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BOYS SUFFER KIDNEY FAILURE AS 50,000 CHILDREN RISK INFECTION

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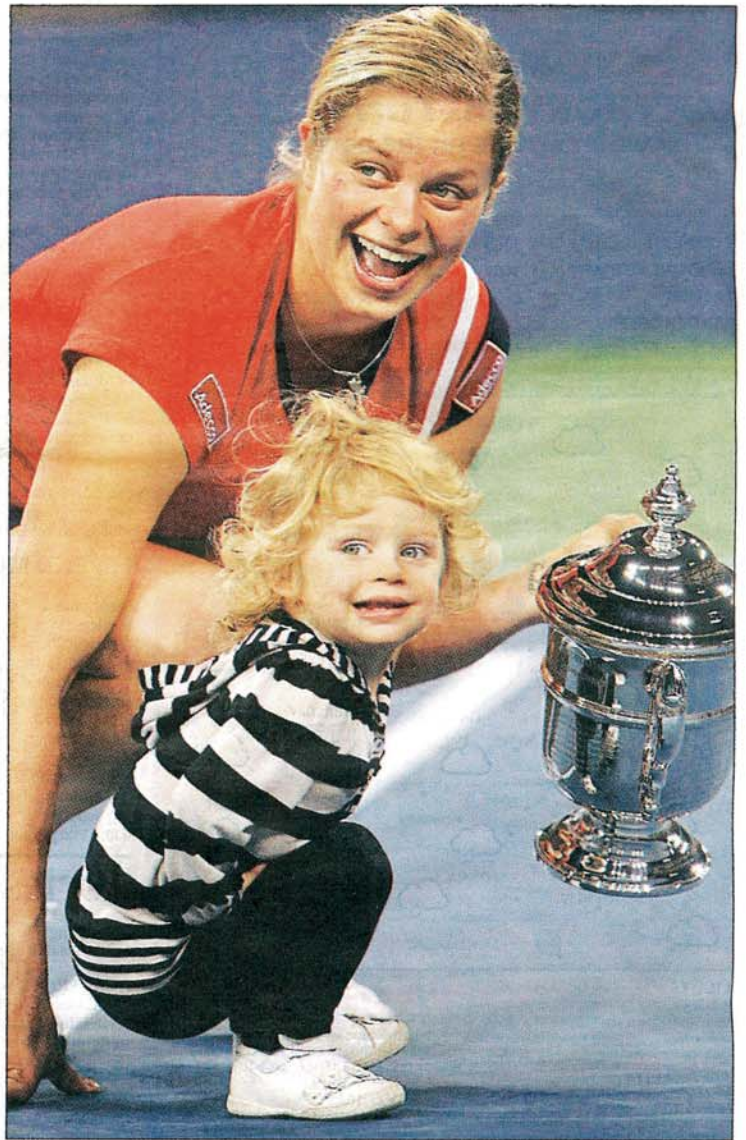
Sophie Goodchild Health Editor and **Felix Allen**

TWIN two-year-old boys with suspected kidney failure are among dozens of victims of an E.coli outbreak which started at a children's petting farm in Surrey.

Both boys are on dialysis and one has had a blood transfusion. There are fears that as many

as 50,000 children could have been exposed and that they could pass it to other children. Every parent who took children to Godstone Farm from early last month until it was closed on Saturday has been urged to seek advice. Because of the long incubation period for the bacteria it could be weeks before its full impact is known. Parents

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Little smasher: she's not much bigger than the US Open cup, which is perhaps why 18-month-old Jada's mum Kim Clijsters – the first mother in 30 years to win a tennis Grand Slam – holds it. **Page 3**

KIM'S TROPHY DAUGHTER

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King's Cross gas landmark may bounce back as a giant trampoline

Dan Carrier and Mark Blunden

A TRAMPOLINE and a slide are among the ideas shortlisted to transform a disused Victorian gas holder near St Pancras station.

The 67-acre site is being redeveloped as part of a facelift that has brought the Eurostar to north London and converted the Victorian station into a £100 million hotel and apartments.

Although decommissioned in the Eighties, the 25-metre high Gas Holder Number Eight, overlooking the Regent's Canal, is Grade II-listed and cannot be dismantled.

The King's Cross Central Limited Partnership, which owns the land, held a competition to decide the 1850s structure's future. It received 80 entries, from which a shortlist of five was chosen for the £2.5 million project.

One concept includes a giant slide to take visitors around the edges of the gas holder and a rooftop trampoline to allow people to bounce high above



THE FEIX AND MERLIN DESIGN

King's Cross. The trampoline's base would form the roof of a community centre below. The scheme's designer Tarek Merlin, of Feix and Merlin in Southwark, said: "We wanted people to experience the holders up front, up close and at height."

The shortlist also includes a proposal by Hakes Associates for a giant silver ball to act as a mirror in the middle of the gas holder. Also in the running is an events venue with gardens and a proposal for a "serene" pavilion and

landscaped green space. Ian Lerner, of the King's Cross Conservation Area Advisory Committee, said: "It has to provide a focal point and be used to make sure people stay in the area in the evenings."

Bridget Evans, of the King's Cross partnership's parent company Argent, said: "The gas holders are an important reminder of industrial past. It's exciting that we can blend a new idea with such an important heritage feature." The winner will be named next month.

"Heritage feature": Gas Holder Number Eight, which dates back to the 1850s, next to St Pancras station

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