

Foster foresees faster Akhtar

REUTERS, London

Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar will be able to rediscover his old pace despite having had to change his bowling action...

Foster, who headed back to Australia on Tuesday after completing a short-term coaching stint...

Shoaib, who still hopes to bowl a delivery at 100mph, and Australian Brett Lee had been rivals for the title of the world's fastest bowler...

Pakistan, meanwhile, are keen to lure the bowling coach back again. Pakistan team coach Richard Pybus, himself on a short-term contract...

Lee stares FROM PAGE 13 ets and has been clocked at 97.5 miles per hour...

"When you are a kid the first thing you want to do is pull on the baggy green cap...



Pakistan cricketers celebrate their victory over England in the second Test at Old Trafford as crowd rushes towards them on June 4.

Dramatic Pak victory

AFP, Manchester

Pakistan took eight wickets for 60 runs in the final session, to beat England by 108 runs in the second and final Test here at Old Trafford on Monday...

fielder Imran Nazir off Waqar for 23. Last man Matthew Hoggard was nought not out, six overs and five balls remaining. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard after Pakistan beat England in the second Test...

Inzamam moves up

REUTERS, London

Inzamamul Haq rose four places to fourth in the PricewaterhouseCoopers batting ratings after his two big innings helped Pakistan win the second and final Test against England at Old Trafford.

English flaws exposed

REUTERS, London

A sizeable question mark was hanging over English cricket's brave new world on Tuesday as the dust settled following their dramatic Old Trafford defeat to Pakistan.

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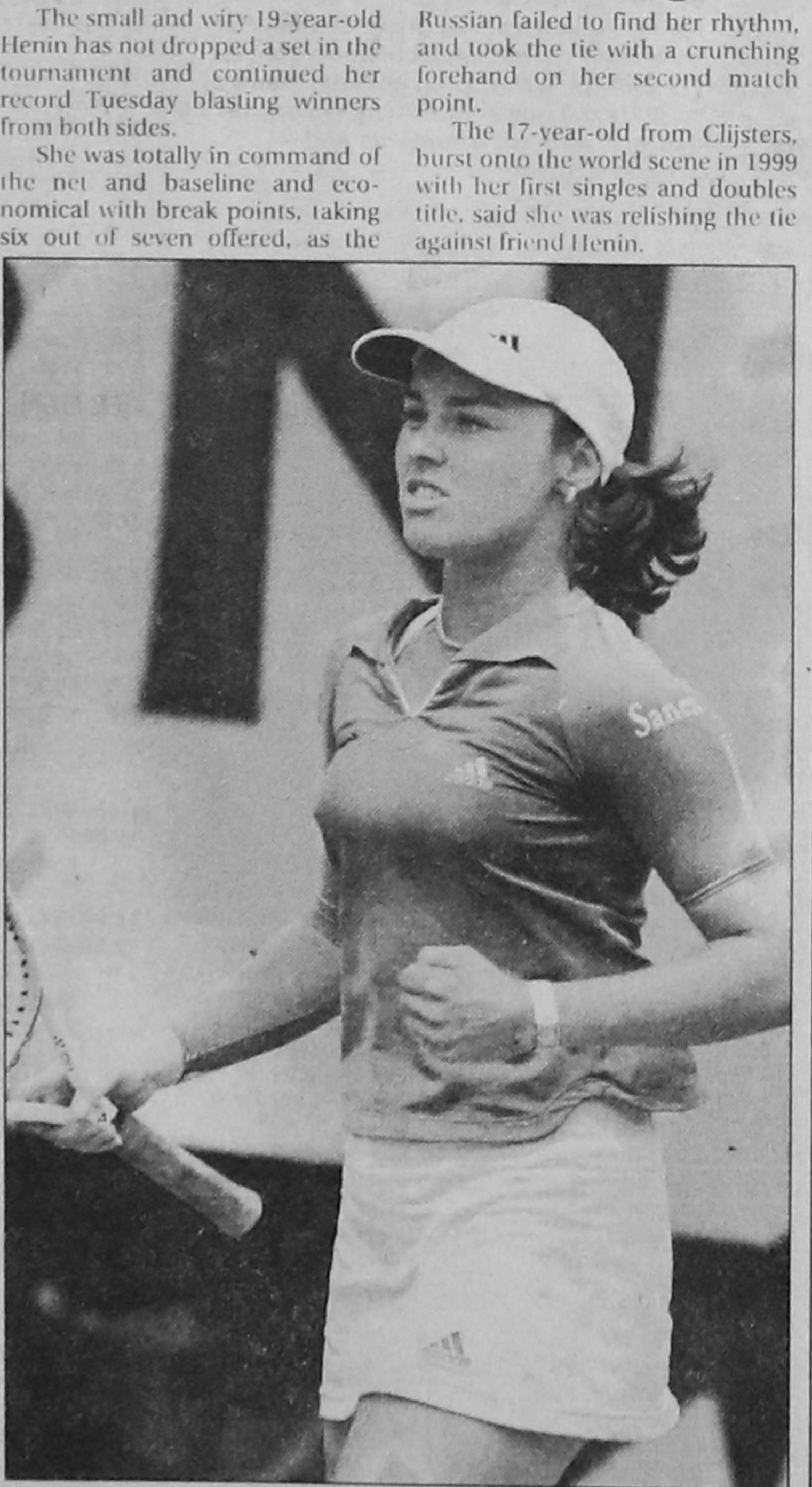
AFP, Paris

French Open diary on the tenth day of the tournament here Wednesday. GOING FOR A BELGIAN FIRST Belgium's generally been more famous for chocolate and Tintin than for tennis...

Capriati up against Hingis

AFP, Paris

American Jennifer Capriati marked her stunning comeback here Tuesday when the number four seed advanced to the final four of the French Open...

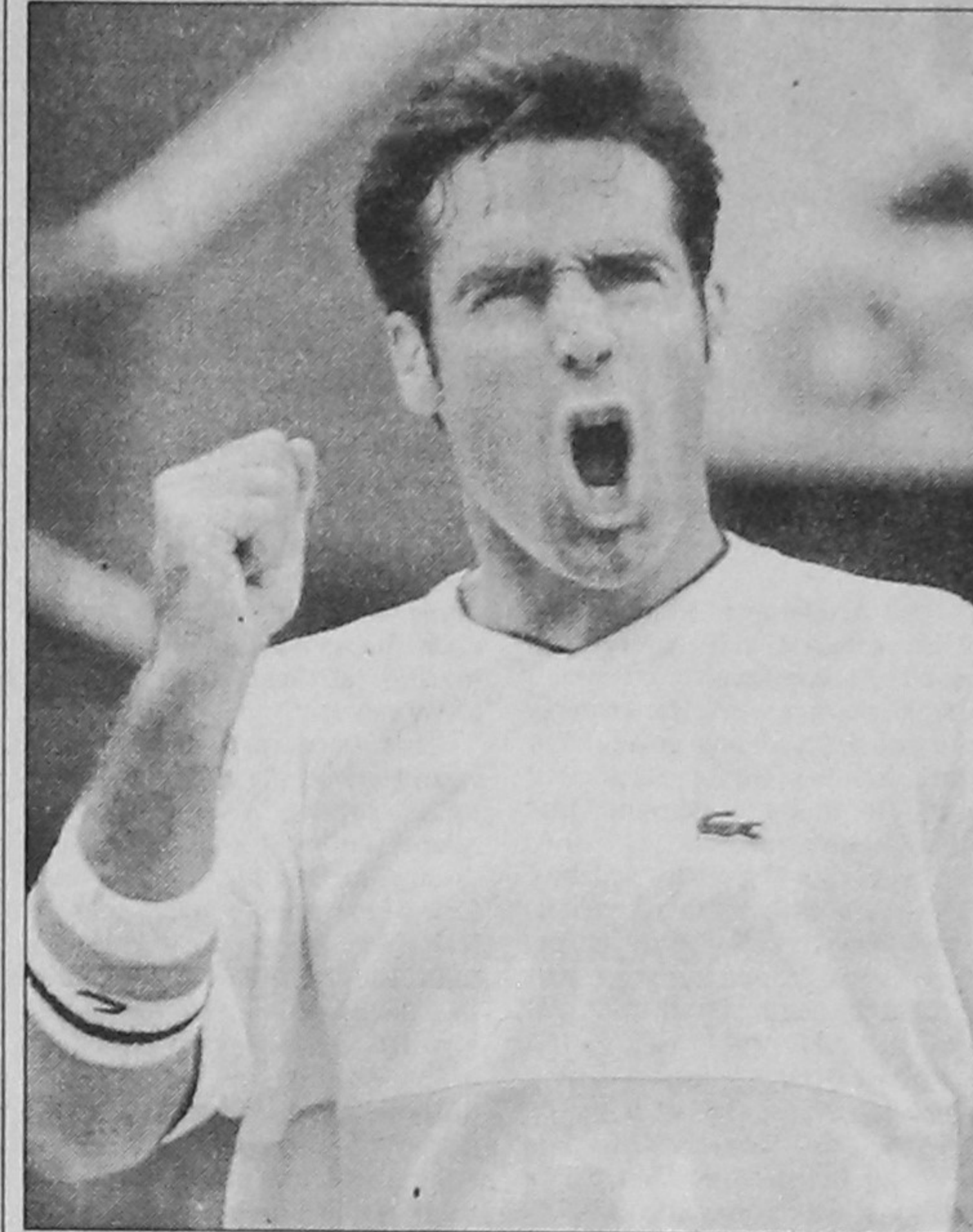


World No 1 Martina Hingis celebrates her victory over Italian Francesca Schiavone in the French Open quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Agassi's quest ended

AFP, Paris

In a huge upset French tenth seed Sebastian Grosjean shocked US third seed and 1999 titlist Andre Agassi to reach the men's singles semifinals on Wednesday...



Spaniard Alex Corretja exults after beating Swiss Roger Federer in the French Open quarterfinals yesterday.

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reads cruised through the opening set in just 20min after breaking for a 3-0 lead.

But the hullabaloo created by Clinton's arrival was the precursor to an amazing collapse by Agassi, who promptly lost 12 of the next 14 games.

Within just 48 minutes Grosjean, keeping the pressure on with his brilliant backhands and trademark crunching forehands...

It was too much for Clinton — or perhaps he felt some way responsible for the negative shift in his compatriot's fortunes...

Right on cue, Agassi broke for a 2-0 lead in the fourth after saving a break point — and Clinton risked regaining his seat.

A brilliant running low shot which dinked just millimetres over the net saw Grosjean move to 3-2 and he finally smashed Agassi's fading challenge...

On Tuesday, Gustavo Kuerten raced into the last four to close in on a third title after 1997 and last year with an impressive 6-1, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 win over Russian seventh seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov...

Spanish fourth seed Juan Carlos Ferrero now stands in his way — as he did in the last four 12 months ago — after the wry fourth seed, nicknamed Mosquito...

Kuerten, who ousted Kafelnikov in 2hr 32min, is hoping history can repeat itself on several levels on the slow, red clay here.

Pybus for more technology

REUTERS, Manchester

Pakistan coach Richard Pybus has backed the call for more umpire technology following the questioning of several decisions during his side's dramatic victory in the second Test at Old Trafford.

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FROM PAGE 13

TEAMS Muktiyoddha: Aminul, Hasan al Mamun, Rajani, Pridip, Sadio, Nayan, Motiur Munna, Rakib, Asif, Don (Farhad) and Emeka. Arambagh KS: Pannu, Jahangir (Malek), Aminur, Shaheen, Kamruzzaman (Nira), Kamal, Khokon, Monir, Saiful Oeino and Apu (Tita). Referee: Ram Krishna Gosh.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Actress Ransome, Sorvino. 5 USMC rank. 8 Drive the getaway car. 12 Eye part. 13 La-la preceptor. 14 Whipper. 15 Downy wool gotten from goats. 17 Pinnacle. 18 Bracelot locale. 19 List-ending abbr. 21 DDE opponent. 25 Thraps love. 28 Bankrolls. 30 With it. 33 — not choose to run. 34 Theme of this puzzle. 35 Eggs. 36 End of some Web site addresses. 37 Automaker. 38 Charon's river. 39 Main mailing addr. 41 Leave out. 43 On the beach. 46 Rigg or Ross. 50 Male swans. 51 Container for baked goods. 54 Coagulate. 55 Feathery frill. 56 Otherwise. 57 Stocking stuffers. 58 Rarin' to go. 59 Fishing-line holder. SOLUTION TIME: 27 mins. ZOLA SON FALLA. TIRON TAU AVITTS. TOORPIART BUONIK. ARG RHINOS. FERRY TIES. AREA PTECHART. NIN BLANK GOO. GETSMART DOLL. TIGTA DAGLLEL. CHANCY BAN. RING PUSCARART. IDOL USA EVER. BENE SHY SEXY.

Cryptogram grid for the crossword puzzle.

JFLGSFE, IYL ZGX-KGLX. X LO INZ I YGX VOL. SLGFFE YGSX XGE GI. IYL VSNKNLL. Yesterday's Cryptquip: CARRYING TOO MANY BUCKETS IS PROBABLY GOING TO MAKE YOU REALLY PAUL. Today's Cryptquip Clue: X equals D. The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another...