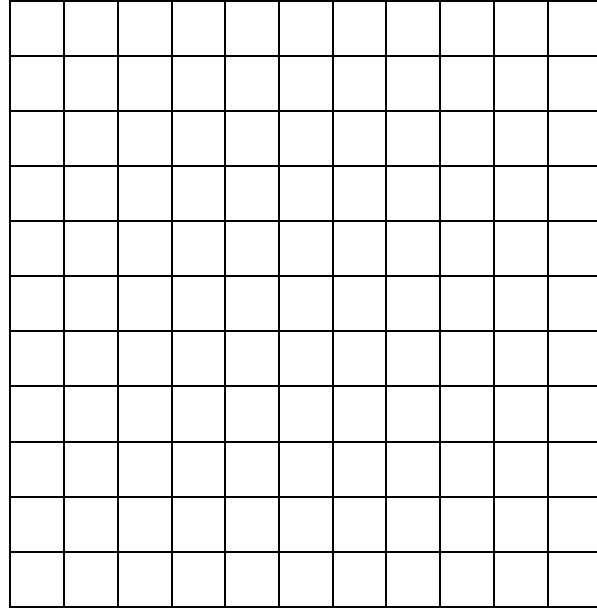


Puzzle # 174 — November 2015 "Lagerstätte"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to eleven letters, and six are capitalized) 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. Eleven across words and ten down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twenty-one letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a three-word phrase related to the title and the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Bend rail around bar for balance
2. MacArthur, for one, blowing loud gas
3. He will leave machine running like crazy
4. Extra trash? Remove it
5. Boat set to go around noon
6. User gets to keep cloth
7. Leaders of group embracing a hopeless case
8. Low pervert took a leak
9. Actor Sharif can be seen in Cromarty
10. Ready to kick about Republican being cornered
11. Don't start sailboat circuit
12. King's real insanity
13. *Mystery entry*
14. Skiff's reach around morning
15. Thinly sliced with last of pith removed and preserved
16. Retired one, in person, playing with Earl
17. Gore with weapon causes fright
18. Milliner's broken heart keeps true
19. Catch a bit of sleep: forty winks
20. Artist Revere, running, covers miles
21. Frontiersmen having a row
22. Advise a senior about facility
23. Fire Frank and Capp
24. Bird the French claim

Down

1. A frog, say, has latter part of male primate beginning to rumble
2. Display of nut food
3. About to get uranium to harden
4. Neglect is the essence of comity
5. Ex Dolphin Dan playing in Roma
6. Ruler put son in warehouse
7. A decent reformation made into law
8. Rational beginnings of some ancient native enterprises
9. Partly mend or secure support
10. Jacket left in Eritrea
11. Distance over ME is recalculated
12. Opposite of Peter's oral outburst
13. Single guy has energy to put on a show
14. Top male in space is replaced by female
15. One inside house is kind of pale
16. Pitcher in time changing paces
17. Feel at ease having to give a lift
18. Extract nitrogen from and devastate a giant geographical zone
19. Little David embracing mythical queen
20. Papa, accompanied by rabbi, is beginning to manage a light bender
21. Decapitate polyp by mouth
22. Shrub viper becoming aroused and tense
23. Married tenor humping teacher
24. District needs me badly