



BILLIE JEAN DOES IT!
(Riggs lacks balls to beat King)

The Battle of the Sexes is over. In one of the most publicized sports events in history, Billie Jean King trounced Bobby Riggs in three straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3. Over 30,000 people were on hand at the Astrodome to witness the event and it was seen by millions on television throughout the world.

King scored points in the opening ceremony. To the accompaniment of a loud fanfare, she was borne into the arena in a sedan chair carried by four somewhat musclebound men clad only in brief white skirts and sandals. The sedan chair was preceded by another man carrying a large jeweled feather fan. Riggs made his entry in a ricksha pulled by several women. The two contestants exchanged gifts at courtside prior to the match. Riggs presented King with a large Sugar Daddy (a giant candy sucker) and King reciprocated by giving Riggs a baby pig. The players exchanged a few practice shots and the match began.

King won the first game but Riggs came back strong and led 3-2 at the end of the fifth game. However, he was beginning to sweat profusely and, during breaks in the game, his right hand repeatedly went down to hover protectively over his genitals. King went on to win the first set and from then on it was just a matter of time. Riggs used all his trick shots (lobs, spins, corkscrews or whatever) only to find King returning the shots with a power he could not match. Several times she placed her shots so beautifully that she caught him across court, running the wrong way.

King treated the audience to a display of superb skill. She used the best backhand in the business to great advantage. Unfortunately, Riggs' performance didn't live up to his advance publicity. At one point during the third set Riggs failed to return to the court, complaining of hand cramps. After being soundly booed by the audience he returned, only to miss thirteen of his first serves during the last three games. He was clearly exhausted and King won the match easily.

TASK FORCE REPORTSMARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

The Marriage and Divorce Task Force is sponsoring a series of rap groups entitled "The Future of Marriage". Each session will deal with a general topic but will be relatively unstructured to allow for the free exchange of ideas. Everyone is welcome at any or all of the sessions. Bring a friend. The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 19	The Economics of Living with Someone
Nov. 16	Sharing the Shit - Housework and Child Care
Dec. 14	Individuality Within Marriage
Jan. 18	Child-Rearing - How do you do it Outside the Nuclear Family?

WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Our October meeting will feature a program by Charlotte Moser on the First National Conference on Women in the Arts. Charlotte has just returned from Racine, Wisconsin where the University of Wisconsin gathered notables from all over the art world together in the famous Wingspread-Johnson Foundation Conference Center.

The program will be October 17 at 7pm at the Kipling Gallery, 2144 Kipling (behind the Alabama Theater). Call 524-5892 for directions. Bring cold wine or something to drink.

New stuff: Sid Dorf is heading up our research project to study the status of women artists of all professions, educational institutions, galleries, etc. in the Houston area. She is currently seeking a graduate student or professional researcher to handle the project. Call her at 626-3750.

Also, Janice Blue of the Rice Media Center is organizing some terrific film projects and an impressive program for November. More news on our film group later.

On continuing projects, the Art Show is still on the boards for spring and we have positive rumblings on a big museum location.

The poetry show from August's meeting was rerun for the National Board when they were here planning the May convention. If you missed both performances, a censored rerun of our infamous poetry show, "A Band of Scribbling Women" will be shown at the Houston Public Library lunchtime get-together on October 10.

For more information on Women in the Arts call April Raines at 528-0479.

OUR THANKS TO:

Pam Nowell for her work on our Open House.
Joan Ritter for her continuing work at the Women's Center.
Linda Bayer and her husband for all the cleaning and work they did for the picnic at the Women's Center on July 4.

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* He says he likes me.
* He thinks I'm funny.
* He wonders what I do when he's gone.
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* I think he's handsome.
* He drives me crazy.
* I'm not telling what I do when he's gone.
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Esmerelda McEldwick

BILLIE JEAN (continued)

The promoters touted the match as "The Battle of the Sexes", "Lib vs. Lob", etc. So what did King's win prove? If we look at the match in the promoters' terms, the Battle of the Sexes is over and women won it. However, if we look at it realistically, the match was a contest between two athletes and King proved to be a better athlete than Riggs. It was a great personal triumph for King as well as a boon for tennis in general and for women's tennis in particular.

There is a lesson here for all of us, and it is this: No matter how loudly men of Riggs' ilk shout about the "superiority of the male sex", performance is all that counts. So the next time some dummy tries to lay that nonsense on you, remind him of Bobby Riggs - the guy whose mouth wrote a check his ass couldn't cash.

Jan Dilbeck

1974 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Board of NOW met in Houston at the Shamrock Hilton September 15-16 to plan the 1974 National Conference. The conference will be held here in Houston at the Astrodome May 31 through June 2. Attendance is expected to be 3,500. The theme for the conference will be "You Can't Stop NOW".

In addition to the usual plenary sessions, workshops and exhibits, next year's conference will feature an ongoing "Hyde Park" forum consisting of lectures, panel discussions, films, etc. for the benefit of emerging feminists.

Local coordinators for the conference are Marlyne Kilbey (664-4121) and Poppy Northcutt (333-4610). They report there are 37 responsible positions open for people who would like to work on the conference (at the usual salary). Certain activities such as exhibits, child care, documentary filming, security, etc. will be handled on a contract basis. Call Marlyne or Poppy for additional information.

JOIN NOW (members receive free issues of the BROADSIDE)

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TWPC STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTION

by Carolyn Nichols

Adoption of resolutions was the last order of business at the Texas Women's Political Caucus August 17-19 in San Antonio. Unfortunately.

Unfortunately because throughout the last afternoon many delegates left to return to their respective cities and towns, and those of us who remained were tired and also concerned that the resolutions express the voices of all convention delegates and local caucuses.

From the beginning of the afternoon session, motions were made to table the resolutions and send them to the individual local caucuses for vote. Chairperson Helen Cassidy pointed out that not only had the resolutions committee worked long and hard to present the resolutions to the delegates but that if voting was left to the local caucuses, only a "yes" or "no" could be registered with no amending possible.

With that information, the delegates decided to settle in for a long afternoon and the Gunter Hotel even extended checkout time to 6 p.m.

The first two resolutions, in appreciation of San Antonio's hosting the state convention and of Cassidy's 17-month job as state chairperson, were passed unanimously in a few minutes. Next, resolution #3 on abortion, contraception, and voluntary sterilization passed unanimously. Then, resolution #4 to remove the Texas Constitutional Welfare Ceiling and organize a TWPC Welfare Task Force passed without any opposition. We were moving along so well - why, we'd be out of there in no time.

Then came resolution #5 and, to complicate matters, resolution #35. Resolution #5, in response to the recent impounding of public funds by the Nixon administration, asked that "TWPC immediately address the grave and serious injustices which have resulted from a usurping by the executive branch. . . of the legitimate Constitutional powers of Congress to develop and fund programs to meet human needs".

An amendment from the floor to resolution #5 called for the impeachment of Nixon. At this time, Chairperson Cassidy informed the delegates that resolution #35 called for the impeachment of the President. The delegates passed resolution #5 and then voted to consider resolution #35.

The longest resolution debate centered on the impeachment question. Those opposing the resolution for impeachment seemed to have two arguments: the impeachment of the President would do more harm to the country than his remaining in office; and the TWPC should stick to state matters, not national ones, in passing our resolutions. Those favoring the impeachment resolution had two counter-arguments: calling for impeachment proceedings did not automatically judge Nixon guilty since the hearings would be a forum for finding the facts of the allegedly over-powerful executive; and the TWPC should make its views known since many state and local human services programs were being affected by Nixon-imposed federal government cutbacks.

This resolution to impeach Nixon received almost exclusive attention of the news media, although it failed to pass.

As the number of delegates on the floor dwindled, the chair moved us on to resolution #6. It called for the support of a proposed amendment, number three on the November ballot, which would allow an unmarried adult the right to homestead. It passed unanimously.

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TWPC STATE CONVENTION (continued)

Next, resolution #7 passed and put the TWPC on record as supporting the elimination of the legal terminology "head of household".

Then the delegates accepted six resolutions dealing generally with sexuality and reproduction.

Resolution #8 on rape passed unanimously, calling for the redefinition of the crime, for work against the humiliating treatment of victims, and for women to do case investigation.

The delegates moved on resolution #9, dubbed the "lesbian resolution", which resolved to "support civil rights legislation designed to end discrimination based on sexual orientation" and to include "the sense of this resolution. . . in all appropriate TWPC publications and policy statements". Following this, resolution #10 supported lesbian mothers' child custody cases on the basis of parent-to-child relationship rather than parent-to-another-woman relationship. In addition, this resolution called for support in a test case.

Somewhere along in here motions were made to reconsider resolution #5, which failed, and to adjourn, which also failed. Delegates continued to leave the hall, although enough caucuses remained for voting to continue under the rules of the convention.

Resolution #11 calling for the "repeal of all laws which restrict the sexual privacy or activities of consenting adults" passed quickly. So did resolution #12 which supported the right of men and women, regardless of marital status, to adopt children.

Then, with the passage of resolution #13, the TWPC now "favors removal of all laws relating to the act of prostitution per se and, as an interim measure, favors the decriminalization of prostitution".

Resolution #14 from the convention's resolution committee was replaced by a similar one from a workshop which put TWPC on record as supporting the United Farmworkers' struggle for a union, their boycotts and picket lines, and their civil rights.

By passing resolution #15, delegates committed the TWPC to help the women on strike against Farah Manufacturing Company with the boycott of Farah slacks, the picketing of stores which sell the slacks, and the organizing of a Texas Women's Farah Strike Committee to raise strike funds.

Passage of resolution #16 instructed the TWPC to support "the organization of working women into unions which they can control" as well as to help build a better understanding between "the Women's Movement and the trade union movement".

Once again a motion for adjournment was made from the floor. This one passed and the delegates filed from the hall. They had passed the first 16 resolutions proposed by the convention's resolutions committee and had gotten hung up on and rejected #35. The impeachment resolution divided the delegates as no other and partly because of that fact and mostly because impeachment of Nixon is big news now, the media remembered it and forgot the resolutions on homestead rights for unmarried adults, help for rape victims, and, well, all the others.

Now what? The next step is to somehow intelligently act on the remaining 19 resolutions, involving such topics as child care, national health insurance, women in power in political parties, and religion.

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Each local caucus will vote on each remaining resolution without the ability to amend. In other words, the caucus must either vote for or against a resolution as presented by the resolutions committee of the convention. The questions are: do we pass a resolution, even if a word or phrase doesn't please us, or do we go another year without any resolution on that particular subject until we can have our say at the next state convention? Those questions will have to be asked on each resolution not acted upon by the delegates to the last convention. Unfortunately. Unfortunately because this problem could have been alleviated by moving resolutions voting to the first part of the convention.

Women, even feminists, because of their "place" in this society, have to show up for work the Monday following a convention, or take over child care, or cook breakfast, or whatever. It's not the delegates' fault time ran out and most had to begin the drive home. We didn't waste time; in fact, it was astounding how fast we did move to accept the revised bylaws and the rules of the convention.

Despite what the press thinks, the resolutions and how we act on them are the gut of the convention and of the state and individual caucuses. Proposal: consider the resolutions immediately after bylaws and convention rules and before election of officers. It may be that as we grow and get more of our issues on paper in the form of resolutions, less time will be needed to consider them. But now, in the beginning, it is imperative that we have resolutions on which we can act - unified stands for affirmative action.

GARAGE SALE

The long-awaited garage sale will be held at the Common Market, 6116 Southwest Freeway (Westpark exit) on Sunday, October 14, from 10 to 4. Clean out your closets, drawers, and cabinets. Don't overlook small items. Bring your donations to the Center and leave them in the workroom. People are still needed to work on pricing, display, and sales. Contact Joan Ritter at 488-3964 if you are willing to help.

FUND RAISER

As an ongoing fund-raising project, NOW will be collecting aluminum beverage cans for recycling. We will receive 10¢ per pound of cans. Leave your cans at the Center in the box marked CANS (Where else? Ed.). In the interest of saving space, it would be helpful if you could crush the cans before bringing them. Linda Bayer will coordinate the project.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE AGAIN

The Status of Women at Rice University is currently being studied by Barbara Williams, a graduate student in Sociology. If you have had any experience or contacts with Rice that would be of interest in the study, please contact her. Also, if you would like to work with the Affirmative Action Committee at Rice, contact Barbara at home (665-0510) or at Rice (528-4141, extension 555 or 641).

LETTERS TO THE BROADSIDE

This is in response to the "Libber" who could even love Van Heusen shirts, Linda April Raines.

I've thought about this before writing (per Ms. Raines' instructions) and have concluded that Ms. Raines is hypocritical. She charges that NOW members behave childishly by demonstrating, yet what is more childish than stalking out of a meeting in a fit of pique? If she is so concerned about our actions, why didn't she stay and defend her position?

She also asked if anyone tried to reach the buyer at Foley's. Did she? I feel she was too busy making a commercial for Foley's about men's shirts and making sure Foley's had enough of her books in stock. It's one thing for Foley's to make accommodations to one individual woman; it's quite another for them to continue policies which oppress the Farah strikers (of whom 85% are women).

Her hypothetical rationalization that Farah slacks are being bought by "some sweet little guy in New York" is most condescending.

In conclusion, regarding her remarks about our "infatuation with immature exhibitionism" and her contrasting remarks concerning our being against "organized violence", National NOW voted to support the Farah strikers and the Houston Chapter unanimously voted (after Ms. Raines left in the middle of the discussion) to support the women at Farah in conjunction with the observance of women's suffrage on August 26.

Patty Ryan

HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN A VACATION ALONE?

If you're looking for a little retreat to hide away for a week by yourself or if you're searching for a natural vacation away from telephones and processed food, you may find Rio Caliente your kind of paradise.

Rio Caliente is a "spa" or health resort. They feature vegetarian meals, sauna, massages for \$4, private nude pools, a hot river flowing swiftly from volcanic mountains, Yoga every morning, and a continuous group of no more than 50 very metaphysical guests all year round. Rio Caliente may also be an artist's dream, a mountain climber's practice field or a nature lover's encounter group as well.

There are no televisions, rock bands, bars or room service. However, you can have a cozy little single with fireplace for only \$10 a day including all meals. There is fantastic maid service to make your bed every morning and after siesta but if you need anything washed you'll have to go down to the river and beat it on a rock yourself.

The spa is located in the heart of the La Primavera mountain range near La Primavera (Springtime) National Park Reserve near Guadalajara, Mexico. It is owned by a very liberated woman, Marge Turner.

For information on Spa Rio Caliente write to PO Box 1187, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico or call April Raines at 528-0479.

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7 open	8 Sheri Levine/ Deborah Alvarado	9 Janice Williams/ Harriett Kilbourne	10 Jo Gearhardt	11 Carolyn Nichols/ Carole Hunt	12 Rose Marie Lund/ Jackie Howard	13 Toni McLellan/ Bobbie Neal	
14 * Garage Sale Peggy Kirkendall	15 Sheri Heitner /Joan Ritter	16 open	17 Kay Whyburn/ J. Zimmerman	18 Mary Jane White /Nancy Harris	19 Betty Barnes/ Marlyne Kilbey	20 Allison Korn /Jan Pierce	
21 open	22 Virginia Crumley /Ginny Lovejoy	23 Linda Bayer/ Lynne Mutchler	24 Shirley Mason/ Nancy Kuykendal	25 Patty Ryan Beverly Horton	26 Rose Marie Lund /Jackie Howard	27 Helen Via/ Clara Willing	
28 Gail Carstens/ Barbara Farley	29 Susan Hedding	30 Ann Smith/ Margo Bishop	31 open				

- Oct. 1 -- NOW Orientation, "Women and Men," presented by Darrell Wells. 8 PM.
 Oct. 3 -- NOW Program Meeting. UH Student Center. Check first floor board for room. 8 PM.
 Oct. 8 -- NOW Orientation, "History of Women/Houston NOW," presented by Betty Barnes. 8 PM.
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 Oct. 15 -- NOW Orientation, "Consciousness Raising," presented by Helen Copitka. 8 PM.
 Oct. 17 -- Education Task Force. 8 PM.
 -- Women in the Arts Task Force. Kipling Galary, 2144 Kipling. 7 PM.
 Oct. 19 -- Marriage and Divorce Rap. "The Economics of Living with Someone" 8 PM.
 Oct. 22 -- NOW Orientation, "What is Feminism?" presented by Helen Cassidy. 8 PM.
 Oct. 29 -- NOW Orientation, "Legal Rights," presented by Parrish Hirasaki. 8 PM.

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are at the Women's Center, 3602 Milam. Adult-supervised child care is available at all meetings.

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FEMINIST FILM FESTIVAL - Featuring Films by Women Directors

The Feminist Film Festival starts Sunday, October 7 and will continue through December. The films will be shown at the Rice University Media Center, Stockton Street Entrance. All showings begin at 7 PM. There is no charge and free child care is available.

Sunday, October 7 -- JOYCE AT 34, Joyce Chanra and Claudia Weill, directors, USA, 1972, 28 min. Joyce prepares and cares for her first baby while pursuing her filmmaking career. An autobiography expressing ambivalent feelings about parenthood.

-- THE GIRLS, Mai Zetterling, director, Sweden, 1968, 100 min. Three actresses on tour with LYSISTRATA (Aristophanes' comedy about women who refuse their husbands sexual favors until they put an end to war) find the play a catalyst in confronting their own condition.

Sunday, October 14 -- KIENHOLTZ ON EXHIBIT, June Steel, UK, 1967, 28 min. Mixed-media artist Kienholtz takes on Los Angeles at the County Art Museum in the most revealing film ever made about the space between art and its on-lookers.

-- MAEDCHEN IN UNIFORM, Leontine Sagan, Germany, 1931, 89 min. In a school for daughters of Prussian military, a lonely, motherless fifteen-year-old idolizes her teacher, declares her love publicly, is ostracized, attempts suicide. Made on the advent of Nazism, this early sound film is one of the first attacks on authoritarianism.

Sunday, October 21 -- MESHES OF THE AFTERNOON, Maya Deren, USA, 1943, 14 min. Opposed to the spectacular commercial feature, Deren replaced it with her personal poetic films and began the whole New American Cinema movement.

-- LION'S LOVE, Agnes Varda, France, 1969, 115 min. French chic, culture, and surrealism meet the electronic charm and violence of everyday American "pop". Superstar Viva lovingly puts on motherhood and just about everything else.

Sunday, October 28 -- SYLVIA, FRAN, AND JOY, Joan Churchill, USA, 1972, 20 min. Three women with contrasting life-styles and their adjustment to the wife/mother/housekeeper role.

-- A VERY CURIOUS GIRL, Nelly Kaplan, France, 1969, 107 min. Mary leaves the bourgeois household she serves, becomes a village prostitute, and ingeniously takes revenge on her former predators.

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Dear Reader:

I went on my first feminist retreat a couple of weeks ago and I highly recommend it to you all. In addition to the obvious benefits of breathable air and sunshine, there are other benefits as well. Unstructured time. Physical activity. A chance to learn the names of those faces you see at meetings all the time. An opportunity to leave your "Houston Role" behind.

In all fairness, I feel I should give a few tips to the unwary. For instance...

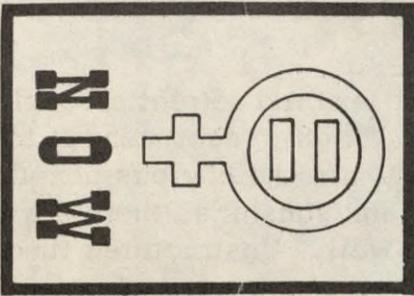
The accommodations at the Warneke Hilton leave much to be desired. Our cabin was an entymologist's paradise. Several species of grasshopper and cricket were much in evidence (some with four-inch antennae), as well as wasps, bees, ants, spiders, and mommy-long-legs. For those who are homesick for Houston, there is an adequate supply of giant cockroaches.

My cabin-mates immediately urged me to come and ride the rapids. In addition to being a physical coward I am afflicted with a terminal case of laziness, so it was with some trepidation that I approached the bathhouse. Did I imagine the sign over the door that said, "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here"? I know I didn't imagine the little elastic bracelet they give you with a numbered tag on it. That number is to identify the body, and don't let anybody tell you anything different.

Actually, riding the rapids is easy. The hardest part is getting out of the damned river. You have to grab a wire cable that is stretched across the river and pull yourself to shore. In order to see the cable I had to keep my glasses on, since without them I can see almost as well as I can levitate. But I did it. Then I came back and did it again - six more times, in fact. I'm ready to go again, any time.

Jan

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