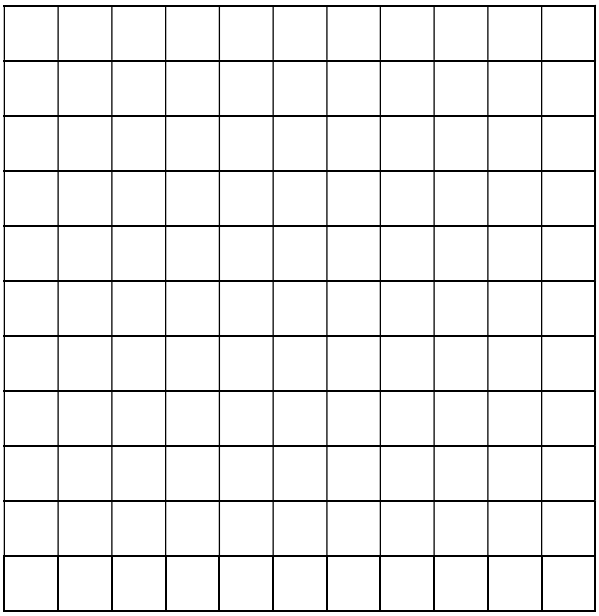
# Guest Puzzle #69 – January 2018 "Mirage"
# (by Arthur Schless)

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to twelve letters, eleven are capitalized, and one is a prefix) 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 removed. Those ten letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a two-word phrase related to the title and the mystery entries.



**Across**

1. *Mystery word*
2. Mini-actor playing undertaker
3. Fearless foray after faun's flourish
4. One penny gets one antique
5. Bancroft meets Sharpton in temper
6. Opinionated Abe and Sid get involved
7. Design of phlogopite
8. Head page replacing queen in list
9. Feared Red dead in melee
10. Spare former spouse returning paintings, e.g.
11. Sexpot's show
12. Timeless blather ruined plant book
13. Strange story about English delicacy
14. Feel sad about frozen queen
15. Stagger horse without resistance
16. Pipe is part of last broken piece of wood back of chair
17. Similar to thumbs up on Facebook
18. Ida leaves Crusoe's man for cook
19. Daredevil motorcyclist in development
20. Trouble about body odor in an excited state
21. Made of wood added to a kennel
22. First one in dock
23. *Mystery word*

**Down**

1. Making easy cure of Italian tic
2. Manila's wild creature
3. Sexy young gal takes Rod for child novice
4. Oddly steady keeping up the day of Týr
5. Hotel employee staying far away at the front
6. Hathaway seen in channel
7. Wrestler's repose
8. Plan for Lauer trimmed
9. Discourage holding ten on the right
10. Unconcerned about right or wrong in morning exam
11. Imitation of a flailing prey
12. Sacred book of 2 or 1
13. Out door smell
14. Pro state surfacer
15. Color of town playwright
16. The lens catches Spartan beauty
17. Odd griddle for Andre
18. Kurt, in Congo, delivers
19. Mountain current gets a ruminant
20. Turning to ward off infected one
21. Stigma of Russian leader left out
22. Mail receiver's bino trashed ten
23. Boa lab upset explorer