LOS ANGELES TIMES CROSSWORD

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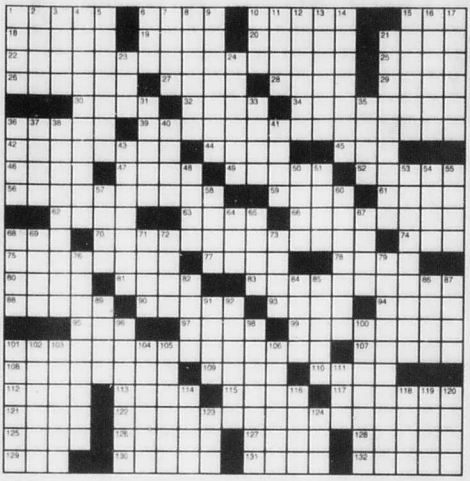
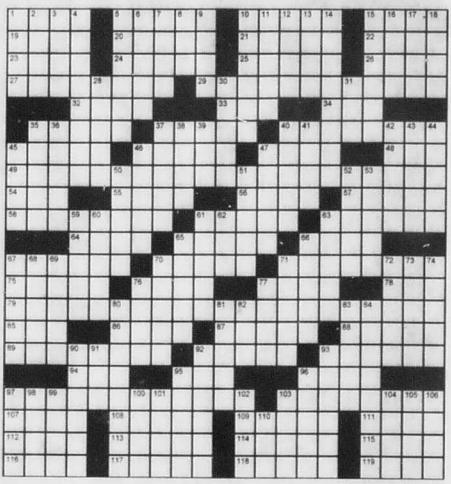


ACROSS
1. FLOTUS after Hillary
6. Result of a lost front tooth, perhaps
10. Winter accessory
15. Does doing deliveries
18. Fairy tale bullies
19. Kuwaiti ruler
20. Gershwin's Fields
22. Home business?
25. Sword side
26. Ritzy
27. Pi top, perhaps
28. Change one's story?
29. Handle
30. Sift through
32. Small stream
34. "They set us up!"
36. Italian "That'll do!"
39. Risky business?
42. Fair to moderately
44. Tenet's rival
45. Division Org. based in Arlington, Texas
46. Efficient
47. Diamond switches
49. Pita sandwiches
52. Bought and disorderly
56. Pressing business
59. Checker's concern
61. Loafer, e.g.
62. Souvenir shop staples
63. Pop, to baby
66. Real struggle
68. Buckeyes' sch.
70. Core business?
74. Venn diagram grouping
75. "Rio"s storm family with a pet dragon named Spot
77. Entirety
78. Formerly, once
80. Amount countable on one finger
81. Partially melted
83. Funny business?
88. Six Flags attractions
90. Afternoon class hour
93. "2/3 Across"s Bonneville Flats
94. Homeowner's household, for short
95. ICQ readout
97. Response to something 96 Down
99. Gymnastics team gear
101. Family business?
107. Scanner brand
108. More than enough
109. Wind with keys
110. Unnamed others
112. Slimming procedure, for short
113. Gothic governess
115. Guesses from late guests, briefly
117. Lack of pep
121. "Hooked on Classics" record label
122. Nobody's business?
125. Make waterproof
126. Doomed, so to speak
127. Bryce Canyon National Park locale
128. Run the
129. Couture monogram
130. Weasel relative
131. Okay
132. Kimberly of "Diary of a Mad Black Woman"

DOWN
1. Parliament member
2. "The African Queen" screenwriter James
3. Intercontinental mountain range
4. Second thoughts
5. Like one of the ace community
6. Service that's neither good nor bad?
7. Apple that comes in many colors
8. Lutelike instruments
9. Pump option
10. Lotion letters
11. Central Perk, e.g.
12. Biting
13. Compete in a poetry slam
14. Tool that resembles a "P"
15. "Fiddlesticks!"
16. Burger with a jingle listing its ingredients
17. Grumpy colleague
21. Whitsunday, by another name
23. Seasoning for French fries?
24. North Sea work site
31. First part of many forms
33. Like many dollies
35. Vegan panna cotta ingredient
36. Lacking locks
37. Laptop using ChromeOS, maybe
38. "More to come"
40. Apt reply to "Does dire times dire equal arch?"
41. Brand with a Kids Tactical Vest Kit
43. Tiny outfits
48. What a journalist might bury, in jargon
50. Home of surfing's Triple Crown
51. Slew
53. Teakettles and referees, e.g.
54. Cake stand topper
55. Chuck, casually
57. What just isn't right?
58. Hoarse voice
60. Had a go at
64. ISP option
65. "Gimme
67. Nemo's forgetful friend
68. Squad mate of Tiatt and Pressley
69. Blame, mystic
71. Easy gait
72. "H.R. wouldn't like this" warning
73. New Mexico art community
76. Glazed treat
79. Some recycling material
82. Rishi Sunak, for one
84. Algeria neighbor
85. To-be
86. Chi-Z action
87. Capri's deputy
89. Whole alternative
91. Slightly, on scores
92. Argentine grape
96. Sticks on
98. Laugh-out-loud funny
100. The first "T" in TMNT
101. Down-home
102. Offers with clickable RSVP's
103. Overturn
104. Pain relief brand with an oxymoronic name
105. Word with empty or veiled
106. Close by
111. Snarky syllable
114. Instead
116. Daycation destinations
118. "Rent" role
119. Promising notes
120. Pay to play
123. Abbr. on a copier tray
124. "Think so, eh?"

THEME CROSSWORD

According to plan



ACROSS
1. First 4 of 26
5. Collect
10. Alone on stage
15. Conceal
19. Withered
20. Countrified
21. Potato chip, London style
22. Ancient Greek control
23. Group of workers
24. Disgraceful thing
25. Trencherman
26. Your majesty
27. Start of a quip by Dave Barry
29. Part 2 of quip: 4 wds.
32. Fastener
33. Witness
34. Snooker stick
35. Do very well
37. Starr and Simpson
40. Deviant
45. Sudor
46. Tree with catkins
47. Rights org.
48. Rock's Speedwagon
49. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.
54. Pop fly's path
55. Genus of ducks
55. Not yet settled
57. Love
58. Juvenile
61. The _ & the Papas
63. Father of Zeus
64. Minerals
65. Dead duck
66. Sir _ Pierce Coward
67. Scheduled
70. Unusual thing
71. Leaves in the lurch
75. Lightly colored
76. Cheese variety
77. "M*A*S*H" actor Alan _
78. "The Confessions of _ Turner"
79. Part 4 of quip: 6 wds.
85. Poetic preposition
86. Seep
87. Medicinal plants
88. Interlaced
89. Coerce
92. Aquatic birds
93. Most rational
94. _ jacet
95. Favorite
96. Irrational number
97. Part 5 of quip: 3 wds.
103. End of the quip: 2 wds.
107. Olive genus
108. Earlier arrest
109. Lukewarm
111. Regrets
112. Dryer filter buildup
113. Improve
114. Standing wide open
115. Status quo
116. Wood strip
117. Scandinavians
118. Actress Sophia _
119. Brit. Money

DOWN
1. Wine city
2. Complaint
3. Rocky outcrop
4. Resembling a devil
5. "All in the Family" dad
6. Outdoor art
7. Saharan
8. "Play it Again, _"
9. Did in
10. Venues
11. Deliver a speech
12. Less fat, less sugar
13. Secondhand
14. Smarten: 2 wds.
15. Skilled chess enthusiast
16. Exchange cost
17. Service tree
18. Genu
28. Great Florentine poet
30. "Jetsons" pet
31. California's Big _
35. Promised
36. In the future
37. Blurred with tears
38. Appends
39. Game official
40. Patient's complaint
41. Hemorrhaged
42. Noble gas
43. India's first PM
44. Big bags
45. "Begone!"
46. Queen _ lace
47. Fighting: 2 wds.
50. Stormed
51. Star-crossed lover
52. _ and penates
53. Fallacies, in philosophy
59. Cut in a belt
60. Sharp ridge among mountains
61. Social norms
62. Cuckoo
63. Pinkish shade
65. Baedeker
66. Complication
67. Bend
68. Long-term jailbird
69. Cave
70. Nine days' wonder
71. Ice masses
72. Scoundrel
73. Housetop part
74. Artery insert
76. Loutish fellow
77. Like a missing GI
80. Mouse alternative for laptops
81. Favorite place
82. Annex
83. Overshadow
84. Guatemala neighbor
90. Scabbard
91. Command for a pooch
92. Hard rind fruits
93. Meteoric
95. Quick bread
96. Game bird of marshy areas
97. Mobster's girl
98. Inter
99. Dimple
100. Humorist Bombeck
101. Comportment
102. Abbr. In citations
103. Three-banded armadillo
104. Smallest puppy
105. Solar plexus
106. River in France
110. Kind of ideal

CHECKMATE » LAWRENCE STRIEGEL

In 1999, Xie Jun of China wrenched the women's world chess championship away from the Soviet Union by beating Maya Chiburdanidze, who held the title for 13 years. It was the first win by a non-Soviet woman in 64 years of title play.

"Considering the relatively small amount of chess activity in China, her achievement is amazing," grandmaster and New York Times columnist Robert Byrne wrote at the time.

Since then, Xie and five other Chinese grandmasters have owned the women's title, with interruptions by players from four other nations. Among those Chinese women are the great Hou Yifan, still ranked No. 1, and No. 2-ranked Ju Wenjun, the champion since 2018.

Tan Zhongyi ensured that the crown will remain in Chinese hands by winning the eight-player women's Candidates Tournament in April in Toronto. Tan won the right to challenge Ju next year. It will be a rematch of the May 2018 championship, when Ju took the world title from Tan.

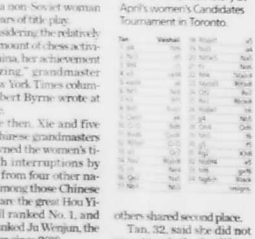
Tan dominated April's event with five wins, eight draws and one loss. Three others shared second place.

Tan, 32, said she did not expect to win the Candidates because nowadays, her time is devoted to running a chess club and coaching. Her title-match preparation will not be all-consuming, she said.

"The last time I played against Ju Wenjun in 2018, after that match my health became a little bit problematic," Tan said through an interpreter. "So I want to do it within my capacity because I have plans for my life."

Tan v Vaishali

Below, Tan Zhongyi of China corners the black king of Rameshbabu Vaishali of India in a second-round victory at April's women's Candidates Tournament in Toronto.



Tan	Vaishali	19. Nxg6†	1-0
1. e4	e5	20. Kxg6	Nc6
2. Nf3	Nc6	21. Kh5	Nxe5
3. Bb5	a6	22. Nxe5	Rxe5†
4. Ba4	Nf6	23. Kg4	Re8
5. O-O	Be7	24. Rae1	Rxe1
6. Re1	b5	25. Rxe1	Kf8
7. Bb3	d6	26. Re7	Qd8
8. c3	O-O	27. Qe2	Qb6
9. h3	Na5	28. Qe5	Qb4†
10. Bc2	c5	29. Kh5	Qf4†
11. d4	Qc7	30. Kh6	Qf6†
12. Nbd2	cxd4	31. Kh5	Qf4†
13. cxd4	Nb4	32. Kh6	Qf6†
14. Bb1	Nd7	33. Kh5	Qf4†
15. Nc4	Nxc2	34. Kh6	Qf6†
16. Qxc2	Bb7	35. Kh5	Qf4†
17. Bg5	Re8	36. Kh6	Qf6†
18. Nfe5	Bf8	37. Kh5	Qf4†
19. Nxg6†	hxg6	38. Kh6	Qf6†
20. Kxg6	Nc6	39. Kh5	Qf4†
21. Kh5	Nxe5	40. Kh6	Qf6†
22. Nxe5	Rxe5†	41. Kh5	Qf4†
23. Kg4	Re8	42. Kh6	Qf6†
24. Rae1	Rxe1	43. Kh5	Qf4†
25. Rxe1	Kf8	44. Kh6	Qf6†
26. Re7	Qd8	45. Kh5	Qf4†
27. Qe2	Qb6	46. Kh6	Qf6†
28. Qe5	Qb4†	47. Kh5	Qf4†
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Beginner's corner

Hint & explanation »
Exploit the last rank.

White to play

Black resigns

After 34. Ng6ch
Vaishali

Tan

HOROSCOPE » JACQUELINE BIGAR

Today's Birthday » You are strong-willed and popular. You also have an independent streak, which makes you unique. You march to your own drum. This is a fun-loving, playful year for you! Give yourself permission to enjoy yourself. Let your hair down. (But do keep your goals in mind.)

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 › ★★★★ This is an excellent day for discussions with parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police. Others will respect you and listen.

Taurus » April 20-May 20 › ★★★★ This is a great day to make travel plans because you have the patience to deal with details. This is also a great day to study and learn something new; you have excellent concentration.

Gemini » May 21-June 21 › ★★★★ Today is the perfect day to tackle red-tape details related to taxes, debt, insurance issues and inheritances because you have excellent powers of concentration.

Cancer » June 22-July 22 › ★★★ Discussions with partners and close friends will be useful today. Naturally, two heads are better than one. Sit down with someone to discuss how to travel, work ard deal with issues to get things done.

Leo » July 23-Aug. 22 › ★★★ You will be productive today. You have the motivation and endurance to follow through. Be the wise carpenter: "Measure twice; cut once."

Virgo » Aug. 23-Sept. 22 › ★★★★ Your creative efforts will bear fruit today if you're an artist or working on a creative project, because you will persist to get the job done. Meanwhile, romance with someone older might begin.

Libra » Sept. 23-Oct. 22 › ★★★★ This is an excellent day to sit down and have an important discussion with a parent or an older family member to discuss practical matters that affect home and family.

Scorpio » Oct. 23-Nov. 21 › ★★★★ This is the perfect day to learn something, because your powers of concentration will help you. Furthermore, you're patient and willing.

Sagittarius » Nov. 22-Dec. 21 › ★★★ If shopping today, you won't by frivolous items. Instead, you will buy items that are long-lasting and practical, because you feel prudent economically and do not want to waste your hard-earned money.

Capricorn » Dec. 22-Jan. 19 › ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with your ruler Saturn. Because of this, you might prefer to be alone with your thoughts. In everything you do today, you will be thrifty and careful.

Aquarius » Jan. 20-Feb. 18 › ★★★★ This is a wonderful day for research. You have the necessary powers of concentration; furthermore, you have the persistence to keep working.

Pisces » Feb. 19-March 20 › ★★★ Someone older might have excellent advice for you today. It doesn't hurt to listen. After all, you don't have to reinvent the wheel. Welcome practical advice and suggestions.

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.

RANLEY

CONLKU

VOJILA

TULIDE

CITNEE

DHLEUD

(Add the two JURY JUMBLE words together to form the answer.)

THE TEENAGE MOVIE STAR COULD BE DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH WHEN SHE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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WUZZLES®

Each Wuzzle is a word riddle which creates a disguised word, phrase, name, place, saying, etc. For example, NOON GOOD = GOOD AFTERNOON

1. Gene Gene

2. NWOD

Print Your Answers Here:

1. _____

2. _____

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ANSWERS

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