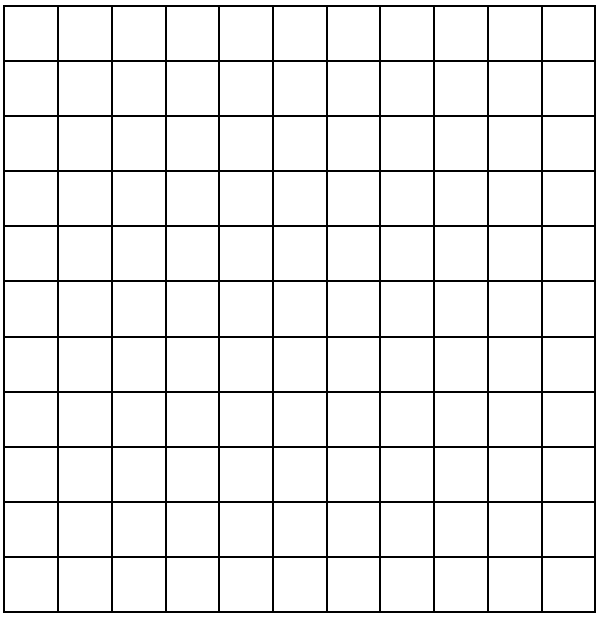
Puzzle "Lighten Up"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, four are capitalized, one is an alternate spelling, and another is an initialism) 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 row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those thirteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a two-word phrase related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald '93 for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Offered no wisdom about concealing curiosity
2. Put a tape around breast
3. Closest eastern routing
4. Brew with a head of cream; Guinness, for instance
5. Impression of female group
6. Girth of central fireplace
7. Ingenious child lifter
8. Concern about Democratic framework
9. Conscientious objector in prison dissected an arachnid
10. Grounds and miles covered by flying scaup
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Seaport songs and sea airs started
13. Deal with rash originating in nipple
14. Viper shot at foot of giant shrub
15. Retrospective look for French name for 60s rock band
16. Control of turbulent stream
17. Harvest of Empire apples
18. Challenge missile losing time to acquire energy
19. Sector surrounding new sports center
20. After end of trials, purse is even
21. *The Birds* in travesty
22. Young woman in game getting trounced

Down

1. Small, flat disk of iron found in battle
2. Official start of nationals, in general, is 1st of February
3. Sound of raspy-voiced mammal
4. Ill paid to carry old feet
5. Raja's wife managed with ease, so to speak
6. Increase in power is exciting
7. Save cracked urn
8. Partly covers the distance in Russia
9. Pet company's ready to begin
10. Head off state tax initiation
11. Clean out a cistern or receptacle
12. DNA's altered to include thymine as base
13. Claim losing one dollar
14. Endless feast fit for a king
15. Join German actor George
16. Showy, quavering tenor holds 440 Hz note
17. Mule ridden by retired primate
18. Federal funding agency's part in nine arrests
19. Spice club
20. Climax after small talk
21. Continental origins of all southern Italians and Neapolitans
22. Rude lout keeps 200 hidden
23. Complain about tree
24. Thread of failure and defeat
25. To interfere with marketing at first made Peter sell