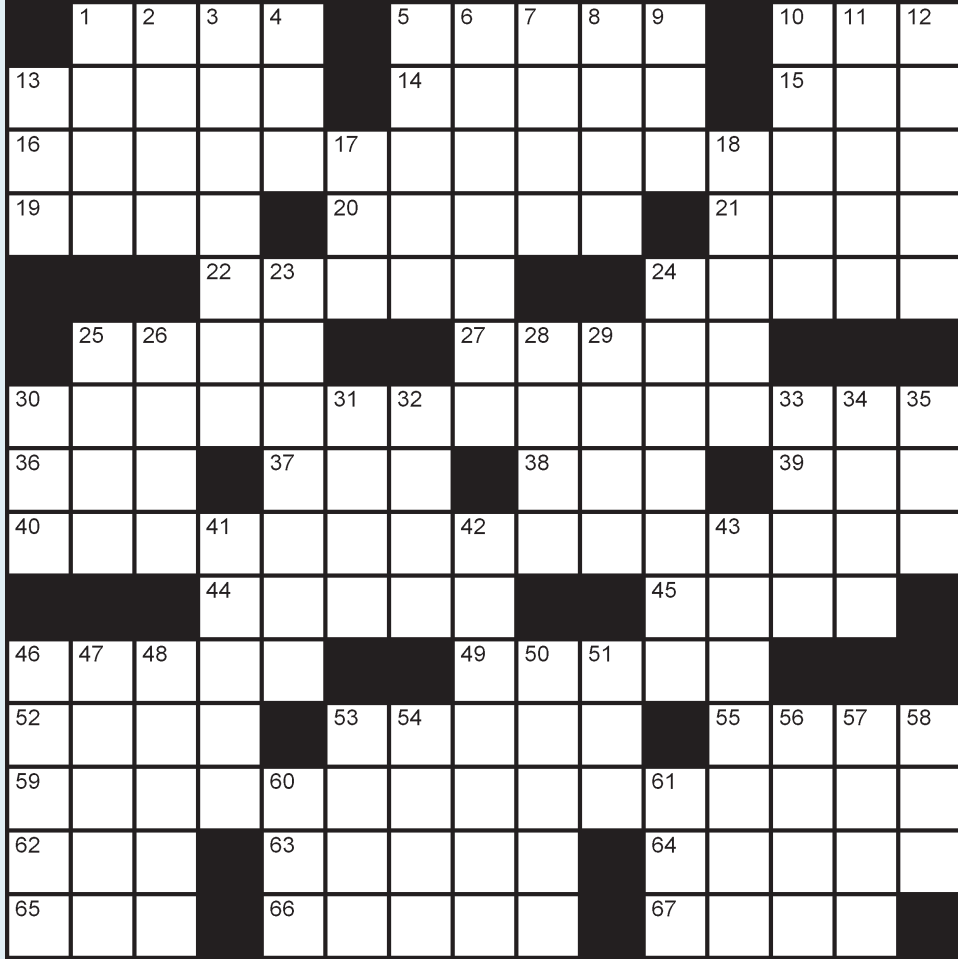


The Enemy Within by David Distenfeld

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Pic you can click, 5 Web service that offers 15 GB of free storage, 10 "The Challenge" channel, 13 Cancel, at Cape Canaveral, 14 Christina of "Casper", 15 Female in a fold, 16 *She played Blair Waldorf on "Gossip Girl" (Theme hint: Notice three letters within each starred clue's answer), 19 Italian peak, 20 Boo-boos, 21 Makes boo-boos, 22 "No Strings Attached" boy band, 24 Bring out, 25 "C'mon, I dare you!", 27 Very best performance, 30 *Landmark with two addresses?, 36 Mother who had no mother, 37 Empire State sch. that Lady Gaga attended, 38 Minor criticism, 39 Pay the price for?, 40 *What acupuncture is an example of, 44 Wipe out, or wipe off, 45 Widespread, 46 Assume the role of, 49 Weighed down, 52 Lane in Metropolis, 53 "Asteroids" game company, 55 Brainstorming result, 59 *Office occurrence, 62 Spotify spots, 63 Practical and loyal sort, astrologically, 64 "Humble" place, 65 Type of sauce at a sushi bar, 66 More sensible, 67 Perfect diving scores, 30 Ang with three Oscars, 31 Vega's constellation, 32 Mothers or sisters, 33 Nile bird, 34 Mother's sister, say, 35 Chemical often used in making bagels, 41 Josh, 42 Hodgepodge, 43 "Am I dreaming?", 46 Pseudonym, 47 Owned apartment, 48 Slightly drunk, 50 Knight's wear, 51 What's spotted in Vegas?, 53 Where most people live, 54 Unable to decide, 56 Singer Celine, 57 They may justify the means, 58 It ain't nothing but a number, per Aaliyah, 60 KOA arrivals, 61 Enjoy enchiladas.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 Lunar Precognition



Thoughts aren't the same as facts. In fact, sometimes thoughts are the opposite, serving to add the noise of speculation that makes the truth harder to get to. As the moon swells to tomorrow's full Pisces status, serenity will involve fewer questions and answers. The resulting mental space makes room for the knowingness of body and soul.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You treat people well, and they usually reciprocate. Even when they don't, as long as you uphold your own standards of character, the interaction is a win for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're happy with the product of your hard work, yet you know better than to get too comfortable. A brief acknowledgement, then you're off seeking further improvement. This is what gives you the competitive edge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Today's superpower: Whatever you focus on, you'll fix. So focus on the fix that affects many -- the one that will ripple out and correct a whole collection of problems.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A new friend opens your eyes to another side of life. You'll see options you missed before. You're especially compatible with earth signs: Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're up to something. You'll talk or write about it, involve others, investigate and quest. There's a sparkling air of excitement around these ambitions of yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're trying to learn something. The ideal teacher is not the one who is the best at this; you can also rule out anyone who comes by the skill naturally. Seek help from the person who learned it the hard way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a knack for meeting the rare, special unicorn of a person who solves the strange problem or embodies traits that don't usually go together in one person. These types are drawn to you for good reason.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). "Look at me" has never been your style, but you stand for justice. This cause calls you to stand (SET ITAL)out(ENND ITAL) for justice as well. Not all attention is supportive, but you'll gain power with each eyeball you attract.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The blind spots that once held you back will now be your point of focus. You'll clearly see the wrong assumption you made. Your new, more accurate understanding makes the old problem avoidable.

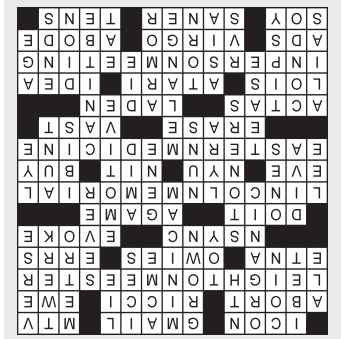
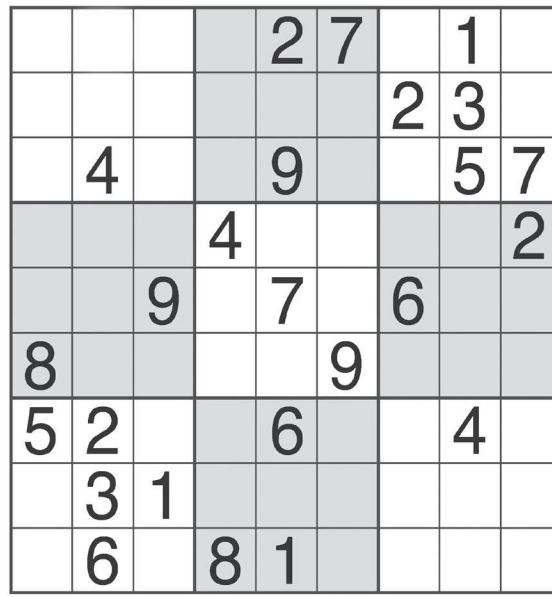
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Learning gives you a palpable buzz of energy you can store to apply when the opportunity opens. Your craving for knowledge will never be sated, so luckily, there is always more to learn. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Before you rally the troops, establish the point in which all should meet. This could be a location, but it can also be a definition of the problem at hand. To solve the problem, first agree on what the problem is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to go too far to explore worlds. Books and the internet will take you there. However, talking to people in your family, or people in your daily life, will bring a more visceral and immediate experience.

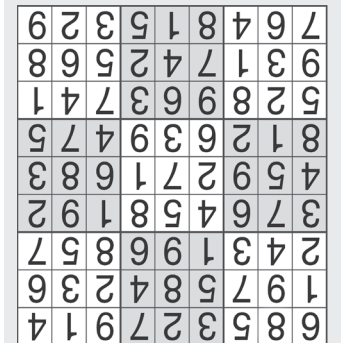
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 19). You'll start a new project with high expectations and higher energy, and experience tremendous beginner's luck. It won't take much to convince friends to join your adventurous antics as this solar return amplifies your charm then concentrates it into the twinkle in your eye. Ask, twinkle and receive. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 22, 1 and 18.

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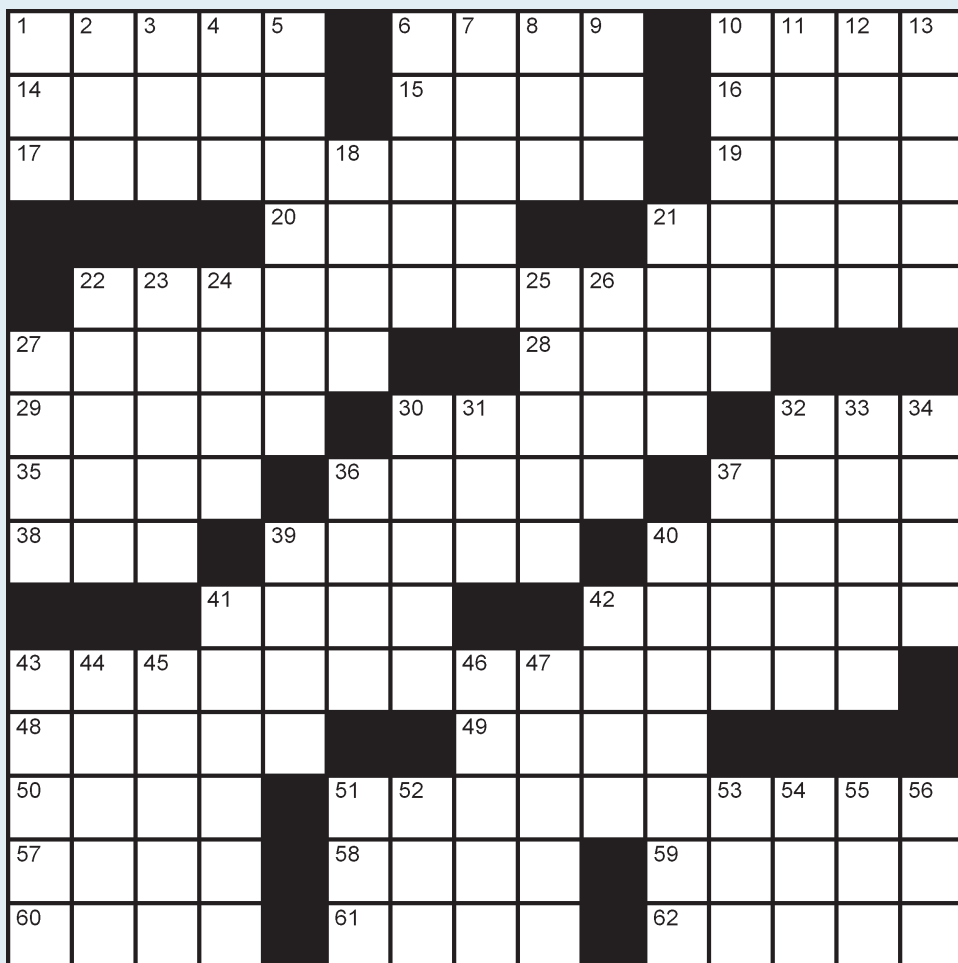


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Arm's Length by Chris Gross

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- ACROSS: 1 Pains' partner, 6 Loafer or Mary Jane, 10 Astrological border, 14 Attack involving encirclement, 15 The talk of the ____, 16 Start of a fairy tale, 17 Linger (In this clue's answer, note the first 3 letters + the last 1), 19 Without delay, to a doctor, 20 Flower necklaces, 21 Like old bread, 22 Person who follows the money? (... first 3 letters + the last 3), 27 What can follow "Dan" or "San", 28 Air freshener target, 29 Precise, 30 It's easy to find in a haystack, 32 Pod "occupant", 35 Parcel (out), 36 Instant Pot's emission, 37 One may be closed during business hours, 38 Positive poem, 39 Sales pitch, 40 Swiftness, 41 Of the same sort, 42 Main arteries, 43 FanStory.com competition (... first 3 letters + the last 2), 48 Leases, 49 Polo shirt company, 50 Kitty contribution, 51 Vulnerably positioned ... or like the words that bookend 17-, 22- and 43-Across, in two ways?, 57 Adolescent, 58 Small songbird, 59 NBC morning show, 60 __ immunity, 61 Other than that, 62 Split to unite?, 27 Note at the office, 30 Injury from a bee, 31 Golfer's peg, 32 Bedbugs and others, 33 Continuously aggravate, 34 They're on tap at a pub, 36 Whirl, 37 "I double __ you!", 39 Schusses, say, 40 Exciting romantic outing, 41 Audit a class, e.g., 42 Soon, in verse, 43 Fury, 44 Zellweger of "Chicago", 45 Prefix for "connected", 46 Credits in a bibliography, 47 Atmosphere protector, 51 Part of IOU, 52 Web address, 53 Texter's guffaw, 54 Last words said while unwed, 55 Item in an atlas, 56 A top seed often gets one.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 Full Imagination Moon



As the Pisces moon kisses Neptune, the oceanic ruler, a swell of feeling lifts the lovers and idealists. Poets are swept into a revelry of verses; music makers weave melodies to move dancers; innovators magnetize muses and members of the team to materialize the dream. Pull from the ether what you will; imagination is free.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just because you focus on something doesn't mean you understand it. Take your focus off of the thing that's baffling you. That's when the insights will come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll check a goal off your list, but your broader aspiration to give something unique to your people is never quite completed. This drive to create beautiful experiences for others will keep you inspired, motivated and vital.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know your preferences, so you also know their fickleness. You came by them randomly, and under other conditions, you could just as easily enjoy something else. An open mind is more easily amused.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your favorite people tend to delight you regardless of the circumstance. Friends and family will cause heart-fortifying inconveniences. You'll enjoy the ways they put you out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What makes you so wonderfully entertaining is the wide range of reactive modes in your arsenal. You're just as adept at being gracious, humble and understated as you are at showing off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've watched from the sidelines long enough; hop into the game. You have everything it takes to make a contribution to the action. They need you more than you realize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take your time making a choice. Choosing wisely is the most time-efficient action. With the right decision, you can hit the ground running. There's nothing to work out, and the maintenance fits your lifestyle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a gift for working through conflict, and the initiative to step up to challenge. You'll apply these valuable assets in an array of ways in the weeks to come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People feel emboldened to stretch and learn around you. The proof of this is in the mistakes they make. In a way, each mistake is evidence of the vitality of your connection. The question is: How many is too many?

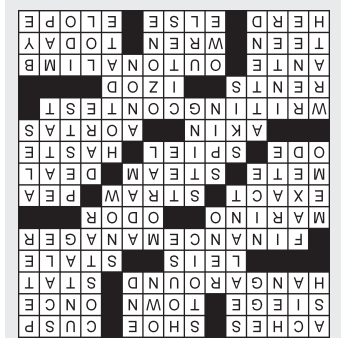
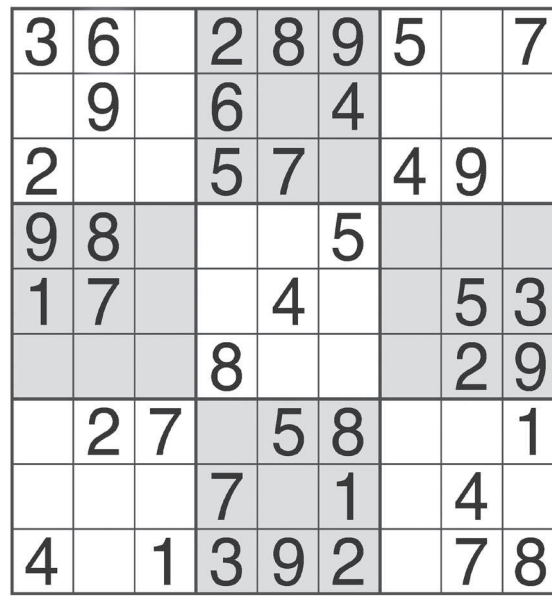
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you think, "There has to be a better way ..." you are in fact getting a nudge of intuition worth investigating. If there wasn't a better way, you wouldn't have had that feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Revamp your spending plan. Or, if you're like many Cancers right now, the plan wasn't "vamped" to begin with. Now is your chance. What you come up with, you'll stick to.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 20). Exciting challenges take your life to new heights. If the call comes off like a burdensome demand, either you misunderstand it or someone is asking way too much of you. Mountains invite you to climb them, not carry them. Fun is your destiny. You get along with everyone and bring together interesting company. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 33, 10, 28 and 5.

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