our own personal blog (not really, blogs are for old people). We manage our miniscule budgets that resemble allowances more than the overhead of a news agency. However unprofessional and crude, there's no secret the tide is turning our way and we're ready to supply more. To

radio station. They have assumed this is just another flip of the page of history and, while they're still paying taxes and watching wheel of fortune, there still will be pieces of paper to hold onto.

something much more liberating, much more significant and much more American. It's about checks and balances. It's about truth and accountability. Our ancestors might have chanted no taxation without representation; we chant "truth without hesitation."

editing zone - a no talking-head zone. It is just the unedited, unprofessional and unmitigated truth.

Long before the rise of sensational news, I made the table and they ate, then they send our compatriots out into the field and parents made the mistake of treating computer knowledge as transactional memory. When there's someone who knows better, there's no reason to learn how to use it, just deciphered and as big bucks pile into the **michael.randell@ttu.edu.**

nately, while this has been going on, the get your kid to do it. When Napster came coffers of TV and radio news, the new meand a neighborhood.

> However, as more and more news stations broke onto the scene, they all had the rest of them.

More than digitization and globaliza- one-night-stand. video or Internet columnist can be easily mail him at

members of the old media are neglecting along, they still had CDs. When YouTube dia is consistently breaking new ground and the movement like an obnoxious hip-hop came along, they had TV. When myspace attracting people old and young. The major erupted, they already had an address book news organizations wanted entertainment and credibility, and as any artist can attest. you can't have both.

The early and tragic death of Tim Rusto develop an edge, an appeal. The days sert initiated my interest in the purpose The rise of this "new media" is about of catching politicians in lies and deceit of the old media icons. Their truth and were over, they had shareholders to worry conviction would shine through no matabout, not viewers and integrity to play to. ter which side of the interview table they However, as the media stretched itself thin, sat. They were stewards of our system. a new product was desired, and - this being our discourse, the great truth that is our America – when a new product is desired, country. Tim Russert will be missed for it immediately is created. The truth in the way he could stand in the face of great news broke through the fog of pundits and uncertainty and uphold what we believe No more "no spin zone," this is a no talking heads, chanted louder than all the our country still is and can be. The future soundbites combined and showed it could holds much uncertainty about the people dodge the crossfire and play hardball with we'll turn to for our news, people old and young should treat it as a best friend, not a

Randell is a junior finance and tion. The intentions of any popular Web economics major from Austin. E-

Offshore oil drilling will not lower gas prices, threatens wildlife

STAFF EDITORIAL THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

he possibility of offshore drilling has become increasingly popular as gas prices continue to burden American drivers. However, given the evidence, a recent proposal floated by Republicans is seriously flawed, to say the least. Just as removing a bucket of water from a lake does little to bring down its level, offshore drilling appears thoroughly unable to have a significant drilling ban to be lifted; the presumptive effect on oil prices.

spoke out in favor of initiating offshore environmental reform. Of course, these oil drilling, President Bush called on recent efforts would seem to blatantly Congress to terminate the laws that cur- contradict one another, as the risk of an rently prevent it. Offshore drilling has oil spill poses a serious threat to aquatic been banned throughout most coastal life. However, ridiculous as it may sound, waters since 1981 - a legislative measure the important question at this time is not intended to decrease pollution and protect whether the plan is likely to harm the envioceanic wildlife

ban is characteristic of his stance on McCain's recent proposal. Rather, a crucial domestic energy production; he has often and somewhat obvious question must argued that the Arctic National Wildlife be answered before this debate can even Reserve in Alaska should be opened to begin: Would offshore drilling actually

oil drilling.

Though wildlife reserves probably won't facilitate oil production anytime soon, sky-high gas prices have chipped away at America's long-standing determination to protect its coastal waters. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that any such drilling could have the same success chipping away at high gasoline prices.

Perhaps in an attempt to complement his proposal for a gas-tax holiday, McCain surprised many when he called for the Republican nominee has simultaneously Only one day after Sen. John McCain been pushing himself as the candidate of ronment, nor does it deal with any political The president's attempt to lift the motives that may or may not underscore

seem to trump any and all political ones in its favor.

One point in the argument against offshore drilling is indisputable: Even if the project began today, it would be at least several years before the new refineries could affect the oil market. While the plan's initiation might restore some consumer

help to lower gas prices? In the end, the anytime soon. In fact, it is not clear that For that reason, oil prices are determined economic arguments against the proposal oil prices would ever fall by a significant according to international demand - each confidence, gas prices would likely not fall the international oil market as a whole. prices, either now or in the long term.

amount as a result of the drilling. After barrel auctioned off to the highest bidder, all, it is not oil's availability but rather its regardless of which country that might be. profits that concern domestic oil compa- Moreover, the amount of oil that could nies, and Americans are not the only ones be drilled in these offshore locations is with a strong appetite for fossil fuels. That miniscule compared with the quantities is, while the United States is the world's of oil that are produced worldwide. The largest oil consumer, its overall demand combination of these facts suggests that any for fuel is rather small in comparison with offshore drilling would do little to lower oil

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The 'Crappening': New Shyamalan film is surprisingly terrible

T don't know how else to say it: "The Happening" is absolutely, from start to finish, a disaster. And I am a fan of M. Night Shyamalan. I loved "The Sixth Sense" and "Signs," and I've never been afraid to defend "The Village." However, "The Happening" is so ridiculous and poorly made, it's as if an entirely different

director made it.

It is awful.

horror films worse than "The Happening." The problem is that they're not trying to be good. They're not trying to be artistic. They don't have a huge budget, a talented director and writer and a strong cast behind studio films with good actors and creative plotlines.



What's so annoying about "The Don't get me wrong: There are a lot of Happening" is that all these elements are still there. Mark Wahlberg and Zooey Deschanel are talented actors, James Newton Howard is a brilliant film composer and cinematographer Tak Fujimoto always shoots beautifully. What's not there is any them. They're mindless entertainment of the creative talent that Shyamalan once for mindless audiences. But that's not displayed. The story is ridiculous, the direct-Shyamalan. He makes high-budget, big ing is ineffective and there's not even a twist ending as in the best Shyamalan flicks. You will be able to predict the cliffhanger within

the first five minutes of the film.

Even though the film stupidly reveals the reason for "the event" occurring in the film within the first half hour. I will not reveal too much about the plot in case you want to see this disaster for yourself. A weird thing happens one afternoon in Manhattan: Cars and pedestrians stop moving. The people become confused. Finally, they commit suicide. No one begins to spread.

Wahlberg plays Elliot Moore, a high school science teacher with a bored wife, Alma (Deschanel). The couple decides to leave Philadelphia and find somewhere safe, but naturally they and their friend, Julian (a terrible John Leguizamo), get stuck in the middle of the action.

If you haven't heard what's causing the attack, I won't tell you. However, any

possible reason you can imagine has to be car accident had our audience in stitches President Al Gore was happy with it.

The mass suicides are never scary. They're funny at best and sadistic at worst. Most of the film seems to be an experiment in finding as many ways as possible for people to kill themselves. Meanwhile, "The Happening" made me want to find knows what's causing the attack, but it similar ways of achieving the same goal seat alas no luck

It's OK for horror films to have a little comedic relief. But this film tries way too hard to lighten the non-existent tension that it tries desperately to build. What makes the jokes even duller is that most of the movie's most serious moments are embarrassingly funnier than the jokes themselves. One particular moment involving a

better than the film's. It is simply ridicu- for a full two minutes. Unfortunately, it lous. I'll say this much: I'm sure former Vice was supposed to be one of the dramatic climaxes of the plot.

LA VIDA

How in the world did Mark Wahlberg assent to this project? Did he lose a bet with Shyamalan? More importantly, why did Shyamalan even make this? Didn't he realize what a disaster it would be? The only terrifying performance of the film comes from Betty Buckley, a Fort Worth native using a bucket of popcorn and my theater who plays a crazy woman who invites the couple into her home. Perhaps this scene would even merit the film an extra star if the sequence was in any way relevant or necessary to the story.

> I've given you all the "signs" I can. Use your best "sense" and keep a waste of money from "happening." One out of five guns up.



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Tech offers students interest-free loans for bicycle purchase

MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Starting this fall, Texas Tech students who are lacking an efficient mode of transportation will have the opportunity to purchase a bicycle and improve upon their credit report.

initiated a new program that will allow students to receive a \$500 interest-free loan for one year, so they can buy a bicycle.

"With the cost of driving going up, more and more people are realizing that biking is not such a bad way to get around," said Curt Howell, coordinator of Tech's Outdoor Pursuits Center. "So many students live so close to campus that it just makes sense." The Texas Tech Federal Credit Union is responsible for loaning students the money to purchase a bicycle, he said. After students are approved for the loan, they can go pick out any bicycle they want that is in the price

"The stipulation will be (that) you

on eBay and spend \$500 on a bike." This program will be beneficial to both Tech students and local businesses, he said. All of Lubbock's local bicycle shops are really excited about the program. They will be trying to promote it as much as possible.

In addition to the advertising done at The Tech Outdoor Pursuits Center has local bicycle shops, there will be a booth set up during welcome week this fall, Howell said. People will be handing out pamphlets and giving students more information about the program.

> The Outdoor Pursuits Center is currently trying to make this program very efficient, he said.

"We want students to have the opportunity to purchase a bicycle as soon as possible," Howell said. "The credit union is trying to guarantee a 24-hour-period turnaround on the loan.'

Betty Blanton, associate director of Recreational Sports at Tech, said a lot of students do not ride bicycles because they do not think they can afford them. have to purchase the bike from a local This program will help alleviate some bike shop," Howell said. "You can't go of the financial burden, while providing

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students with other credit benefits. need to start a credit report," she said. "This program gives students the ability to ride a bike, get out of the car, save some gas, and save some energy - you know, help save the world. It's also teaching ment skills are being taught," she said, "plus them one of those facts of life about the importance of being energy efficient and establishing your own credit report."

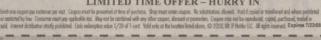
Other campuses around the nation

have programs that make bicycles really "A lot of students don't realize they available to students, Blanton said. This will hopefully make it easier for students to get a bicycle, and promote maintaining a healthy environment.

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Federer returns to dominant ways, opens bid for sixth-straight Wimbledon title

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) -Returning to his favorite stage and resuming his dominant ways on en's champion Serena Williams grass, Roger Federer started his bid for a sixth straight Wimbledon title Monday by sweeping Dominik Hrbaty in straight sets on a sunbathed Centre Court.

In keeping with tradition, Federer had the honor of opening play on the main stadium court as defending an hour in her first match since winchampion at the 122nd Wimbledon ning the French Open and taking over championships. He seemed right at the No. 1 ranking. The Serbian player home as he beat Hrbaty 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 never faced a break point and ripped for his 60th straight grass-court win and 35th consecutive victory at the All England Club.

against a good friend of mine," Federer a herringbone-pattern, four-button said. "I was consistent all the way cardigan with gold trim and a stylized throughout. I didn't have to face a break point. It's good, but never easy to open Centre Court, but it's a real five Wimbledon titles. honor"

A few minutes before Federer blazers at the last two Wimbledons. closed out his match, two-time womcompleted a harder-than-expected 7-5. of Estonia.

Following Federer on Centre Court was top-seeded woman Ana Ivanovic, who beat Rossana de Los Rios of Paraguay 6-1, 6-2 in less than 13 baseline winners.

Federer, who loves the traditions of the game, walked onto Centre Court "I played well. It was a good match at 1 p.m. in retro fashion – donning F on a badge on his left chest. The insignia on the buttons represent his Federer had worn classic white

"I thought two jackets was enough," he said. "Let's move on to something the first set, Hrbaty ran down a lob different. We thought about some-6-3 win on Court 1 over Kaia Kanepi thing nice, like a cardigan, a jumper. I think the result is nice."

> Federer warmed up wearing the cardigan for a few minutes, then took it off and got down to business. He racket. won the first 11 points of the match, setting the tone for a trouble-free, one- hind his back," Federer said. sided match

Centre Court) it's beautiful," Federer said. "I mean the grass is beautiful. The grass is perfect. You really feel like nobody has really walked on it. It felt very special again."

12th Wimbledon, had beaten Federer in their only two previous meetings player, who had elbow surgery last year, has slipped to No. 273 in the rankings year on the top-tier tour.

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in the match. In the sixth game of and, with his back to the net, flipped a reverse shot down the line past a startled Federer. As Hrbaty ran across the court with hands raised in celebration, Federer smiled and clapped his

"He hit the shot of the match be-

In the final changeover at 5-2 in the "Every time you walk out (on third, Hrbaty - realizing it could be his last time on Centre Court – sat in a chair alongside Federer and the two chatted and laughed.

"I looked over and there he was," Federer said. "He asked if he could sit The 30-year-old Hrbaty, playing his next to me. I said, 'Sure. No problem. There's an extra seat."

The two are longtime friends

"He said it might be his last Wimemotional," Federer said. "It was

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There were some light moments quite nice he did that. It was nice to share that moment on Centre Court together."

> Hrbaty paid tribute to the champion.

"I just wanted to tell him he's a great friend of mine and I appreciate that," he said.

Federer will next face big-serving Swede Robin Soderling, who beat Kevin Kim of the United States 7-5, 0.6 6.3 6.4

"Robin is a dangerous player," Federer said. "It's not a whole lot of fun playing against him in the second round of Wimbledon already. I won't underestimate him, that's for sure."

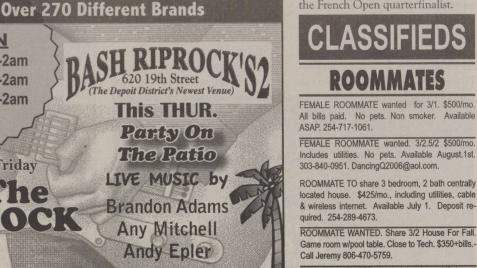
In other men's matches, 10th seeded Marcos Baghdatis - a semifinalist in 2006 and quarterfinalist last year - moved into the second round by beating Steve Darcis of Belgium, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

Also playing on Centre Court on against Michael Berrer.

On Court 1, Williams made a fashion statement of her own. She came on wearing a white belted, thigh-length raincoat, or Mackintosh. But there was no rain in sight, so she hung the jacket on her chair. Kanepi, meanwhile, wore dark sunglasses throughout the match.

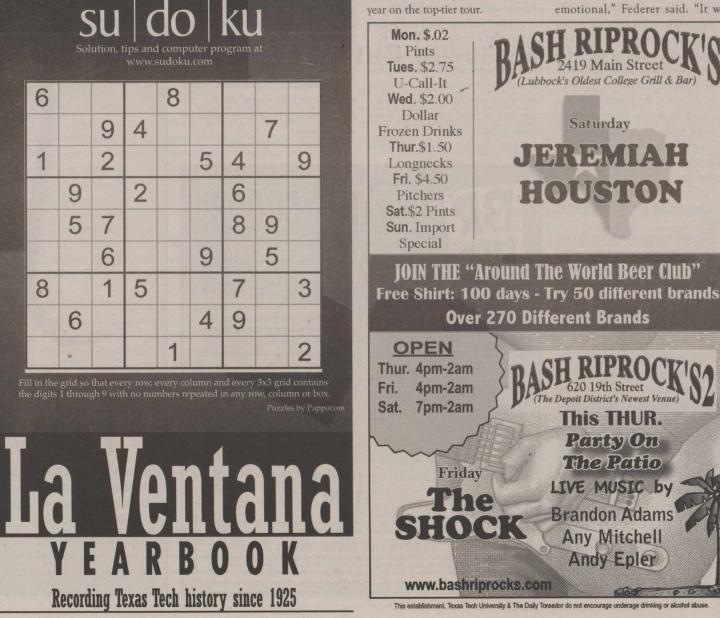
"You know, I absolutely love trench coats," Williams said. "Now I have a wonderful white coat I can wear on the court and also in New York for those rainy days. ... It's ladylike and goes perfect with my personality. It's very light. It's just delectable."

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