WORDY GURDY®
BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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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.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

2 3 2 8 4 7 2 3 1 7 6 5 4 9 6 5 6 7 8 4 9 3 9

DIFFICULTY RATING: 食食食食☆

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

| PREVIOUS SOLUTION | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | |
| 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | | |
| 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 3 | | |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 8 | | |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 5 | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | | |
| 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 9 | | |
| 4 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 9 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | | |

WONDERWORD

By DAVID **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.

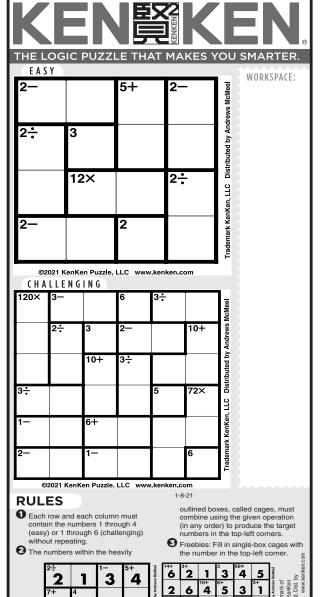
TROGLODYTES Solution: 6 letters

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| Т | Ε | L | U | Μ | Α | S | J | Ε | W | Ε | L | R | Υ | R |

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

Opportunities are heading your way.

Concentrate on professional gains, invest-

ment opportunities and finding new ways

to use your skills. Take physical action to

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep

your life simple. Refuse to let outside influ-

ences interfere with your plans. Look at the

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): When

uncertainty sets in, take a step back. There

your income, reputation or status. Channel

be reluctant to act in haste. Time is on your

side, and making the right decision will save

By Jim Unger

your energy into personal growth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Research, ask questions, check facts and

is no point in taking a risk that can influence

possibilities, and consider what you have

ensure that you get things done.

time to pursue.

time and money.

6. Transforms shapes of Snow White's seven (1) 7. ESPN HQ city's snowflakes (2) Unscramble these Jumbles. one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words.

17 PTENI **GIESNN** I like the views those lots have. WHEN THEY LOOKED AT THE TREGER AVAILABLE LOTS IN THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, THEY WERE ---Now arrange the circled letters ©2021 Tribune Content Agency, LLC to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. All Rights Reserved (Answers tomorrow) **FUMBLE** Jumbles: KIOSK TOPAZ TYCOON Yesterday's Answer: The pool player bet he would win, but after miss-

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Explore new possibilities. Don't shy away from

can contribute to your plans. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change someone makes will take you by surprise. Time is on your side, and in the end, taking a conservative approach will end up being to your advantage.

building a strong union with someone who

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make self-improvement a priority. Set up a workout space or find a spot to make videos doing something that can help you launch a side business.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An opportunity to make an adjustment at home that will encourage peace over discord is encouraged. Handle health and financial matters personally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be anxious to make a move. Consider the pros and cons. If you move too quickly, you will overlook an important detail that can be costly. Let your intuition guide you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An unusual set of circumstances regarding a friend or relative will put you in a position of power. Do what's right; handle matters reasonably. Your outstanding performance will merit rewards. Romance is on the rise. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

ing the shot, he would be - OUT OF POCKET

Consider what will make you happy, and head in that direction. You are the master of your destiny. The decisions you make will determine how well you do. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pick a direction, consider what you do well and

enjoy, and turn it into a profitable venture. Take the initiative; refuse to let obstacles stand in your way. Be inventive and you will discover alternative means to get where you want to go. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use

your connections to help you put your plan in motion. Your ability to articulate what you want to do and offer a sound deal that attracts attention will lead to your success. By Eugenia Last

CLASSIC COMICS

... IF GOD HAD INTENDED

YOU GUYS TOBE IN CHARGE

AROUND HERE...HE'D HAVE

GIVEN YOUTHE ABILITY TO USE

THE CAN OPENER!!

By Tom Wilson HERMAN



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PREVIOUS ANSWERS

"I got 30 days with no parole, Mildred. Don't waste your life. Find someone else."

By Mort Walker





ARLO & JANIS DID I ORDER



willa





By Thaves



By Mastroianni & Hart



NEW YORK TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

Can you believe it?!

One who takes stock

Fear of public

places Sticky stuff

Tending (to) 17 18 Half of a frozen

foods brand 19 Makes a splash

20 Tapes, say Trees symbolizing

death in Celtic culture 23

Crumb Speculative fiction writer Stephenson

Go away 27 Before thou knowest

29 Company that owns Rotten **Tomatoes**

Neighbor of Ciudad Juárez

On a par with

Prepared

6-9 months? 37 They're involved

in the scheme of

things File extensions 1986 sci-fi film

sequel 42 Pair of skivvies?

Writers Patchett and Brashares 45 Tousle

49 Choppered in or out, say Figure that goes

through the roof in December?

QB's stat: Abbr.

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I O N A

E

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1204

Young woman

determining if

you're expecting

World's deepest

Survivor at the

Long-legged

Fifth of fünf

waders

Donald

end of "Hamlet"

Steely Dan singer

1973 Jim Croce

Brand for

river

Director of two Best Picturenominated films of the 2010s

Issa of comedy "Unforgettable ... With Love"

Grammy recipient Author Lineup on a city

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block

Absurdly Dexterous

As yet

Sets off 4

exaggerated

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Tavern in the same

town as Krusty

Burger Leaves home?

It bears 23 repeating

View from a

highland Long-legged

waders 28 Communicates

> nonverbally, in a wav Ending with love or snooze

Griffith Park Sticky stuff Not on time for 43 Communicates

Los Angeles

31 British P.M.'s

residence.

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Young woman

Things to draw or

suburb bordering

PUZZLE BY PATTI VAROL AND DOUG PETERSON

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nonverbally, in a way

One of the racing

Andrettis 46 Like a prize that's still up for

grabs 47 Wooden leg? Venerable advisers

Org. whose website has a Social Security Resource Center 50 School

house? Tarot reader, e.g. Tweet attachment, at times

puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

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R I D A Y T H E B T H INNER ОМІТ T|R|I|C|K AN

A P O L L D O O M 0 P USUAL PS DIAL OCEANSB GRIEF DE U|N|L|U|C|K|Y|B|R|E N A N A |D|S|0| N E M O Т C R E W RIP Ε

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

E P I C

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M E A N

Powerful spirits

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