Puzzle # 115 — December 2010 "Kris Kringle"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, six are capitalized, and one is foreign) 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. Seven across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those thirteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a name related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for testsolving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- 1. Miserable Midas wasted fifty
- 2. Pope nervously holding church key
- 3. Minicar used to secure fallen flyer
- 4. Gets ready to publish new diets
- 5. Guard of southern gate
- 6. Go astray in Ossining
- 7. Author's *Rhus* shrub brought back
- 8. Report on Kennedy back trouble
- 9. Angry about start of noisy wheeze
- 10. Rare mineral at museum center
- 11. Mark of current coin
- 12. Mystery entry
- 13. Children with Bible and cross
- 14. Describe a Russian capturing an animal
- 15. Alarums about covering a wall painting
- 16. Born and died in want
- 17. Jack leaving vehicle for Victor's deputy
- 18. Galen's brew
- 19. Great new name for a film star
- 20. Manage to keep right course
- 21. Fish goes after fluid in young tree
- 22. Good French fabric for a hood
- 23. Woman eating crushed lime and pineapple, maybe

Down

- 1. Talk about field event starting soon
- 2. Boy initially managed to get grain husks
- 3. Hidden at first in fine cranny
- 4. Helical pairs realigned at left
- 5. Damned unusual request
- 6. One cheer for a lizard
- 7. Beginning to serve more sour tasting appetizer
- 8. Indian carriage in hoist on gangway
- 9. Become unfocused starting to ejaculate
- 10. Ailing elders eschewing large feast
- 11. Quiet, cheerful, and dull
- 12. A bee or ape is an organism requiring oxygen
- 13. Slip out through tunnel opening
- 14. Small body of water had finally changed chemically
- 15. Age has got Mark in a bind
- 16. Sid turned up with Charlie's record
- 17. Dotty gave Al a bath
- 18. Woman in Oaxaca has adopted a Spanish boy
- 19. Concern about large Irish county
- 20. Battle-scarred plaque
- 21. Pitcher's line drive after getting the first out
- 22. Some ran off with rowers
- 23. Essentially presumed to shell out cash in bar