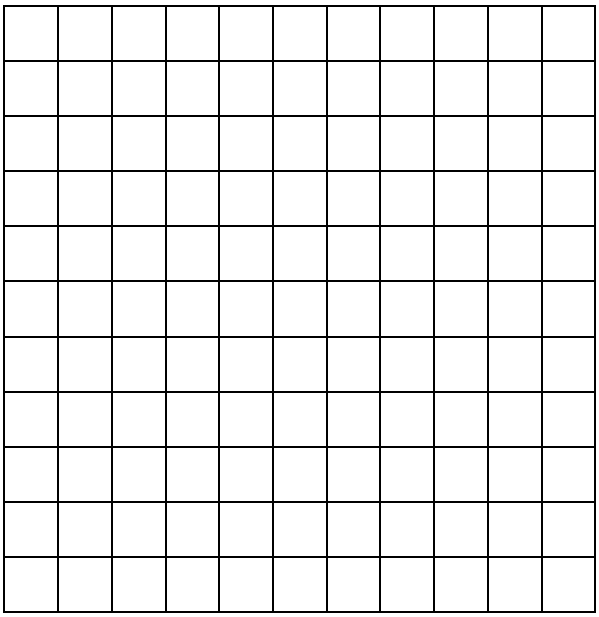
Puzzle #11 — April 2002 "April"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters and include four proper names, a foreign word, and an acronym), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next line, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Eight across words and eight down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those sixteen letters, taken in order, spell a three-word phrase related to the title of this puzzle. The three unclued *mystery words* are similarly related.



Across

1. *Mystery word*
2. Bird free at range
3. Loud Jack's cry about ship
4. Put down 100--hurry!
5. Moved carefully with top of road obliterated
6. Rivulet refreshed master
7. Help an opera
8. Drink from remote aquifer
9. Precise penalty
10. Die young; start early
11. Return floor piece for head piece
12. Fabled Phrygian is mad, bonkers
13. *Mystery word*
14. Return eager about good music
15. Sound system of bass on a record
16. Same reference turned heart of comedian
17. Talk of proton speed
18. Open issues include organ
19. Witch or goddess confined by limits of stress
20. Bake a tart; use for fill
21. Well-being of life starting in shrub
22. Pattern to melt
23. *Mystery word*

Down

1. Lizard soldier turns up with collection
2. Jewels get no mess straightened out
3. Same strange tableland
4. Left-hand opening
5. Back after time with certain money manager
6. Appraise; reprove
7. Bacillus-bearing cheese is illegal inducement
8. Pouch of wine in your ear
9. Earth held back by lunar retrogression
10. Grain turns up around poll fans
11. Rocketing agency is in on a sale
12. Doctrine of shelter having ecumenical origin
13. Hear flying? But this bird doesn't fly
14. Head of state ran into a North American composer
15. Fruit with large and small gems
16. Reserved object error
17. Chemist to tell about unfinished, ill-fated love
18. A familiar uncle's eastern equivalent
19. Natural impulse in keeping children initially within limit
20. Diabolical destruction of fine plate
21. Vehicle getting started in travel container
22. False start ends in disgrace

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