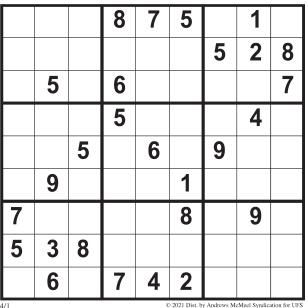
Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and

they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: 食食食☆☆



HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 box-

es must contain the

numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

WONDERWORD

OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD

Solution: 8 letters I'M SO PROUD OF YOU! NOHTARAMENT

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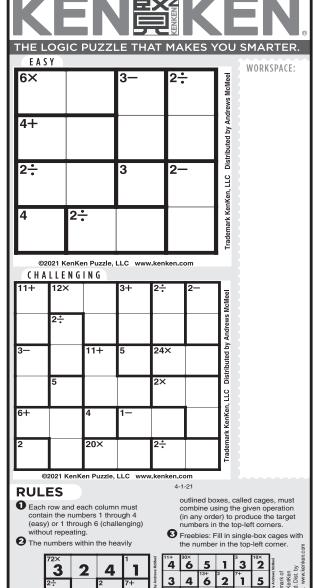
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WORDY GURD 6. Injured rudely terse coquette (1) 7. Wide-ranging Ponzi scheme defect riddled (1) MBLE Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words. UAANF LPIEM DIMMUE TAHLOE

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5. TAKE PAKE FLAKE 6. HURT CURT FLIRT 7. BROAD FRAUD FLAWED THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

should go up after this month's payments March Bills LO.L Cark JUST BY NOT BEING LATE WITH PAYMENTS, YOUR CREDIT SCORE WILL GO UP ---Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as ©2021 Tribune Content Agency, LLC

(Answers tomorrow)

BOTTOM

suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's

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Jumbles: LADLE **HAZARD** NINJA Answer: She'd been making mittens for more than 60 years and was - AN OLD HAND AT IT

plish. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your heart into something that matters to you. Personal and domestic improvements will pay off. Refuse to let an outsider interfere in what you are trying to accom-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share your thoughts, feelings and desires. Building a strong base with people heading in a similar direction will give you the strength, courage and resources to reach your destination. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look

at what you are capable of doing, and you'll find a way to use your skills to advance. Be inventive, and do your own thing. Physical fitness will ease stress. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick

to the truth, and you'll avoid an awkward moment. Put your energy into self-improvement, fitness and a healthy diet, and it will help you avoid overindulgent behavior brought on by temptation.

By Eugenia Last

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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

YOUR HOROSCOPE

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PREVIOUS ANSWERS

Share your enthusiasm this year. Step

outside your comfort zone if it will help you get things done. Explore new places and pastimes. Check out what nature has to offer. Get back to the basics and enjoy life. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Spend

less and accomplish more. Put a budget in

place, do the work yourself and bring about

the changes that will make you feel good about your accomplishments. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Open up, discuss matters that concern you and look for solutions that everyone favors. Getting along will be half the battle and will

also help you dismiss uncertainty GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be aware of what's going on around you and the limitations you face if you let others make decisions for you. Do your own thing, and make your decisions based on how you feel.

By Jim Unger

imaginative; put a unique spin on whatever job you are assigned. If you go the extra mile, success is sure to follow. A partnership looks promising. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Learn from

someone you look up to, and pitch in and

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be

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help. What you do to make a difference will lead to opportunities to get ahead doing something gratifying. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Choose your battles wisely. You'll be much further ahead if you concentrate on bringing about

the changes that will make your life better. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Connecting with people who have similar ambitions will help you reach your goal

quicker. A partnership looks inviting as long

as you keep things equal. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take care of money matters so you are free to do the things you want to do. Personal growth, educational pursuits and getting back to your roots will help dismiss indecisiveness

CLASSIC COMICS

ZIGGY

By Tom Wilson HERMAN



a collect call to the zoo.

By Mort Walker







FRANK & ERNEST

DOES YOUR

ANYTHING INTO

CAT EVER DRAG

YOUR HOME?

By Thaves



NO.

SHE CAN NEVER GET IT THROUGH THE DOORWAY.

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NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

Literary pal of Porthos Architect of the 20

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17 Arizona's National Forest (whose name is Spanish for "stupid") Holden's late

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24 Unreactive Collaborator on 25 1968's "Two Virgins," familiarly 27 Lacks existence

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

PUZZLE BY DYLAN SCHIFF Single-take shots, in film lingo

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five shaded regions

in this puzzle

Map feature

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"I Will Always Love

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in brief

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