Guest Puzzle #63 – January 2017 "Cleave"
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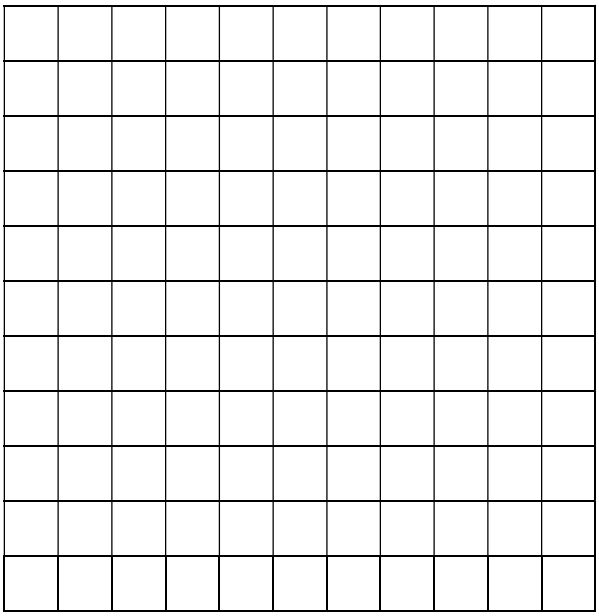
Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, five are capitalized, one is foreign, and one is a two-word phrase) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across 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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those ten letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell two five-letter words related to the puzzle's title. Heartfelt thanks to JdeC for his many contributions to my puzzles not the least of which is the editing of the clues.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Representative amphibian
3. Snollygoster covers top of head
4. Prisoner left having few words for non-clergy
5. Cheerful colossus's guard replaced by Rod
6. Those conditions encompass an instant in time
7. Head of state leaves for museum
8. Gruesome beginnings of gangs of raucous youths
9. Vistas I admire around continent
10. Wrong or illegal U-turn at beginning of entryway
11. Notice absence of young lady
12. Abe worked around kitchen for clam event
13. Last quaking under earth
14. Noble Warren
15. Pull back in fear from poisoning or lice
16. Much of Diana's typhoid is highly unpleasant
17. Salinger's girl is embraced by tradesmen
18. Animal that's endlessly brazen in the wild
19. Disheveled Casper, after rabbi left, making a scene
20. Heaving after beheading enemy
21. Racing vehicle caries a defined weight
22. Moniker of inner calcareous substance
23. Lurk on golf course starting end first
24. Cave, corroding, got rot
25. Contents of sterno made to engulf wanderer

Down

1. Scary aunt disturbed haven
2. Some of barguests squabble
3. Beleaguer the French following order
4. Role takes an average amount of time
5. Don't start to steal or erase
6. Short and sweet reset maneuver
7. Otto turned inside out in spree
8. Meager net salvaged from endorsement
9. Pro embraces new part of speech in broadcast
10. Grain kept in minimal temperatures
11. Our French tenor is recast
12. Almost twelve catnap
13. Penny leaves Ptolemy playing in multi-colored attire
14. Shoes for animals?
15. Return unique chemical compound
16. Terrier scrambling in car
17. Brother returned on ungulate
18. Colossal insider's deficit
19. Organ of hearing
20. I'm inside roguish and obsequious
21. Plant of the parsley family disseminated in sea
22. Monkey and story teller
23. In the middle of firing maid
24. After animal leaves, battalion goes around in turn
25. Oddly stained seashore