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service realms.

Gay was the first black in the United States to earn certification as a Red Cross water safety instructor. He was appointed by Gov. Grant Sawyer in 1958 to the Nevada Athletic Commission, the first black to sit on the body which governs the state's amateur and professional sports. Gov. Paul Laxalt reappointed him to that post.

He started working for Palm Mortuary in the early 1950s, earning his license in 1962 and becoming the state's first black mortician. Ten years earlier, he landed a job as communications director of the Sands hotel, becoming one of the highest-ranking black gaming officials. Gay would later serve in executive positions at the Aladdin, Fremont, Silverbird and Union Plaza hotels.

Gay's civic commitments include serving on the Clark County School Board and on the executive boards of the Culinary Union Local 226 and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Gay was a member of the Clark County and State Democratic central committees and former president of the Negro Funeral Directors Association.

Gay graduated from the University of Arkansas Mining and Normal College in 1937 with a bachelor's degree in science. While there, he became a world-class sprinter and was an alternate in the 100-yard dash at

the 1936 Berlin Olympics - the same Olympics Jesse Owens set the 100-yard dash. In 1976 and 1985, he received honorary doctor of humanities degree from the school, now known as the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff.

Gay received numerous awards. He was named Las Vegas Jaycees Man of the Year in 1952, received a City of Hope commendation in 1959, earned several awards as NAACP man of the year and was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In 1978, the City of Las Vegas named the park at Washington Avenue and "D" Street after him. In 1985, the city and state honored him with "Jimmy Gay Day." In 1988, he was named a Distinguished Nevadan.

He was an executive board member of the National Association for the Advancement of Christians and Jews in 1960 when the civil rights group successfully pushed Strip hotels to desegregate and allow blacks as guests.

Gay was also credited with helping people new to city, especially those from the South, find employment.

Gay also befriended the cultural stalwarts. Frank Sinatra once offered him a job as his personal valet.

He is survived by wife Hazel; daughters Betty Harris, Clonie and Phyllis; sons Philip and James; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren, all of Las Vegas.

Williams

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Hingis said. "She had two match points that she wasn't able to close out. I think she was a bit more scared than I was actually at the end because I've been there, done it."

Tiebreakers certainly held no fear for Serena Williams, who has won all six that she's played this year. But she didn't want to be in this one after blowing the match points and a chance to serve out the match at 5-4.

"I actually was saying to myself, 'What was I doing here?'" Williams said. "I totally had her, but she would not give up."

Williams had won three other Grand Slam trophies, two in mixed doubles and one in doubles, but the big one she held this time meant much, much more.

"There's my name right there, Serena Williams," she said giddily as she carried the trophy in her victory lap around the court.

A few minutes later, she tried her best to compose herself to talk about the moment.

"I didn't know what to do — laugh or cry or just scream — so I think I did it all," she said.

In capturing the title, Williams beat three of the top four women in the world — Hingis, defending champion Lindsay

Davenport, and two-time champion Monica Seles.

Williams and Hingis, who had engaged in a war of words during the tournament, shook hands and hugged after the match.

"It's great that she was my opponent today, not anyone that was bitter," Williams said. Hingis had one thought on her mind, though.

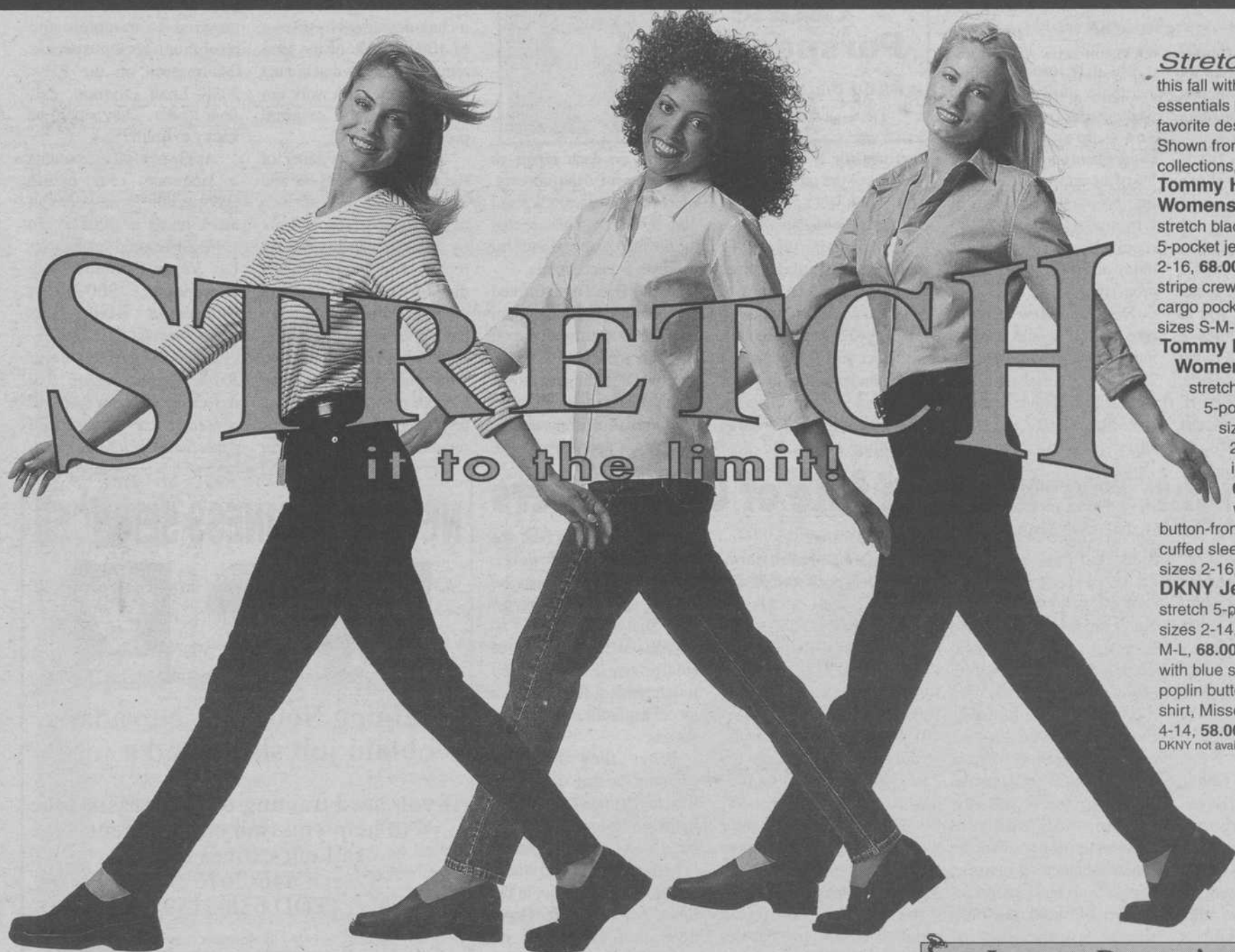
"I'm definitely looking for revenge next year," Hingis said.

Venus Williams watched the whole scene from the courtside player's guest box with her parents, and when she saw her younger sister take the prize she looked on with a sullen, envious expression, upset that she couldn't be out there.

"I've never seen her that down before," Serena said.

Surely, Venus will have her chances in the future, and is likely to meet her sister for other Grand Slam titles, as their father predicted they would this time.

Whatever was going through their minds, they had to put those thoughts aside for the moment shortly after the match. Williams and Williams had to go out on the court again — this time as partners in the doubles semifinals against Mary Pierce and Barbara Schett.



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