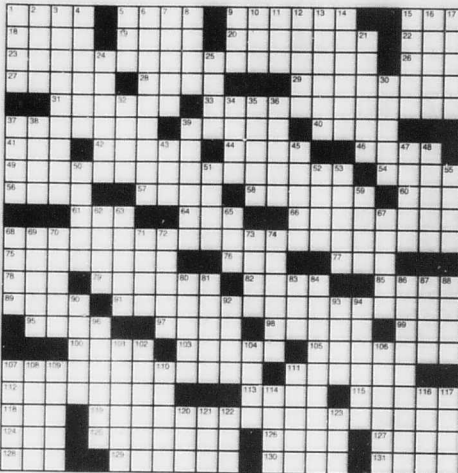


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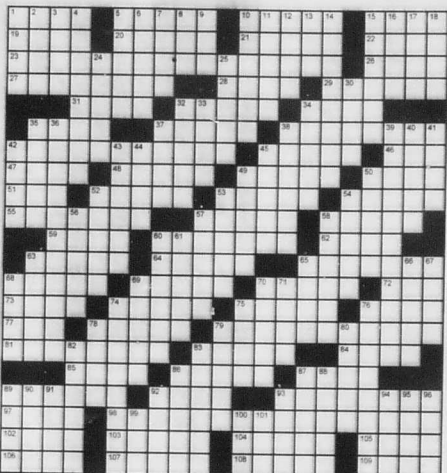
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CHECKMATE - LAWRENCE STRIEGEL

A one-of-a-kind tablecloth helps tell the colorful story of chess in "Clash for the Crown: Celebrating Chess Champions," a new exhibit at the World Chess Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

The circular white tablecloth was signed at the center by players at the 1935 Moscow Chess Tournament, a historic event that signaled the rise of the Soviet chess machine and included past world champions Emanuel Lasker and Jose Capablanca, future champion Mikhail Botvinnik, and reigning women's champion Vera Menchik.

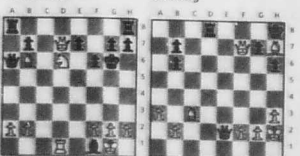
At the 20-player event, the Soviet player Botvinnik, just 23, shared first with Czech master Salo Flohr. Lasker, a German who lived in Moscow, was still sharp at age 66, placed third.

Lasker's wife, Martha, embroidered over the signatures and surrounded them with intricate yellow and black flowers.

"Martha and Emanuel Lasker were then living in the Soviet Union, where Emanuel worked at the Moscow Institute of Mathematics and as a trainer for the Soviet chess team."

Beginner's corner

Hint & explanation: Look for two ways.



White mates in two

Botvinnik v Staliber.

Below, Mikhail Botvinnik of the Soviet Union beats Gideon Stahlberg of Sweden at the 1935 Moscow Tournament.



Hall of Fame curator Emily Allred wrote in an email, "When the pair immigrated to the United States, they brought this tablecloth."

Along with medals and trophies are a colorful scarf and black dress worn by Susan Polgar at the closing of the 1996 women's championship in Spain, which she won; an amber chess set received by Mikhail Tal for his 1960 world title; and now owned by Magnus Carlsen; and a replica of Ding Liren's 2023 championship trophy.

Black resigns After 35. Qx7 Stahlberg



Botvinnik

HOROSCOPE - JACQUELINE BIGAR

Today's Birthday You're talkative, opinionated and highly energetic. You're generous and care about others. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of whatever is holding you back, including people and places. It's time to rethink your future.

The stars show what kind of day you'll have: 5-Average, 4-Fairly, 3-Average, 2-Slow, 1-Difficult.

Aries • March 21-April 19 • ★★ This is a strong day for you, because the Moon is in your sign making you more emotional, especially reacting to others. However, when the Moon is in your sign, your luck improves. Why not ask the universe for a favor?

Taurus • April 20-May 20 • ★★ This has been a powerful time with so many planets in your sign. That is why today, you might want to take it easy and grab some privacy and peace and quiet for yourself.

Gemini • May 21-June 21 • ★★ Emotional contact with your friends is important today. You feel more protective and supportive of someone. This might happen with an individual friend, or you might feel this with respect to a charitable group working for the benefit of others.

Cancer • June 22-July 22 • ★★ Today you might find it difficult to hide certain facts about yourself. Nevertheless, you will display more emotional sensitivity and empathy toward others.

Leo • July 23-Aug. 22 • ★★ Today you want to break free from your routine. A chance to travel would be excellent. But you might study and take a mental journey as well.

Virgo • Aug. 23-Sept. 22 • ★★ Today you might desire something that belongs to someone else. You might feel possessive about property or something that holds memories from the past.

Libra • Sept. 23-Oct. 22 • ★★ Today you might feel this with respect to a charitable group working for the benefit of others.

Scorpio • Oct. 23-Nov. 21 • ★★ Today you will feel gratified if you have an opportunity to perform a service for someone, especially a family member. You might help someone. Some will focus on issues related to home, crafts and hobbies.

Sagittarius • Nov. 22-Dec. 21 • ★★ This is a playful, fun-loving day! Romance is favored, along with sports events and fun activities with children. Relax and do your own thing. Grab any opportunity to express your creative urges.

Capricorn • Dec. 22-Jan. 19 • ★★ Today is an excellent day to retire to your own private place to escape the needs and demands of the outside world and have a pleasant, relaxing time by yourself.

Aquarius • Jan. 20-Feb. 18 • ★★ Today you feel the need to talk to someone else at a gut level of communication about something. It's important. This is why you won't be satisfied with superficial conversation that many people will show you.

Pisces • Feb. 19-March 19 • ★★ Today you might emotionally identify with your possessions. Or you might have to defend yourself in areas where you really have nothing at stake. Your focus on money, security and cash flow is strong.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Krosnick

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



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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW



WIZZLES

Each Wizzle is a word puzzle where a clue is given, and you must find the word. For example: "A word for a word puzzle" (Wizzle). The answer is "Wizzle".

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ANSWERS

Looking for the solutions to the crossword puzzles, Wizzles and Jumble? You'll find them on D2.