

Guest Puzzle #47 – October 2012 "Marxism" (by Kevin Cadmus)

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters, and five 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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those ten letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words spell a two-word phrase related to the mystery entries.

Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Lead astray English singer
3. Big gun mostly isn't able to end confrontation
4. Settled judge lacking nothing
5. Air holes in returned suitcase rankled
6. And not beginning to meet standard
7. Surgical tool renter loses first bit of enthusiasm
8. Alcohol swallowed by Brown ex-president
9. Cut dried grass back for God
10. Happy with the end of table clearing
11. Instrument starts to overrun Bank of England
12. Guide a ringbearer carrying *Precious*
13. Current editor served well
14. Frenchman's very sexy up front hair
15. Careful about alien returning wet
16. Dropping the last piece of cake is a civil wrong
17. Present, for example, were unruly teens
18. Fear of wild adder
19. Eccentric drew back concealing his nakedness
20. Western university has no fuel
21. Expert conceals the onset of her pain
22. Insult a religion that excludes yours truly
23. Giant Eagle hides pot grower
24. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Soothing by having unending charity for the poor
2. After end of tornado, some power returning for Canadian city
3. Platforms back assistance operation
4. A chick overseas
5. Beginning of examination for sulfur in Shell Oil container
6. Horse injured blacksmith
7. Eddy left after prostitute lost last of clientele
8. More recent content of magazine we read
9. Sounds like appropriate metal
10. Prepared agreed arrangement
11. Frustrate in reversing yourself, it seems
12. Clay lost heart
13. Pitcher starts to expect winning every rotation
14. Someone making up at a backward place in Nevada
15. Elder alumnus holds new M.A.
16. Protect from outside mess with a utensil
17. Johnny cold before starting a fire
18. A comedian cracked up a European country
19. Advance in course
20. A rater made bad mistakes
21. Made educated without a trace of logic
22. Round passageway, yet eel is squished