



THE PUZZLER

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Asteroids

You are the navigator of the starship *Atlantic*, approaching a treacherous region of space known to be full of irregularly scattered asteroids. To chart the region with your Asteroid Detector, you have sent out Across probes (1-12) and Down probes (a-l), which you must display on your screen (the diagram at right). Each probe consists of one or two words clued in order. Wherever an Across probe fails to intersect with a Down probe, there must be an asteroid. This should be represented on your screen as a black square. A probe may be interrupted by any number of asteroids and in any place. Happy mapping! Clues are normal (if spacy), and their answers include eight capitalized words.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 123. The winner of the April Puzzler contest will be announced in the June issue.

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Across

1. Asteroid in wandering isn't absolutely straight?
2. Mariner One, distant in space, apprehended by observer
3. Extraterrestrial broadcasting school
Back half of moon framed by keen associate
4. Chance for new haircut in Aries
Part of an airship Sagan left unfinished
5. *Enterprise's* new mix?
6. Except for second rock asteroid belt wiped out
7. UFO's pilot controlled our group's planet
Outfits for forces felt by accelerating astronauts
8. At first, Spock, Uhura, "Bones" mingled in the bow

9. Midmost of asteroids skirted by wise officer?
Sun Mother—a sacred figure to Hindus
10. Make up a story: "Captured by an Outer-Space Creature"
O. S. Card's *Missing Ender* getting prize
11. Atom League's travel stop
12. Construction piece for front of space laboratory
Storm in Bajoran territory

Down

- a. Important binary star of Canis Major, reportedly
Ship carrying American missiles
- b. Port for ships wrecked in U-blast
- c. Gas nebula's origin, before a billion years
Path of red in comet's wake
- d. 186,000 mi/sec, Aldebaran scattered lights?
- e. Minor feature of Saturn covered by element #26
- f. Uniform for unit's leader amid swarming comets
Head of NASA, or bureau's chiefs
- g. LEM, per order, carries VIP
- h. Speedsters run into first of rocket pilots
Broadcast area includes Dog Star?
- i. Irregular crater I shot
- j. Oxygen in star transforming with heat
Sign a fantastic ship's captain returned
- k. Outer space angle distorted land in Africa
- l. *Endeavor* re-entry's final sequence
Launch again, holding departure for flier

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.