

## **Tough as Nails Mini Cryptic #2—Explanations**

### **ACROSS**

1. ADEPT—the definition is “proficient,” from A DEPT. (“a department”)
4. MASON—the definition is “stoneworker,” from MA (“mother”) plus SON (given directly in the clue)
5. TELLY is a double definition for “Savalas” (the actor) and “boob tube” (slang for “television”).

### **DOWN**

1. ADMIT—the definition is “allow the possibility of,” from AD (“promotion”) and MIT (“prestigious school”)
2. EASEL—the definition, slightly tongue in cheek, is “artist’s companion,” from anagramming (“broke”) LEASE.
3. TANSY—the definition is “flower,” hidden in, or “enclosed” by, the phrase “Pakis**TAN-SY**ria.”