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## ACROSS

1. Little blob
2. See 73-Across
3. Post-refinement stuff
4. Pre-refinement stuff
5. Pedro's parting word
6. Excavated again
7. Crumpet accompaniment
8. Scientific drycleaning expert?
9. Capable of reason
10. Funereal poets
11. Deviate from the vertical
12. Retiree's lot
13. Geologist?
14. Mo. after Mar.
15. Breathing need
16. Like Vikings
17. Victory signs
18. See 73-Across
19. Void partner
20. Like some smartphone purchases
21. December 24 and 31
22. Sargasso Sea breeder
23. Exhortation to a literary agent?
24. Sauce thickener
25. PDQ
26. Chesapeake crustacean
27. Paves the way, in a way
28. Astronaut's dessert?
29. Imitate a dove
30. Archipelagic units
31. Swap
32. Crop crops
33. Persists
34. 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 steelmanufacturing 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
14. Tidy
15. Antlered ungulate
16. Would-be Anglophone's class
17. Take ___ from (imitate)
18. Sister ship of the Pinta
19. Sitarist Shankar
20. Doing business
21. Common coffee additive
22. Heron
23. More loyal
24. Sit and slide in snow
25. Hollow centers
26. Houseguest's aid
27. Home-viewer's rating
28. Attention-getting cries
29. Product producer
30. UAL competitor
31. Weill or Vonnegut
32. Specific bet
33. Choose
34. Jewish rite for baby boys
35. At sea
36. West Coast sch.
37. Stinging remark
38. Peak
39. Plant anchor
40. Boar mates
41. Vote against
42. Oral surgeon's deg.
43. "That's right!"
