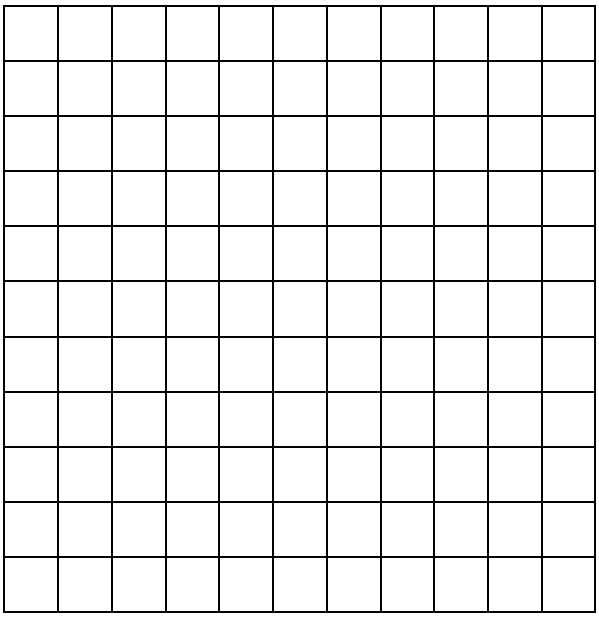
Puzzle #93 – February 2009 "Eastern Seaboard"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to ten letters, and six of them 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. Seven across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless a sequence of two letters they contain is removed. The meaning of those fourteen sequences is suggested by the puzzle's title. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Command parrot to embrace jay
2. Heat a fish noisily
3. No cigar when cured is natural
4. Gets ten to rap around loud-speaker
5. Not many turned contrary
6. End of class
7. Finish off with string instrument or woodwind
8. Durable part of Superman enterprise
9. Stone tossed at bird
10. Ella's confused about one name
11. Number in back reflected in sword
12. Dotty, Irma, and Jane's last name
13. Exact number authorized
14. Uncompromising violinist
15. Monitor a cell's course
16. Client has a claim
17. Withdraw money for digs, including current assets
18. List showing time for graduate's first informal talk
19. Published piece of inditement
20. Name of hag looking the wrong way
21. Maneuver has Bill in sudden spasm
22. A small island and a continent
23. Extract the inside of fish
24. Doc and I are consumed by a craving for crackerjack

Down

1. Prisoner gets island material
2. Legislator condemned treason
3. The alteration of a pattern takes a minute flat
4. Waste nothing when fixing luncheon for underwater railway
5. Medieval flag is returned for value
6. Consider it reasonable to include a republic
7. Returning writer's wife is eager at first to go to bed
8. Smashing nice sconce evokes sense of wrong
9. Chief has mining started in gorge
10. Choose right one for Agamemnon's daughter
11. One barbarian is in Montana for an intensive search
12. Stage of development in psychoanalysis
13. One end is a denatured nucleoside
14. Rigorous maneuver doesn't end in street
15. File number for cloth
16. Gets far out by small steps
17. Silly joke has heart
18. Bird container has no top
19. Sack servant that gets sick
20. Allocation of clothing
21. Monkey turning it over and over again
22. Embodiment of Gardner and sailor