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# Thorny side of women's tennis

ON TV TONIGHT

Documentary shows  
the tour's not  
all glamorous

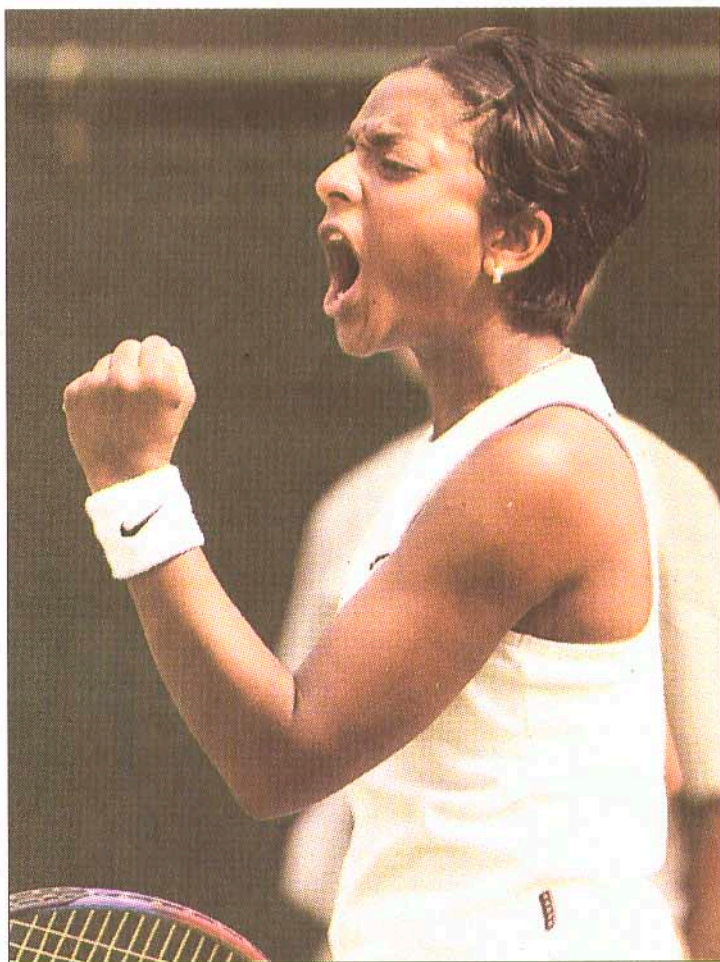
**What to watch:** Local filmmakers par excellence Abbey Jack Neidik and Bobbi Jo Krals combine forces for **She Got Game** (Life, 9 to 10:30 p.m.), a winning documentary that pulls back the curtain on the glamorous but not always pretty world of professional women's tennis.

The doc, which focuses on enigmatic Canadian pro Sonya Jeyaseelan, was filmed over three years in six countries, and makes excellent use of the unprecedented access granted to the filmmakers by the Women's Tennis Association, the sport's governing body.

It features candid interviews with top stars of the day like Martina Hingis, Serena Williams and Jennifer Capriati, whose stories provide a tidy counterpoint to Jeyaseelan's troubled, injury-plagued career.

The film also doesn't shy away from dealing with the thornier issues confronting the wildly popular sport today: crazy parental pressure on young athletes, corporate sponsorship and the sexualization of its stars. It's a poignant and not-always flattering portrait of a sport where being 26, Jeyaseelan's age, is considered long in the tooth.

**What to avoid:** Remember all those oh-so-clever headlines that accompanied the initially huge ratings of CBS's execrable **My Big Fat Greek Life** (Global, cable 3, 8:30 to 9 p.m.; WCAX-3, 8 to 8:30 p.m.)? You know, "Big Fat Greek Smash" and the like? Well, I couldn't be more pleased to report that numbers for the series, which wraps up its mercifully brief, six-episode run tonight, have dropped precipitously since its debut – down more than 50 per cent – a testament to the lingering good taste of the average television viewer, and almost guaranteeing the se-



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ries won't be back to louse up the small screen next fall.

**What else is on?** Sci-fi fans will adore **Frank Herbert's Children of Dune** (Space, 9 to 11 p.m.), the lavish, six-hour mini-series adapted from *Dune Messiah* and *Children of Dune*, the second and third novels from the author's six-volume *Dune* literary epic. The rest of us will be puzzled that sci-fans will adore **Frank Herbert's Children of Dune**. (Parts 2 and 3 air April 20 and 27 at 9 p.m.)

**Trading Spaces**, (TLC, 8 to 11 p.m.), The Learning Channel's highly rated reality series, features three back-to-back celebrity-themed episodes, in which the Dixie Chicks' Natalie Maines, *Less Than Perfect's* Andy Dick and Sara Rue and former 7th Heaven starlet Jessica Biel get in

on the redecorating fun.

**The Passionate Eye** (News-world, 10 to 11:30 p.m.) features Chavez – *Inside the Coup*, a powerful documentary from Irish filmmakers Kim Bartley and Donnacha O'Briain that examines the role the Venezuelan private media played in orchestrating the April 2002 coup that ousted President Hugo Chavez for all of 48 hours.

And a week after naming New Brunswick lobster fisherman Wilfred LeBouthillier as its male finalist, **Star Académie** (CFTM-10, 7:30 to 9 p.m.) unveils who, among Marie-Mai, Marie-Élaine and Annie, will be squaring off with him on next week's finale of TVA's insanely popular reality/talent-search program.

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