

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