

Tough as Nails Mini Cryptic #1—Explanations

ACROSS

- 1. PETER**—the definition is “Mr. Dinklage,” i.e., the actor who played Tyrion Lannister on *Game of Thrones*. PET (“favorite”) plus ER (“emergency room”) gets you there.
- 4. AREPA**—the definition is “cornmeal cake,” from AREP (“mashed pear,” or an anagram of PEAR) plus A (given directly in the clue).
- 5. SEEDY**—the definition is “like a dump,” and the word is hidden in, or “owned by,” the phrase “Tennessee **dynasty**.”

DOWN

- 1. PRAMS**—the definition is “baby carriages,” from P (a common abbreviation on signs for “Parking”) plus RAMS (“Dodge trucks”).
- 2. THEME**—the definition is “subject,” from THE (“article,” as in the definite article) plus ME (“yours truly”).
- 3. READY**—the definition is “All set,” and the wordplay is a bit tongue-in-cheek, hence the question mark. “Like emails you’ve looked at” is READ-Y, get it?