## Puzzle #122—July 2011 "Attitude"

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, and two 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. Three across words and three down words won't fit in the grid unless a sequence of two of their letters is omitted. The sequence is different in each case. There is a four-letter word the six sequences and mystery entries might be combined with to form a new word. What is that four-letter word? Thanks to Kevin Wald for editing and test-solving this puzzle.

## Across

- 1. Mystery entry
- 2. Head and tail tossed for money
- 3. Facsimile of a clipper losing power and foundering
- 4. Nature of weight embarrasses at first
- 5. Current matter: lots of land
- 6. Papa turned uncharacteristically cautious
- 7. Protective garment Nora brought back to cover Penny
- 8. Bristles, being cruelly teased without end 10. Attitude about small search party
- 9. Animal eating robin's head and thorax
- 10. Lear punished Kent, for instance
- 11. So-called help after start of school
- 12. First ancestor's carriage
- 13. Mystery entry
- 14. Leave rested after makeover
- 15. Run off in tunnel opening
- 16. Mix and associate around ring
- 17. Relies on support holding true
- 18. Start to clear log jam
- 19. Taps beginning to drip liquors
- 20. Learning has merit
- 21. Histrionics involving a ménage à trois
- 22. Colonizer never started or existed
- 23. Way of moving or way of speaking
- 24. Extremely vexed and insanely desperate to get ax back
- 25. Mystery entry

## Down

- 1. Offering nourishment, Mary let in a vagabond
- 2. Mystery entry
- 3. Contrary view of Diana's expressed
- 4. Thesis about radius in circle
- 5. Calm walk around end of mine
- 6. Bishop overcome by regret for yokel
- 7. Contract to bring lug back
- 8. Crazy Elmer holds up Kindle again
- 9. Ceremonial trail bends around center of court
- 11. Only takes time for lady to make amends
- 12. Mystery entry
- 13. Space between treetops for shelter
- 14. A new table top for carpenter, perhaps
- 15. Strip in cabaret
- 16. Wilt before beginning to eat plant
- 17. King buried in regal earth
- 18. Tarbell conception is free of error
- 19. Greek maiden eating last of syrup and coconut
- 20. Read nonsense about priest's head cover
- 21. Led Ella around a secluded spot in the woods
- 22. Fine new diamonds
- 23. Really stupid taking right for left in course
- 24. Game launched initially by one of the Holy Roman Emperors
- 25. Mystery entry
- 26. 3D image of Gore swimming in swirling stream