

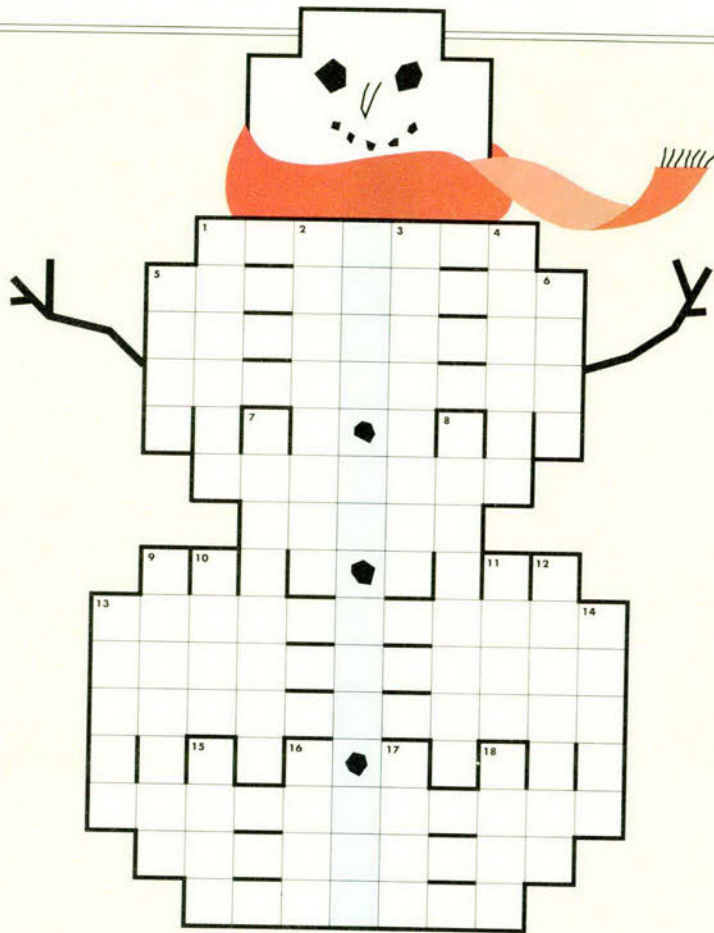


# THE PUZZLER

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## Snow Job

The twelve Across rows with no heavy vertical bars are fully occupied, one letter per square, by one or two entries apiece. Across clues are given in rows (labeled a–l for convenience), but the rows are listed out of order. When a row contains two entries, the leftmost entry's clue is given first. In keeping with the slippery theme, each row has one letter that slides out of place and into the shaded central column. The letters ending up in that column will form an appropriately frosty phrase. Downs are normal. Clue answers include nine proper nouns.



See page 144 for Puzzler contest details.  
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### Across

- a. Learn by shifting "Snow Job" words?
- b. Run behind small hill  
Filmmaker captures island bear
- c. People outside criticize treatment
- d. Celebrity from casino town won,  
discarding heart  
Herb bails out
- e. In sum, eaten by troll?
- f. Agree convertible is burning  
Wish to do some gardening around  
the second of April
- g. Make a movie of six-toed,  
unusually hairy primate
- h. Walk drunkenly, with hangover?  
Fight about official document for  
servant

- i. Mention athletic shoe permit being  
rejected—that's oddly moving
- j. City found in America, ironically  
Feigning virtue after piano vanishes,  
promises to compensate
- k. Fast month includes occupying  
motor lodge (*two words*)
- l. I left a Spielberg movie, taking  
drive-in's rear entrance

### Down

- 1. Gifted jockeys move restlessly (6)
- 2. Circle globe with Glen covering  
ding-dong? (8)
- 3. Charles's wife and Eric seemed  
confused (8)
- 4. Stock with great flexibility (6)
- 5. Farewell dinner announced (4)
- 6. Hillbilly saw sow (4)
- 7. Taking seat, whittle a Native  
American (8)
- 8. Elective, *Broadcast I*, not written in  
stone (8)
- 9. Lean left, absorbed by poster? (7)
- 10. Traveler's game (4)
- 11. Some poetry has too much about  
love, ultimately (4)
- 12. A container on each side of one en-  
clave in Rome (7)
- 13. Tube with imperfections sent back  
(5)
- 14. Skier doing poorly in Kentucky (5)
- 15. Crowd in front of bishop's post (4)
- 16. Guided a Spartan queen (4)
- 17. Safari jackets a long way off (4)
- 18. Excellent punishment (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, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.