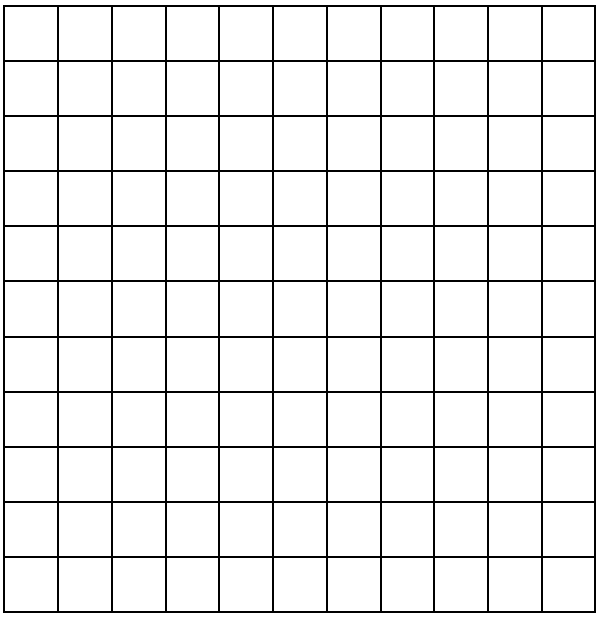
Puzzle #146 — July 2013 "Skyscraper"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, and five 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. Five across words and six 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 three-word phrase related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Grant Charlie one time delay to start first of exams
2. Use a tart mixture for fill
3. College cost about, net, two thousand pounds
4. First explosive Eastern conflict
5. Home game includes last of series
6. Tender teacher with iron rod
7. Angry about carbon count
8. In change, replace large with small flower
9. Knight in chapel botched a gymnastics pose
10. Start to smash and pound wheat
11. When wife is absent, stupid answer is more reasonable
12. Baker holding rare quartz
13. Improve bad service after letting head of company go
14. A Marx Winfrey comeback
15. Earl, in the process of performing, ingested a chemical
16. Henry, expelled from school, gets shaft
17. Catholic Primate's cloak
18. Created incomplete and angry
19. A little bit of rust in generator
20. Run in preliminary race with courage
21. Study game in river
22. Priest moves with energy in break

Down

1. False report of clown swallowing sodium
2. Certain Native Americans had, ultimately, a belief system
3. Bed set centrally in shelter
4. See about pastor's first church talk
5. Make up a sound
6. Teddy has tossed rubbish
7. California county environmental leader found in the sea
8. Put a shilling in right and thrive
9. Stranger has made a sound
10. A constant mover, the German is about to split
11. Sort of stick with Kelly character
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Speak derisively of René's reformation
14. Earth scattered around a cup or tube
15. Body beginning to rot in thicket
16. Race riots causing concern
17. Stop NY baseball team's return
18. Work very hard to preserve about fifty
19. One in variegated taupe is a Native American
20. Small box and cracked stein in vehicle
21. Bird got Ron aroused
22. Excellent condition of property