

Solution to Puzzle #199—December, 2017 "Finale"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell **DECEMBER**,
and the X in the middle of the grid stands for **END**.

Across

1. ROBOT
2. OPEC
3. AMERICA
4. MATE
5. (**D**)RONE
6. GARISH
7. DIRT
8. POTENT
9. REVEAL
10. TR(**E**)STLE
11. DELTA
12. DEP[**END**]
13. [**END**]EAR
14. SLICE
15. POUND
16. FRAN(**C**)E
17. COURSE
18. RAM
19. STARTER
20. RADIO
21. ALTAR
22. ARCAN(**E**)
23. LOBSTER
24. ETNA

Down

1. RENT
2. (**M**)ATIN
3. SOLO
4. REPLACE
5. TAO
6. BIGOT
7. DECAL
8. BO(**B**)CAT
9. REPORT
10. STARE
11. SPOUT
12. ATOM
13. INT[**END**]
14. [**END**]URE
15. REPAST
16. LENS
17. RARE
18. THREADER
19. RECEDED
20. R(**E**)FRACT
21. A(**R**)RIVES
22. RADAN
23. MOREL
24. LAMINA

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 20 minutes.

December Puzzle Solvers

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

1. Itai Pines – Portland, OR
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