

## 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.