

Guest Puzzle #51 – February 2013 "Down" (by Kevin Cadmus)

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to nine letters, eight are capitalized, one is an acronym, and one a two-word phrase) 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. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those eleven 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 entry*
2. Bring to light grand university in decline
3. Stylish Oscar winning actress
4. Sounds like a prized tractor
5. Separate for a standard time
6. Avoidance is so naïve after abuse
7. Brief NBA player setback
8. G-man backs termination safeguard
9. Needs sun badly for lack of clothing
10. Sounds like Dominican, e.g., is chicken
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Proportion of allotment not ending
13. Followed the leader and ran
14. Beginning of temptation in charge card prospect
15. Raggedy Ann a grandmother?
16. Start to learn English; my French is no good
17. Hot and full house, e.g.
18. Crazy Dan, a Florida running back, following Grand Wizard
19. Spic and Span's appetite for dirt and such
20. Fresh deters spoilage
21. Never upset a Sci-Fi writer
22. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Car and coach headed up a short street in Paris
2. Precipitate volcanic ejecta after a bit of rain
3. Got ready before Johnny returned
4. A telephone company is back in reach
5. French region in tribunals a certainty
6. Husband to be drunk in café
7. Teasdale with new wrap
8. Had no fans holding up movie star
9. Refrain from keeping uranium ring
10. Aristocracy's soreness after urination
11. Autographed in millennium edition
12. Fire after the end of IRS's examination
13. Idiot and heartless Middle Eastern bigwig
14. Authorize item of apparel
15. Act on stirring section of long poem
16. Page's table extension
17. Employer dumps wife for female ballplayer
18. Abandoned taking a bit of vacation for time earned
19. In eastern state, lawyer backs angry moms
20. Dramatic incongruity author confused, Y or N?
21. Unfinished car taken in by electrical engineer to progress gradually
22. Masculine and feminine geese with energy for a bit of acrobatics
23. Come to a conclusion in reversing official