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ACROSS

- 1. Little blob
- 4. See 73-Across
- 9. Post-refinement stuff
- 14. Pre-refinement stuff
- 15. Pedro's parting word
- 16. Excavated again
- 17. Crumpet accompaniment
- 18. Scientific drycleaning expert?
- 20. Capable of reason
- 22. Funereal poets
- 23. Deviate from the vertical
- 27. Retiree's lot
- 28. Geologist?
- 33. Mo. after Mar.
- 34. Breathing need
- 35. Like Vikings
- 38. Victory signs
- 40. See 73-Across
- 43. Void partner
- 44. Like some smartphone purchases
- 46. December 24 and 31
- 48. Sargasso Sea breeder
- 49. Exhortation to a literary agent?
- 53. Sauce thickener
- 54. PDO
- 55. Chesapeake crustacean
- 59. Paves the way, in a way
- 63. Astronaut's dessert?
- 67. Imitate a dove
- 68. Archipelagic units
- 69. Swap
- 70. Crop crops
- 71. Persists
- 72. See 73-Across

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73. Creatures who come from 4-Across (and 18-/28-Across), invade 40-Across (and 49-/63-Across), and are sent into a 72-Across by terrestrial defenses

DOWN

- 1. Signs of omission
- 2. Realtor's figure
- 3. Pod occupant
- 4. Symbolic goateed uncle
- 5. Short subway smooch, e.g.
- 6. Breathing need
- 7. Soft drink not named for a steel-manufacturing fuel
- 8. Big Sur retreat center

- 9. Brings up for no good reason
- 10. Trusts to
- 11. Frozen treat maker
- 12. Sailor's challenge
- 13. NCOs
- 19. Tidy
- 21. Antlered ungulate
- 24. Would-be Anglophone's class
- 25. Take ___ from (imitate)
- 26. Sister ship of the Pinta
- 28. Sitarist Shankar
- 29. Doing business
- 30. Common coffee additive
- 31. Heron
- 32. More loyal
- 36. Sit and slide in snow
- 37. Hollow centers

- 39. Houseguest's aid
- 41. Home-viewer's rating
- 42. Attention-getting cries
- 45. Product producer
- 47. UAL competitor
- 50. Weill or Vonnegut
- 51. Specific bet
- 52. Choose
- 55. Jewish rite for baby boys
- 56. At sea
- 57. West Coast sch.
- 58. Stinging remark
- 60. Peak
- 61. Plant anchor
- 62. Boar mates
- 64. Vote against
- 65. Oral surgeon's deg.
- 66. "That's right!"