

Solution to Guest Puzzle January 2018 "Mirage" by Arthur Schless

F	A	T	A	M	O	R	T	I	C	I
A	N	U	N	A	R	A	I	D	A	N
C	I	E	N	T	A	N	N	E	L	B
I	A	S	E	D	L	O	G	O	P	O
L	L	D	R	E	A	D	E	D	E	X
T	R	A	E	X	P	O	H	E	R	B
A	O	Y	S	T	E	R	E	L	S	A
T	O	T	T	E	R	P	L	A	T	L
I	K	E	F	R	Y	V	E	L	A	B
O	I	L	O	A	K	E	N	P	I	O
N	E	E	R	M	O	R	G	A	N	A

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
FALSE IMAGE

Across

1. **FATA**
2. MORTICIAN
3. UNA(F)RAID
4. ANCIENT
5. ANNE(A)L
6. BIASED
7. LOGO
8. POLL
9. DREADED
10. EXTRA
11. EXPO
12. HERBA(L)
13. OYSTER
14. ELSA
15. TOTTER
16. (S)PLAT
17. LIKE
18. FRY
19. (E)VEL
20. ABOIL
21. OAKEN
22. PIONEER
23. **MORGANA**

Down

1. FACIL(I)TATION
2. ANI(M)AL
3. ROOKIE
4. TUESDAY
5. TELE
6. ANNE
7. REST
8. FORMAT
9. DEXTER
10. AMORAL
11. APERY
12. KORAN
13. ODOR
14. P(A)VER
15. TINGE
16. HELEN
17. GIDE
18. (G)ODEL
19. ALPACA
20. L(E)PER
21. STAIN
22. INBOX
23. BALBOA

"Mirage" solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically.)

1. Al Sanders – Fort Collins, CO
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