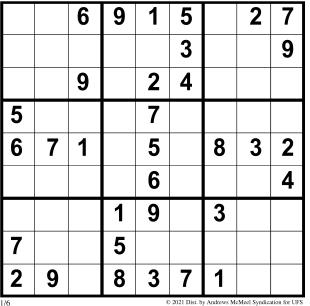
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HOW TO PLAY:

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| PREVIOUS SOLUTION | | | | | | | | | | |
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WONDERWORD

OUELLET

By DAVID

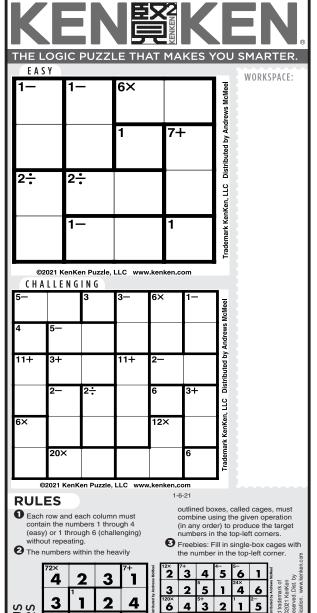
HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD. I NEED A MANICURE Solution: 7 letters

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Treasuries 24 through 42 can be purchased online at www.WonderWordBooks.com.



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PREVIOUS ANSWERS 1 6 YOUR HOROSCOPE

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Organize your time and stay on top of your deadlines. Do your best to get along with others, regardless of your differences. A positive attitude will encourage others to compromise. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't

linger; connect with people who can help

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you achieve your objective. Refuse to let an emotional situation get blown out of proportion. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Expect to face opposition if you voice your opinion. Have your facts straight, and use diplomacy if you want to get things done. Acting in

haste will lead to uncertainty. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Physical activity will be challenging if you compete with someone who doesn't play fair. Consider what you are up against and whether it's in your best interest.

By Jim Unger

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will run high when dealing with family matters. Put your ego aside and look at the facts. You'll come up with a solution that will appease everyone involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your life simple. The less you interact with others, the easier it will be to get things done. Focus on home improvements. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Emotional purchases will cause more stress than comfort. Refuse to let anyone talk you into something that is risky or that might put you in debt. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Charm

will help you defer someone's attempts to put demands on you. Offer solutions in place of bailing someone out. Pay more attention to what you want. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change of heart will cause short-term

uncertainty. Take a step back, and you will discover what you can do to turn around a

situation that is bothering you.

WORDY GURDY®
BY TRICKY RICKY KANE 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 British elevator falling-out (1) definition tells you how many syllables in each word. 3. Crafty cosmetics mogul Ms. Jenner (2) 5. Grading Zoosk socializing (2) 6. Sci-fi author Arthur C.'s proton bits (1) 7. Fisherman's Jeeps or jeans (2)

MBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words. TRYID TOMOT ZENEES WHY CAN A SMALL PEPSI LIRPAL SOUND LIKE A U.S. STATE? BECAUSE IT'S A Now arrange the circled letters

Answer here: (Answers tomorrow) MAGNET FONDUE Jumbles: PILOT POKER

Yesterday's

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Answer: The android was nervous about a positronic brain replacement but would - KEEP AN OPEN MIND

to form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check in with someone you have collaborated with successfully, and you will be offered options that pique your interest. Before you promise to participate, consider how it will affect your personal life. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

letting your emotions take over. It's essential to understand the ramifications if you act in haste. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take pride in what you do. You'll gain support if you think for yourself instead of following

someone's lead. Put your time into making

Take a moment to evaluate situations before

a difference, and you will get ahead. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to the people you know and trust. Someone competitive will try to make you look bad. Stay alert and concentrate on your responsibilities. Shared expenses will lead to uncertainty. Set rules to protect against

loss. Don't pay for someone's mistake. By Eugenia Last

CLASSIC COMICS

WE NOW RETURN TO

THE DEADLIEST CATCH!

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BEETLE BAILEY

SEND US YOUR

ARE YOU GONNA

SAY SOMETHING?

WE'LL FIX IT

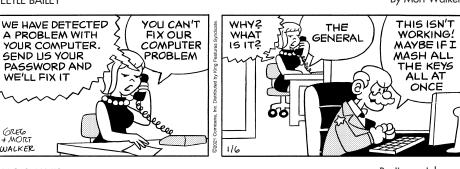
WALKER

By Tom Wilson HERMAN



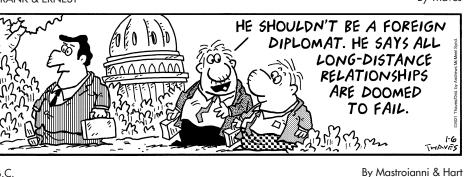
I'll get you a blanket."

By Mort Walker





By Thaves Frank & Ernest



I DON'T EVEN

KNOW WHAT

TO SAY...

By Mastroianni & Hart



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Breaking of mirrors, some think

Warty critter Film genre that includes "Moonlight" and "Call Me

by Your Name" Film auteur Miyazaki

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Caspian Sea 17 Classic 1960 platinum-selling Miles Davis album 20 Green

21 London district whose name sounds like a letter Prevailed

Major credit card, 23 briefly Tennis star Nadal 25 27 Prefix with

afternoon 29 Small stones used for driveways

Hand, in Honduras 32 Fulminated (against) Things to right

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55 "Like ... now!" Sicilian erupter Jekyll's bad side

Type of food whose outsides are suggested by the outsides of 17-, 29-, 43- and 55-Across

Like blue hair, presumably Vegas casino

beside the Bellagio Big name in food

service **ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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"Robinson Crusoe" novelist

Slimming surgery, for short

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Hollywood's Chinese Theater

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show, in brief

with "the"

Competition with

skateboarders U.S. central bank, 56

Dictator Amin milk

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Rapper who forms one half of the duo Black Star

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Green: Prefix 37 Comcast

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39 Calvin Klein's

Eternity, e.g. 40 "Golly!"

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Rip-roaring Gentle breeze 43

44 Picturesque 45 Connected with

47 Drunkard 48 Kind of yoga Variety of herring 51 Flag tossers,

Like Kentucky, 55 Indiana and Illinois Avenues, in Monopoly

informally

57 Overreact to spilt

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