

Tough as Nails Mini Cryptic #10—Explanations

ACROSS

1. BASTA (“enough,” as in the Italian exclamation) is made from BAS (“degrees”) plus TA (“professor’s helper”).
4. SOULS (“people”) is a homophone (“I heard”) for SOLES (“what’s underfoot”).
5. ERECT (“standing”) is made from ERE (“before”) and CT (“Connecticut”).

DOWN

1. BASIE is the “jazz legend” you get when the letter I (“ego”) “infiltrates” the word BASE (“foundation”).
2. SAUCE (“dressing”) is an anagram (“haphazard”) of CAUSE.
3. ASSET (“talent, perhaps”) is the name BASSETT (“Actress Angela”) with its first and last letters removed (“limitless”).