LOS ANGELES TIMES CROSSWORD

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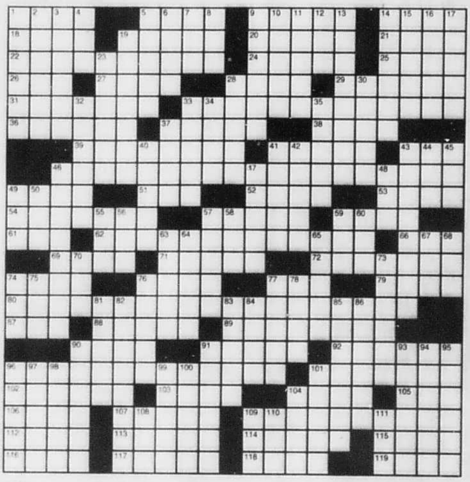
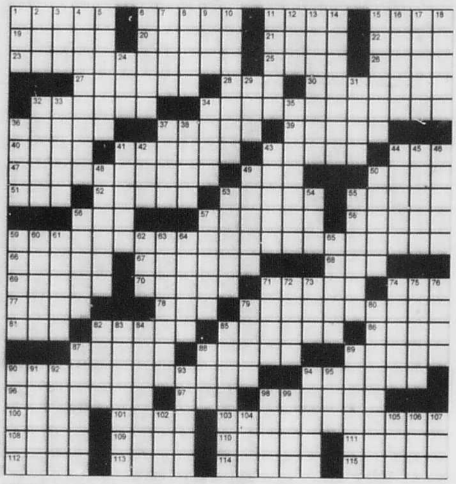


ACROSS
1. Lullaby opener
5. Brewpub assortment
9. Sacred poem
14. Shore recess
18. In the know about
19. Disney princess and restaurateur
20. Expedition
21. Pt. of EMT
22. 10-meter dash?
24. Two trios and a duo
25. Melodic structure of some Indian music
26. Punched metal
27. Nine-digit IDs on some W-9s
28. Nabe near NYU
29. Vinyasa series
31. Game where it's bad to catch a break?
33. Weekend activity for a group of clairvoyant sommeliers?
36. Presuppose
37. Right now
38. Many a dog agility competition
39. More chill
41. Pet container
43. Stone fruit center
46. Autograph on a rare baseball card?
49. Succulent spot
51. Smidgen
52. Smashes into
53. Chip in?
54. Stop making progress
57. Language of a haka chant
59. Domed recess
61. Pilot's fig.
62. Prayer candle depicting Taylor Swift as a saint?
66. Ragdoll or tuxedo
69. Durable wood
71. Swell
72. Shows the ropes
74. Get a lift, but not a Lyft
76. Fender blemish
77. Scrooge's 9-Down
79. A law _ oneself
80. Excusing friends who secretly planned a surprise party?
87. Tense WNBA periods, for short
88. Shadow puppet shapers
89. Bygone big Apples
90. Doily fabric
91. Engages in witty banter
92. Strand at the ski lodge
96. Ranking of recipes from most to least appetizing?
101. Like the Ninja Turtles
102. Mercury, but not zinc
103. Soooo many
104. "Auld Lang _"
105. "Modern Comfort Food" author Garten
106. Alleviate
107. Word with circle and peace
109. Turf damage caused by a raucous Czech band?
112. Word before a Mass exodus?
113. "Frozen" sauna owner
114. Winter of "Modern Family"
115. Parisian papa
116. Photoreceptor cells
117. Tree houses
118. Subway Series side
119. Yemeni port

DOWN
1. Drink that may be sweetened with honey
2. Strips of gear, as a ship
3. Beekeeper boo-boos
4. Ride-sharing lane: Abbr.
5. Ceramics ovens
6. Corn units
7. Serengeti antelope
8. Japanese honorific
9. "Drat!"
10. Satirist Baron Cohen
11. _ Martin: British sports car
12. 5G precursor
13. Info about info
14. Skin care brand
15. Yemeni neighbor
16. Like Gardein products
17. Wipe clean
19. Curtain danglers
23. Chemical relative
28. Consume greedily
30. Guard dog's incitement
32. Din
33. Amazed
34. Logical prefix
35. Dribs partner
37. "L'Shana _": Rosh Hashanah greeting
40. Like a Christmas tree at night
41. One-named flamenco guitarist
42. Transfer payment
43. Holiday garland embellishment
44. Defensive take, for short?
45. Ballerina's pivot point
46. Crashes
47. Treasure _
48. _-relief
49. Break room?
50. Queasy
55. Green Power Partnership org.
56. Just peachy
57. Mediterranean island country
58. 2022 World Cup winner: Abbr.
59. Pennsylvania in D.C.
60. Back-to-school purchase
63. Pipe trap
64. Important organs for a flutist
65. "Sounds good, man"
67. Oil production?
68. Chinese kitchen general
70. Unit of work
73. University of Arizona city
74. ET's ride
75. Captcha target
76. Greasy spoon
77. Lay on, as a horn
78. MLB postseason semifinal
81. "_ a dream ..."
82. Time off
83. Bite playfully
84. British barrister Clooney
85. North London soccer club
86. "It's already taken care of"
90. Goods with a dedicated closet
91. Looks down on
93. Didn't enforce
94. Pretend not to notice, maybe
95. Declutter
96. Pointy fishing tool
97. Memorable Texas landmark
98. Zapped surgically
99. Subway Series side, familiarly
100. Wintry rain
101. Wee ones
104. Skirt feature
108. Glasgow no-go
109. Actress Dawber
110. Mine find
111. Hoppy brew letters

THEME CROSSWORD

Friend or Foe



ACROSS
1. Ottoman title
6. Aquarium creature
11. Monumental
15. Video chat equipment
19. Haven
20. Minestrone ingredient
21. Dalai _
22. Surmounting
23. Start of a quip by 79A: 2 wds.
25. Horse-drawn cart
26. _ Hari
27. Team spirit
28. Unclose
30. Brand-name alternative
32. Van Gogh's "The _ Night"
34. Part 2 of quip: 3 wds.
36. Actress Delta _
37. Disk flower
39. Kournikova and Karenina
40. "When Will You Again"
41. Cream of _
43. Watercourse
44. A-E link
47. Part 3 of quip: 3 wds.
49. Mil. rank
50. "Waiting for the Robert _ --"
51. A sib
52. Quiver item
53. Whiz kid
55. Soap plant
56. Sawbones: Abbr.
57. Guileless
58. Passenger ship
59. Part 4 of quip: 5 wds.
66. Cram
67. Incidental remarks
68. Title for a Frenchwoman
69. Made public
70. Old Germanic characters
71. Leaning tower town denizen
74. Eagle
77. "No ifs, _, or buts!"
78. _ judicata
79. Speaker of the quip: 2 wds.
81. A letter
82. Wall Street derivatives
85. Where Belgrade is
86. Arch
87. Juvenile heroine
88. Contend
89. Oily fish
90. Part 5 of quip: 2 wds.
94. Ladder cousins
96. Advocate
97. Wintry
98. Take into custody
100. All-night dance
101. Patients' place
103. End of the quip: 2 wds.
108. Lag b'--
109. Diminutive suffix
110. Competing
111. Musical work for learners
112. Outbuilding
113. "The _ Hunter"
114. Piquancy
115. Like a thicket

DOWN
1. "Bam!"
2. Ooh and _
3. Dir. letters
4. Top-selling artist
5. To the beach
6. Branch of flowers
7. Part of NSA: Abbr.
8. Tennis great Arthur _
9. Native of: Suffix
10. Stop
11. Church officer
12. Golf standard
13. Envisage
14. Hot pepper
15. Caravan creatures
16. Early video game maker
17. Theme
18. Blank
24. "To _ is human --"
29. _ contra
31. State near Minn.
32. Bento box fare
33. Joyce Kilmer title
34. Coup d'--
35. Nowhere near as: 2 wds.
36. Drill attachments
37. Florence's river
38. Pack
41. Codfish
42. Abbr. in timetables
43. Blanket
44. Fair-haired
45. A-lister
46. Noted tractor maker
48. Made
49. Woody stems
50. Rousseau title
53. Specks in a sunbeam
54. Extreme degree
55. Reunion attendee
56. Disreputable establishments
57. Secretes
59. Hayes or Asimov
60. "To _ own self be true ..."
61. Army
62. Jolt
63. Wrongful leader
64. Evergreens
65. Variety of poker
71. _-mutuel
72. Long-range weapon
73. Schuss
74. Lawn tool
75. Film spools
76. No, to Nevsky
79. "The Prime of Miss _ Brodie"
80. Propose as a candidate
82. Cut
83. Left spouseless
84. With needlelike leaves
85. Vampire hunters
87. Abaft
88. National health agcy.
89. Passed easily
90. Ersatz chocolate
91. POTUS #44
92. "It's Now or _"
93. Down source
94. Mode
95. Brewpub fixture
98. Hindu goddess
99. Discontinued Apple product
102. Itinerary: Abbr.
104. Pinch
105. Hebrew letter
106. Begley and Bradley
107. Pipe fitting

CHECKMATE » LAWRENCE STRIEGEL

After playing 14 grueling chess games, teenager Dommaraju Gukesh of India said his most stressful moments at April's Candidates Tournament in Toronto were the ones he spent waiting for two other grandmasters to finish their game.

On April 21, Gukesh said he took a walk after finishing first with nine points — five wins, eight draws and only one loss over three weeks. However, he had to wait out what eventually ended in a tense draw between Fabiano Caruana of the United States and Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia. Had either man won, he and Gukesh would have played tiebreakers the next day.

With the tournament win, the 17-year-old Gukesh became the youngest player ever to challenge for the International Chess Federation classical championship. He will play reigning champion Ding Liren of China later this year. American Hikaru Nakamura tied with Nepomniachtchi and Caruana for second place.

Tan Zhongyi won the parallel Women's Candidates Tournament in Toronto. She will play titleholder Ju Wenjun, also of China, in the next FIDE Women's World Championship.

Afterward, Gukesh expressed relief. "I am mostly just happy about winning the tournament," he said. "I don't really care about the youngest and all these records, but you know it's a nice thing to see."

Viswanathan Anand, a chess idol in India for becoming its first and only classical champion in 1988, congratulated Gukesh. "I'm personally very proud of how you played and handled tough situations. Enjoy the moment," he wrote on X.

Nakamu. v Caruana

Below, Hikaru Nakamura wins an eighth-round game against fellow American Fabiano Caruana at the 2024 Candidates Tournament in Toronto.

Nakamura	Caruana		
1. e4	e5	19. Re4	Nd5
2. Nf3	Nc6	20. a3	Re8
3. Bb5	a6	21. Bd2	Nf6
4. Ba4	Nf6	22. Bg5	h6
5. d3	Bc5	23. Bxf6	Qxf6
6. O-O	d6	24. Qd2	Qg5
7. c3	O-O	25. Re3	Nf4
8. Re1	Ne7	26. h4	Qd5
9. Nbd2	Ng6	27. Re4	Ng6
10. Nf1	d5	28. Rae1	Nf8
11. exd5	Nxd5	29. Re5	Qd8
12. Bb3	c6	30. h5	Bd7
13. d4	exd4	31. Rxe8	Bxe8
14. Nxd4	Nf6	32. Nf5	Qf6
15. h3	Bxd4	33. Qb4	b5
16. cxd4	Nd5	34. Ne7+	Kh8
17. Bc2	Be6	35. Nd5	Black resigns
18. Ng3	Ndf4		

Beginner's corner

Hint & explanation » Mates in two.

White to play

Black resigns

After 35. Nd5

Caruana

Nakamura

Beginner solution » [illegible]

HOROSCOPE » JACQUELINE BIGAR

Today's Birthday » You have magnetic, persuasive communication skills. You also have clear ideas of what is fair and just. This year is full of exciting changes. It will likely bring you increased personal freedom. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast. Trust your intuition.

The stars show what kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult.

Aries » March 21-April 19 › ★★★ Be careful with money and shopping today. You might spend money extravagantly or buy strange exotic things and then later wonder why.

Taurus » April 20-May 20 › ★★★★ This is a lovely day for romance, and you're wearing rose-colored glasses. Enjoy warm times with others; however, don't volunteer for anything, and don't give the farm away.

Gemini » May 21-June 21 › ★★★★ Today you might want to be generous to those in need. This is a noble thing. However, wait until Tuesday next week before you make your final decision, because today is full of fuzzy and wishful thinking.

Cancer » June 22-July 22 › ★★★★ People want to discuss all kinds of things today. They want to explore the unknown. They want to understand hidden mysteries.

Leo » July 23-Aug. 22 › ★★★ It's easy to idealize someone today. Keep this in mind if you're ready to support someone unquestionably.

Virgo » Aug. 23-Sept. 22 › ★★★★ Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, you'll enjoy museums, galleries and an opportunity to see the creations of people who work in arts and crafts.

Libra » Sept. 23-Oct. 22 › ★★★★ Many people feel idealistic today. However, if you're thinking of being magnanimous — be realistic. You might want to postpone this impulse until next Tuesday to make sure you know what you're doing.

Scorpio » Oct. 23-Nov. 21 › ★★★★ You might be impressed with close friends and partners today. Very possibly, they're impressed with you as well. Nevertheless, agree to nothing important because wishful thinking might blind your true vision.

Sagittarius » Nov. 22-Dec. 21 › ★★★★★ At work, your visionary powers might create something wonderful. Or you might see excellent solutions. Work-related relationships are also very supportive today, and possibly romantic.

Capricorn » Dec. 22-Jan. 19 › ★★★★★ Accept invitations to socialize with others. Enjoy the arts, galleries, museums, sports events and fun activities with friends, especially children. Romance will boggle your mind. You feel like you have the world by the tail.

Aquarius » Jan. 20-Feb. 18 › ★★★★ Because your idealism is aroused, you will want to help family members today. This same energy will encourage warm and happy gatherings at home. However, if you're making a financial commitment, wait until next Tuesday to be sure.

Pisces » Feb. 19-March 20 › ★★★★★ You might spend time today daydreaming or being lost in a fantasy world. This can be a very creative day for you. However, be leery of discussions, especially promises from others, because fuzzy, idealistic thinking is rampant.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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SLYOGS

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1.

2.

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

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ANSWERS

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