



# THE PUZZLER

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## Partners

Sixteen of this puzzle's clue answers are to be paired up, in each case with one extra linking letter between them, for entry in the grid as eight new words. The locations of these eight partnerships must be deduced with the help of the remaining entries, which should be entered normally. If there were heavy bars to show where entries begin and end, they would not be symmetrically located. Clues for the Partners are given in mixed order. By entering each pair's linking letter on the blank preceding the clue for its *second* portion and then reading downward, you'll see what holds the partnerships together. Clue answers include three capitalized words and one foreign word. One of the newly formed partnerships is capitalized, and the answer to clue **i** is a variant spelling.

*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 91.*

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## Partners

- a. Travel time made by my partners and me (4)
- b. Regard heartless nuclear group (4)
- c. "Come down," guide said (4)
- d. Call shady group of associates (4)
- e. Salt nudges handholds on a ship's steering wheel (6)
- f. Maintaining velocity, stop fall (4)
- g. Studiously read opening (4)
- h. Play the odds, taking second in defeat (4)
- i. Puts in order for beers, keeping trendy (6)
- j. Something readable in fiction a captain put back (4)
- k. Trash includes large design (4)
- l. Victory by general's military division (4)
- m. Number is in reach for fellow (4)
- n. Votes against fools (4)
- o. Style anything but retro (3)
- p. Carol's crime: coming at the end (4)

## Across

- 8.** About eight percent of us left before Dawn (4)
- 9.** Choose a bass for auditioning instrument (7)
- 10.** Point out succeeding bagel choice (6)
- 11.** Auto manufacturer had no convertible (5)
- 12.** Bishop and American playwright are excessive consumers? (5)
- 14.** Preserve in salsa verde (4)
- 15.** Make a mess of southern comedian's speech (7)
- 17.** Insect continued passing (4)
- 20.** Natural disaster of old reviewed (5)
- 22.** Measure the amount of gold in spur from the east (5)
- 23.** Word of praise for medley of Sha Na Na, mostly about love (7)
- 24.** Gets the Stones out of theater areas (4)

## Down

- 1.** Head of family cut turkey (4)
- 2.** Copy plastic ear clip (7)
- 3.** Scientific study of whale adopted by child (6)
- 4.** Tiny pet snarled in old picture (7)
- 5.** Spanish number among hypochondriacs (4)
- 6.** *Self* running article about one old Greek colony (5)
- 7.** Attack someone taking the blame for others (2,2)
- 12.** Network withdrawing "Desire and Charm" (7)
- 13.** Bunch of criminals brought back trouble for nerve centers (7)
- 16.** Monkey rushes about (6)
- 18.** Drinks loudly, dispensing with pint, and speaks drunkenly (5)
- 19.** Sport gastrointestinal parasites (5)
- 21.** Blasted lawyer and nurse (4)

**Note:** The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.