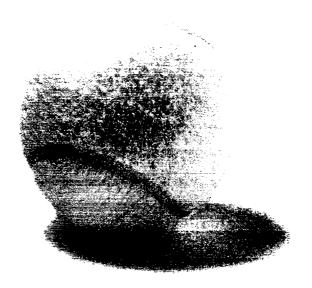
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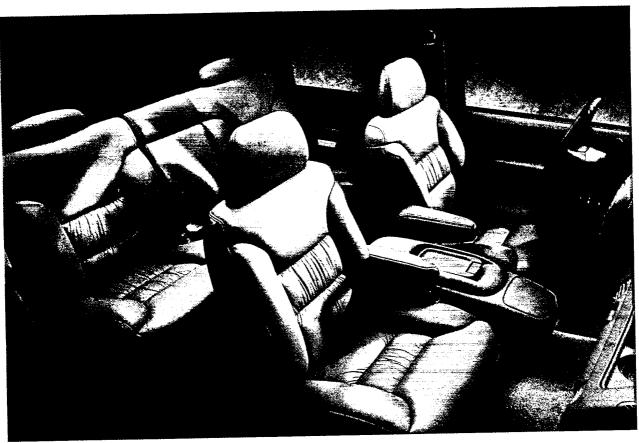
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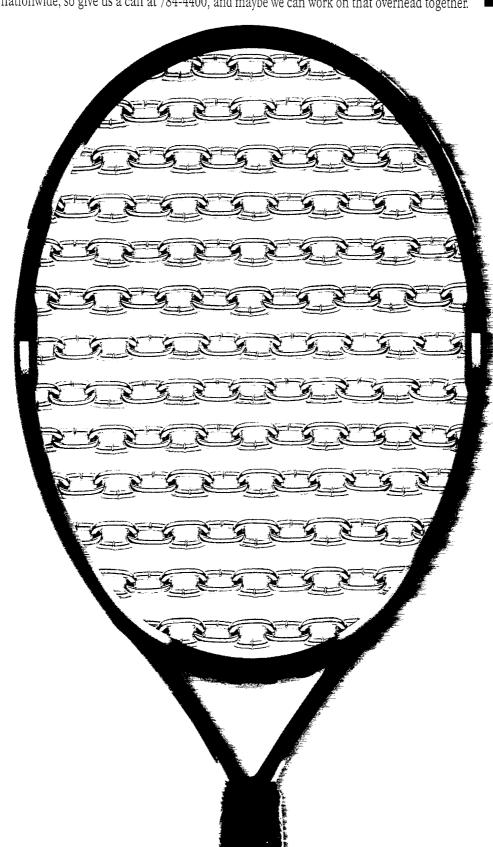
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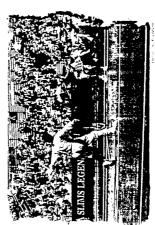












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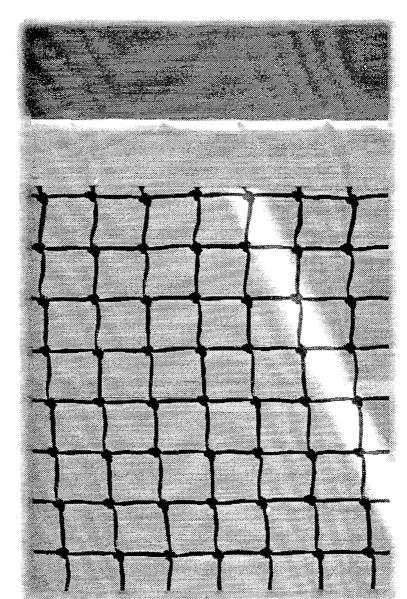
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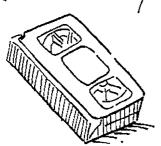
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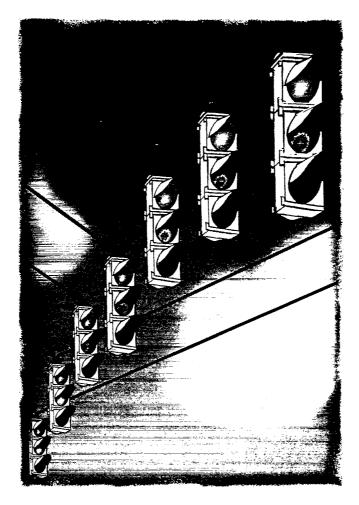


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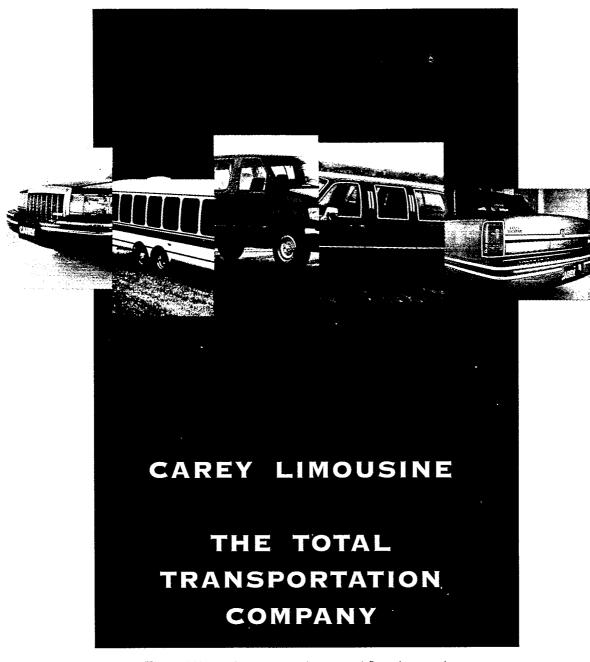
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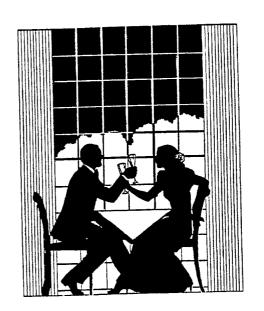
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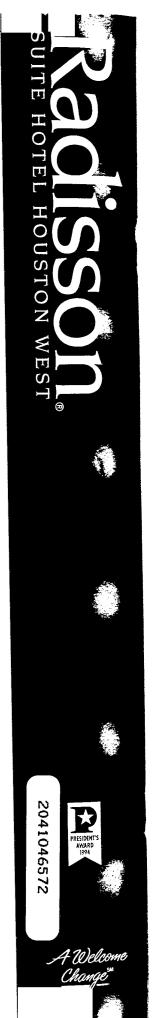
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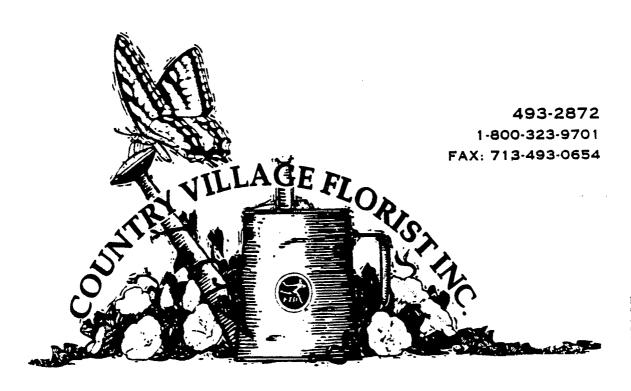


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The leader then and now is Billie Jean King, always an energetic champion for her sport. If anyone represents the emergence of women's tennis on the international scene, it's King. She's been in the midst of many prominent moments in the development of the women's game. From the

1970 birth of the women's tour with Gladys Heldman, to the 1973 "Battle of the Sexes" with Bobby Riggs, to her record 20th Wimbledon victory in 1975, King has never shied from vocalizing her unending support for women's tennis.

"These six Virginia Slims Legends events are certainly a lot easier and a lot more fun than the old days when we constantly had to prove ourselves to everybody," King said. "These events are for the fans. They get to see all of the best players that ever lived during that era and it makes them feel like they are part of our history."

When the inaugural Virginia Slims Legends Tour was launched last year, King anxiously joined a who's who of women's tennis including

Martina Navratilova, winner of a record 168 singles titles including 18 Grand Slams; Chris Evert, winner of 158 singles championships including 18 Grand Slams; Rosie Casals, winner of the first Virginia Slims tournament in 1970; Tracy Austin, who captured 29 pro singles titles; Virginia Wade, Britain's top player with 55 singles titles; Evonne Goolagong, a native Australian with 88 singles championships; Wendy Turnbull, the Olympic medalist from Australia who captured nine Grand Slam doubles crowns; and Hana Mandlikova, the Czech star with 27 career singles titles and five Grand Slams.

The six-city tour cultivated support for women's tennis, both professional and amateur. Each weekend was packed with activities.

Another of King's passions is the Virginia Slims Grassroots Challenge which includes local tournaments in each of the six markets and clinics conducted by the stars. Open to women 21 and older, the Grassroots Challenge will again crown a national champion this fall.

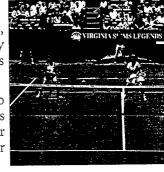
The 1996 Virginia Slims Legends Tour will include stops in Chicago, Illinois (April 13-14); Tampa, Florida (May 4-5); Houston, Texas (May 18-19); Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (October 5-6); Dallas, Texas (October 19-20); and Delray Beach, Florida (December 7-8).

This year's player roster will feature new legends Pam Shriver, who teamed with Martina Navratilova to win a record 79 career doubles titles including 20 Grand Slams, and Zina Garrison Jackson, who won over 500 career matches. Chris Evert and Tracy Austin will re-join the Tour when the Fall dates open in October.

"It's an honor to be included in the same field of players with the women who paved the way for women's professional tennis," said Shriver. "Zina and I have been fortunate to be the beneficiaries of the tireless efforts of these great stars of our game."

In total, the Virginia Slims Legends have combined to win more than 1,000 professional women's tennis titles and collected more than 175 Grand Slam championships.

For the second consecutive year, Virginia Slims Legends will team with the National AIDS Fund in the ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS. Last year, the Fund raised more than \$120,000 for participating communities in the Legends markets. This year, the National AIDS Fund will again identify local AIDS organizations which will benefit from the weekend activities.



Billie Jean



Martina Navratilova



illie Jean King is one of the most illustrious and celebrated tennis players in history. She is a trailblazer who is famous the world over for spearheading the women's movement in tennis and for her life-long struggle for equality in

In 1990, Life magazine named her one of the "100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century." In 1994, she ranked No. 5 on Sports Illustrated's "Top 40 Athletes" list in the "40th Year Anniversary" issue for significantly altering or elevating sports in the last four

King won a record 20 Wimbledon titles with six of them in singles (1966-67-68-72-73-75), won the U.S. Open four times (1967-71-72-74), the French Open in 1972 and the Australian Open in 1968. She was ranked No. 1 in the world five times between 1966 and 1972 and was in the Top 10 a total of 17 years (beginning in 1960).

She is the only woman to ever win U.S. Open singles titles on all four surfaces on which it has been played (grass, clay, carpet, and hard). She is also one of only eight players to hold a singles title in each of the Grand Slam events.

Billie Jean has had a career of firsts. In 1968, she was the first woman of the open era to sign a pro contract to tour with a female tournament group, with Rosie Casals, Francoise Durr and Ann Haydon Jones as the women's auxiliary of the National Tennis League, which also included six men. In 1971, she was the first woman athlete to win more than \$100,000 in any sport.

In 1973, she won a "Battle of the Sexes" match, defeating Bobby Riggs in a nationally televised event that still holds the record for the most people to ever attend a single tennis match with 30, 472 spectators at Houston's Astrodome.

In 1974 she became the first woman to coach a professional team with men when she served as player/coach for the Philadelphia Freedoms of World TeamTennis. Billie Jean was co-founder of World TeamTennis, and has been its director since 1985.

She is a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the National Women's Hall of Fame. She is the founder of the Women's Tennis Association and the Women's Sport's Foundation.

Billie Jean resides in Chicago, Illinois. She is also involved in a variety of enterprises including publishing, promoting tournaments and tennis exhibitions as well as serving on the board of directors for the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the National AIDS Fund and the Women's Sports Foundation. She is currently doing tennis commentary on HBO.

artina Navratilova, arguably the greatest tennis player of all-time, revolutionized women's tennis with her superb athleticism and raised the sport to an entirely new level. By the time she retired in 1994, she had amassed a staggering number of records including 168 pro singles titles, breaking Chris Evert's previous record of 157. She set a new record with nine Wimbledon championships and more singles matches than anyone in tennis history with a 1,438-212 won-lost record. She holds 165 doubles titles and earned more than \$20 million in prize money.

Martina was No. 1 in the world in 1978-79-80-82-83-84-85-86-87, for a total of 223 weeks. She won 18 Grand Slam singles titles including her record nine Wimbledon crowns, four U.S. Opens, three Australian Opens and two French Opens. She and Evert are tied for third on the all-time list for Grand Slam singles titles. Martina is second on the all-time list with a total of 56 Grand Slam championships including 18 singles, 31 doubles and 7 mixed doubles titles. In 1984, she completed a non-calendar year Grand Slam by winning the 1983 Wimbledon, U.S. Open and Australian Open and then the 1984 French Open. She captured the rare Triple Crown at the 1987 U.S. Open, winning mixed doubles with Emilio Sanchez, women's doubles with - Pam Shriver, and the singles title defeating Steffi Graf in the final. Billie Jean King and Margaret Court are the only other women who have accomplished this feat.

Martina and Chris provided the main story line for women's tennis for many years with their friendly rivalry that spanned over 17 years, making it the longest and greatest ever in women's tennis, as well as the greatest individual rivalry in all sports. From 1973 through 1988, they played 80 matches, with Martina ultimately leading 43-37.

Martina was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and became a U.S. citizen in 1981, after seeking political asylum six years earlier. For years she was considered such a non-person in her native land that both her name and photos were erased from record books throughout the then-Eastern Bloc country. In 1986 she returned to her homeland as a U.S. citizen and led the U.S. to a Federation Cup victory, just as she had done 11 years before for Czechoslovakia.

Martina supports a number of non-profit organizations and charitable causes, including work to benefit under-privileged children, environmental organizations and gay rights.

She enjoys snow skiing and snowboarding, golf, basketball, horseback riding and reading books. She has several beloved pets including her miniature fox terrier, K.D. (Killer Dog) and three Shiba dogs named Yonex, Puma and Tets. She is also the author of two mystery novels, The Total Zone and Breaking Point.

Pam Shriver



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am is a powerful doubles player with the championships to prove it. Her 22 career Grand Slam championships trail only Martina Navratilova (54) among active players. Shriver and Navratilova teamed to win 20 Grand Slam doubles titles and 79 overall. The duo won a record 109 consecutive doubles matches from April 1983 to July 1985.

Just last season, Shriver reached the doubles quarterfinals at two Grand Slam events. Overall, she reached five doubles semifinals in 1995 with five different partners.

Since turning professional in 1978, Shriver has reached a career high No. 3 in world singles rankings six separate times from 1984 to 1988. She ended Steffi Graf's 46-match win streak at the 1988 Virginia Slims Championships after stopping Chris Evert in the quarterfinals. A shoulder injury in December 1989 plagued her play for over a year and her singles ranking fell from No. 5 to No. 66.

Shriver was elected the sixth president of the WTA Tour Players Association in August 1991 and served three years as a player representative on the board. She still serves as vice-president of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. In August 1993, she was part of a group headed by Peter Angelos which purchased the Baltimore Orioles baseball team. Pam was also a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports from 1988-92 and was honorary chairperson of Athletes for Bush/Quayle during the 1988 campaign.

A graduate of McDonogh School near Baltimore, she lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in a riverfront home. She enjoys collecting Australian art. Her father, Sam, is an insurance executive; and sister, Eleanor, is head women's lacrosse coach at Alfred University in Alfred, NY.

ina is one of the most inspiring players in the history of women's tennis. She began playing at the age of 10 on the city courts of Houston, Texas and turned professional in 1982. In 1990, she reached a career high No. 4 in world rankings and became the first black woman since Althea Gibson to reach a Grand Slam final. On the manicured grass of Wimbledon, Garrison upset Monica Seles and Steffi Graf in back-to-back matches before dropping the final to Martina Navratilova, 6-4, 6-1.

By 1993, Zina became only the 12th woman to win 500 professional matches. She earned her 14th career singles title in 1995 at Birmingham, England, defeating good friend and fellow Houstonian Lori McNeil in the final. One of the finest doubles players in the game's recent history, Garrison captured 20 major championships. With Pam Shriver, she earned the 1988 Olympic Gold Medal in Seoul, Korea.

Garrison married Willard Jackson in 1989 and continues to live in Houston. Today, as one of the most prominent citizens of Texas' largest city, she heads the Zina Garrison Foundation which provides funds and support for the homeless, youth organizations, anti-drug groups and other charitable organizations. She also founded the Zina Garrison All-Court Tennis program in 1992, providing inner-city children the opportunity to build self-esteem through tennis. She enjoys jogging, softball, and artwork, including designing her own painted T-shirts. Her future hopes include the establishment of a homeless shelter and additional Texas junior tennis programs.

Evonne Goolagong



Virginia Wade



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vonne Goolagong was born in Griffith, New South Wales, Australia, and is the only native Australian, an Aborigine, to become an international tennis star. The name 'Goolagong' is an ancient Aboriginal name.

Evonne, known as one of the most graceful and free-spirited tennis players of all-time, played tennis as though simply being on the court was the greatest joy in the world. Evonne also enjoyed an exciting rivalry with Chris Evert in the 1970's.

Evonne was ranked No. 2 in the world in 1971, '74 and '76, and she captured 88 pro singles titles in her career, making her No. 3 on the all-time list for singles titles. She won two Wimbledon titles, one French Open title and four consecutive Australian Open titles. She has been in the finals of a Grand Slam singles event 18 times. She won 40 percent of all the tournaments in which she competed and more than 80 percent of the matches.

When she won Wimbledon in 1980, she defeated Hana Mandlikova, Wendy Turnbull, Tracy Austin and Chris Evert to become the first mother to win the crown since 1914. In 1988 she was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame as a single inductee which was a historic first. She was inducted into the Women's Sports Hall of Fame by the Women's Sports Foundation in 1989.

In 1993, Evonne wrote her autobiography, "Home: The Evonne Goolagong Story,"--it was a No. 1 best seller in Australia. She spends most of her free time reading about Aboriginal culture and the history of her tribe the Wiradjuri.

Evonne and her husband, Roger, have two children. Kelly, 19, is studying drama and Morgan, 14, is active in the popular Australian sport of bodyboarding.

irginia Wade is Great Britain's greatest player ever. She was Britain's top player for more than a decade and achieved her lifetime goal by winning Wimbledon in 1977. When she won her Wimbledon crown, she was presented with her trophy by Queen Elizabeth II, who was celebrating her 15-year reign simultaneously with the Centenary at Wimbledon.

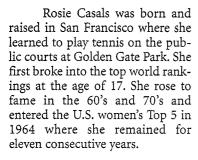
Virginia won the U.S. Championship in the first year of Open Tennis in 1968, and she captured the Australian Open in 1972.

Virginia was ranked as high as No. 2 in the world, and she was ranked in the Top 10 from 1967-1979. She currently is No. 3 on the all-time record list with 839 match wins, and she captured 55 professional singles titles.

In 1982, she became the first and only woman ever elected to the prestigious Wimbledon Committee. She currently is the Director of the Lawn Tennis Association Council responsible for the professional game. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1989. She resides in New York City and London and commentates for the BBC and USA Networks.



Rosie Casals



She was the winner of the first-ever Virginia Slims tournament in 1970 and captured the title at the first Family Circle Cup in 1973 where she earned a record \$30,000 in prize money, the largest purse ever awarded to a woman in any sport.

She holds seven Wimbledon doubles titles -- five of which she won with her longtime friend and rival -- Billie Jean King, four U.S. Open titles, and numerous doubles and singles victories in her career, including the 1988 Virginia Slims of California which she won with partner Martina Navratilova.

As one of the pioneers of women's tennis and a founder of the Women's Tennis Association, she, along with King and the "Original Nine," was a moving force in establishing equality and bringing recognition to women's tennis.

She is still active in tennis and plays doubles at the Grand Slam events and senior invitationals. She spends most of her time organizing tournaments, special charity events and corporate outings for her companies, Sportswoman, Inc. and the Women's Sports Legends, Inc.

This summer, Rosie's contribution to tennis will be recognized when she is inducted in the International Tennis Hall of Fame.



Wendy Turnbull Hana Mandlikova

Wendy Turnbull, a native of Brisbane, Australia, was nick-named "Rabbit" by her fellow players because of her quickness on the court. She was ranked in the Top 20 for ten consecutive years, from 1977 through 1986, and in the Top 10 from 1977 through 1984, with a career high ranking of No. 3 in 1985.

In singles, she was a finalist at the 1977 U. S. Open, the 1979 French Open and the 1980 Australian Open. She captured nine Grand Slam doubles and mixed doubles championships and 13 Senior Grand Slam doubles titles.

Wendy was a member of the Australian Federation Cup Team from 1977 to 1988 and was captain/coach of the team from 1985-1993. She represented Australia in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, winning a bronze medal in doubles.

She was honored by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace in 1984, when she was made a "Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire."

Wendy commentates for Australian television and serves on the Olympic Tennis Committee for the International Tennis Federation.

She resides in Boca Raton, Florida, where she is the touring pro for Woodfield Country Club.



Hana Mandlikova, a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, is one of the finest women's tennis players of the 1980's with five Grand Slam championships to her credit. Mandlikova rose to No. 5 in world rankings in 1980 after capturing the Australian Open, the first major tournament of the new decade. The following season, she captured the French Open singles title. By 1984 she had risen to a career high No. 3 in the world and a year later, she added the U.S. Open to her list of Grand Slam championships.

Over a 13-year playing career, Mandlikova earned 27 career singles titles and six doubles crowns. She reached the singles final at Wimbledon twice, losing to Chris Evert in 1981 and Martina Navratilova in 1986. In 1987, back at the Australian Open, Hana took her fourth Grand Slam singles title by defeating Navratilova in the final.

Mandlikova teamed with Martina to take the 1989 U.S. Open doubles championship after taking much of the 1988 season off with a hamstring injury. Hana retired in 1990 and currently coaches Jana Novotna on the WTA Tour.

Today, Hana is an Australian citizen and maintains homes in Prague and in Belgium. Her father, Vilem Mandlik, competed for Czechoslovakia in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games as a sprinter. A national champion 11 times, he is now retired.



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During his almost 80 years in our midst, Tinling experienced tennis from many perspectives. He was a player, an umpire, a courtside announcer, a chief of protocol, historian, and certainly the most prominent fashion designer the game has ever seen.

Last year, with the help of the International Tennis Hall of Fame, Virginia Slims Legends introduced an exhibit of Ted's most famous dresses. Included were his creations designed especially for Suzanne Lenglen, Helen Wills, Kay Stammers, Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly, Maria Bueno, Evonne Goolagong, Billie Jean King, Rosie Casals, Martina Navratilova, Virginia Wade, Chris Evert and Tracy Austin.

Each outfit said as much about its designer as its wearer. Ted's gift was his unique ability to interpret each player's style. This was evident in Lenglen's flimsy one-piece dress from the 1930s; Connolly's dress with insets of white poodles with rhinestone eyes; Casals' black velvet; King's "Battle of the Sexes" rhinestone outfit; Navratilova's "lucky" dress; Evert's rhinestone-studded Star Spangled Banner statement; Austin's pink eyelet broderie anglaise dress; and Goolagong's bolero top.

Between 1952 and 1961, every Wimbledon, and most U.S. Open ladies' champions wore a Tinling creation. In 1973, every winner of every major championship on the women's tour wore a Tinling dress. Ted was part of women's professional tennis but you won't find those stats in any media guide.

Born Cuthbert Collingwood Tinling in Britain in 1910, Ted was raised on the French Riviera and worked as a ball boy and umpire in matches featuring the legendary Lenglen. By the age of 21, Tinling opened his own design shop in London and was creating tennis dresses and ball gowns for the leading socialites of the time. During the era, Ted was credited with bringing haute couture to the tennis courts and became a fixture at Wimbledon.

By the late 1940s, Wimbledon distinguished itself by banning anything but white clothing on the grass courts. In answer, the free thinking Tinling designed a pair of frilled lace panties for

Gussy Moran. He was banned from The Championships for 33 years.

But his stunning designs, wise counsel and encyclopedic perspective continued as major forces in the tennis world. When Bobby Riggs challenged women everywhere in the early 1970s, Ted knew the outcome. He designed a beautiful rhinestone ensemble for Billie Jean King to wear for her "Battle of the Sexes" match against Riggs in 1973 at the Houston Astrodome

"Ted understood the big picture," King said, "He loved to make us stand out, but he also knew how to be practical as well as creative. Ted was way ahead of his time."

Tinling returned to Wimbledon in 1982 where he served as master of ceremonies and player liaison. His ability to translate policy and educate crossed all boundaries, all generations, all languages, all classes.

Ted's favorite moments were in the spotlight yet he also enjoyed sharing a small nugget of his immense personality with each individual he encountered. Most of the giants of tennis can remember a gem courtesy of Ted Tinling. He was an original.

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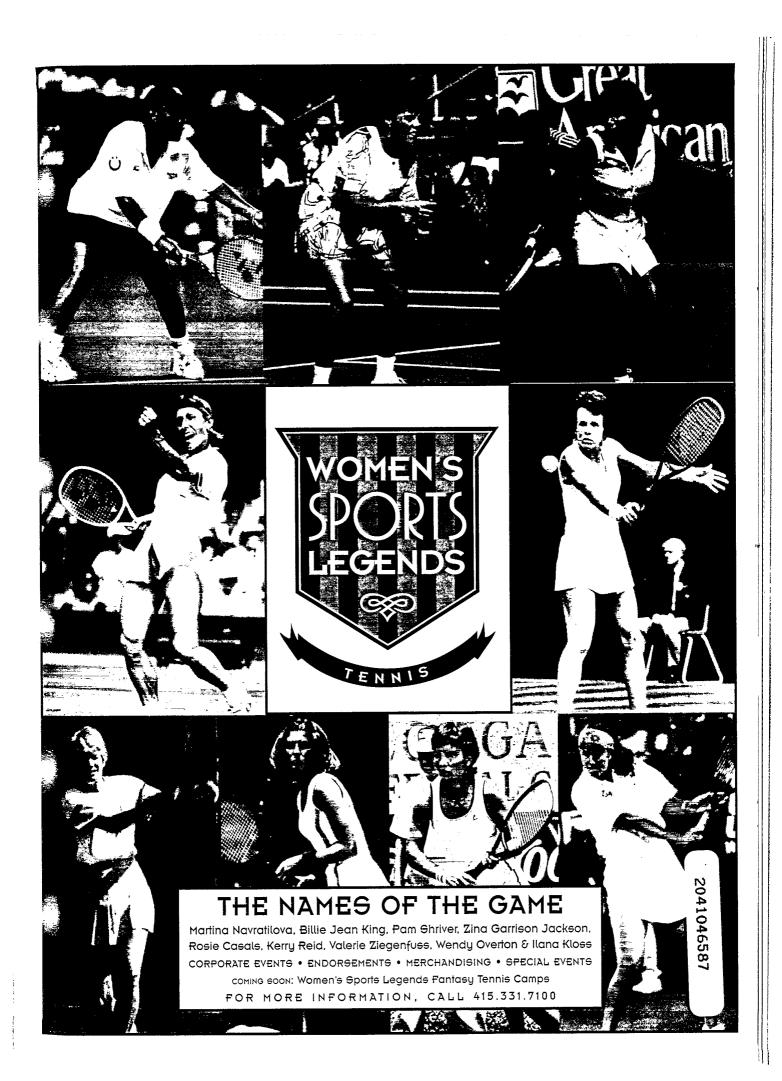


o commemorate the inaugural Virginia Slims
Legends Tour, famed caricature artist Al Hirschfeld
was commissioned to depict the legendary champions of women's professional tennis. The drawing portrays
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Jean King, Tracy Austin, Virginia Wade,
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Wendy Turnbull, Francoise Durr, Olga
Morozova and Betty Stove.

Hirschfeld, the man who redefined caricature and is known the world over as the most illustrious historian of Broadway, has had a 65 year association with *The New York Times*. Born in St. Louis in 1903, Hirschfeld's line drawings have chronicled silent films, movies, theater, musicals and world leaders from the 1920s to the 1990s. He has drawn a wide range of entertainers ranging from Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Katharine Hepburn, Carol Channing and Mae West to Barbra Streisand, Cher, Meryl Streep, Frank Sinatra and the Beatles.

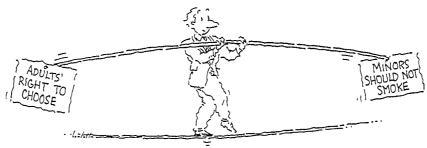
Hirschfeld always hides his daughter's name, NINA, at least once in each of his drawings. The number of NINAs concealed in each work is shown by an arabic numeral to the right of his signature. Three NINAs are hidden in his drawing of the Virginia Slims Legends. The quest for NINAs in Hirschfeld's work has been of great intrigue to his fans all over the world.

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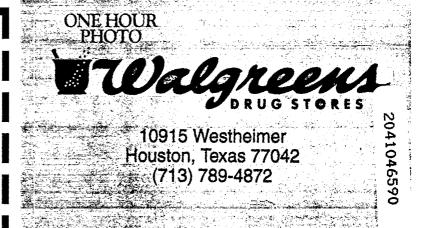
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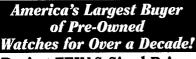
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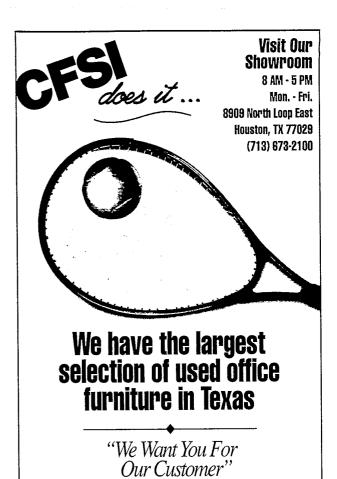
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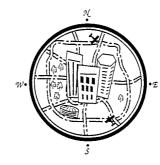
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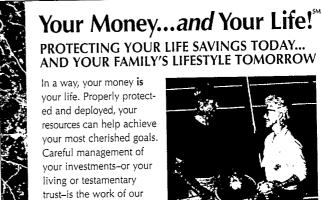


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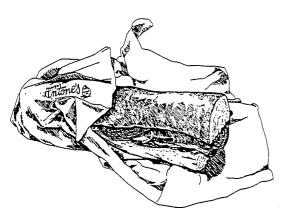
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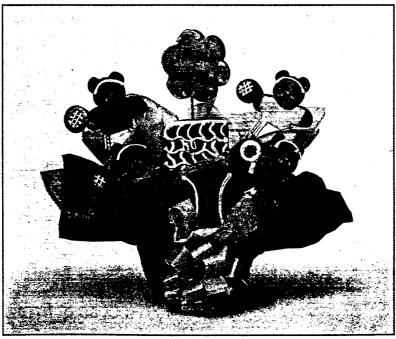
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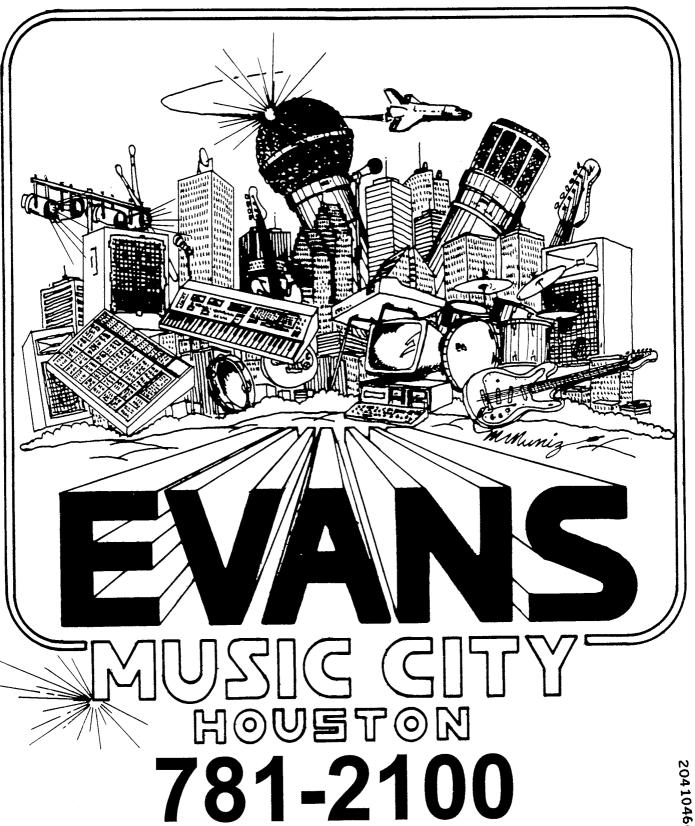


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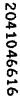
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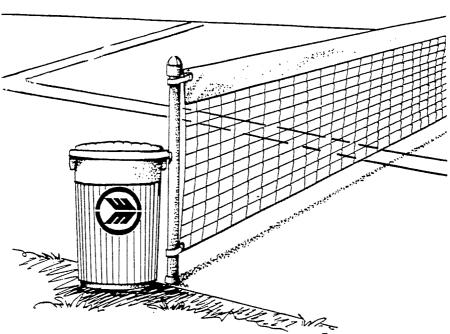
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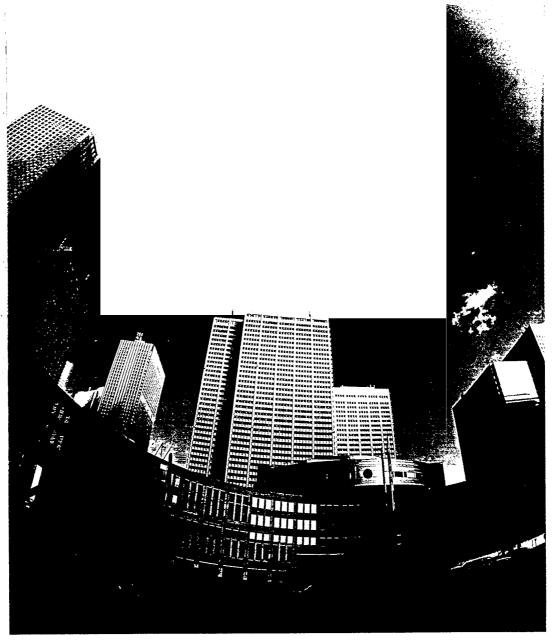
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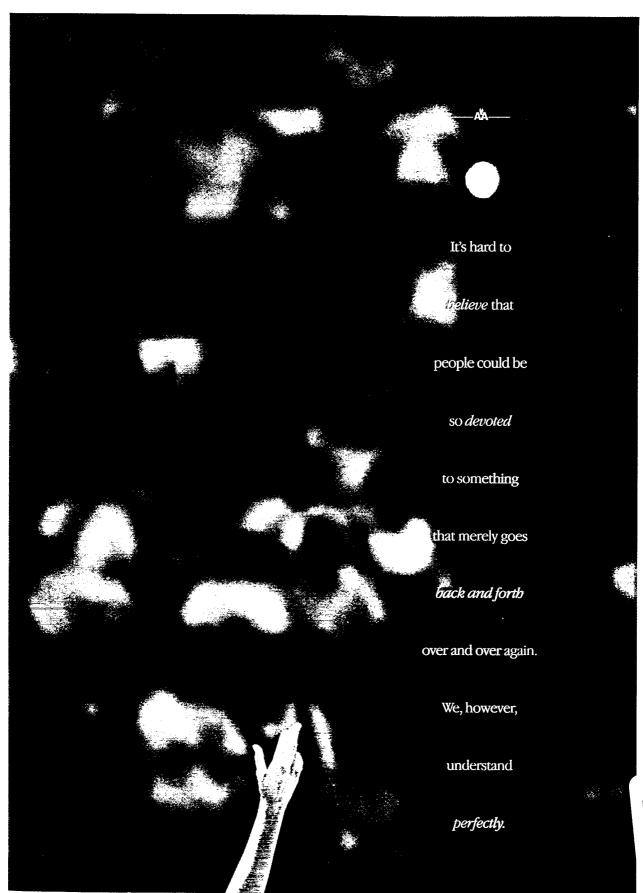


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