Alien Invasion

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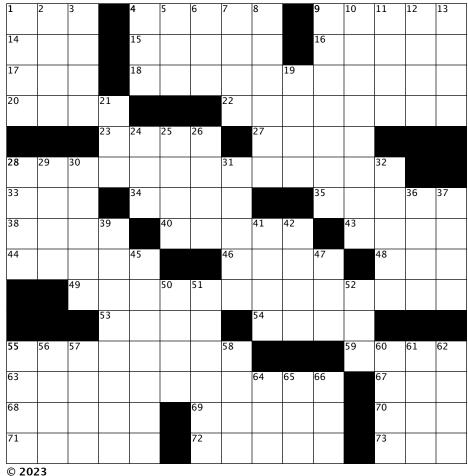
ACROSS

- 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 dry-cleaning 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.** PDQ
- **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
- **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 smooth, 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!"