TILLING THE EARTH

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ACROSS

- 1 Grade school fundamentals
- 5 ___ support (PC help)
- **9** Border structure that Mexico supposedly was going to pay for
- 13 "See for yourself!"
- 14 Flowering succulent
- 15 Neighborhood
- 16 The West Wing actor Rob
- 17 Teheran native
- 18 Salty bodies of water
- 19 Has a debt
- 21 Color of Obama's suit in a 2014 "controversy"
- 22 Explosive stuff, briefly
- 23 Peanut butter holder
- 25 1992 Nolte/Sarandon film: 2 wds.
- **28** Earth, or what is being "tilled" in this puzzle's shaded squares
- 29 "Enter the ____" (headline from page 34)
- **30** State whose mass shooting in Sebring was its 7th in less than 3 years: Abbr.
- 31 Expressionless, as a stare
- **32** Adversaries
- 34 Fifth word of "American Pie"
- 36 "All Over the World" band, briefly
- 37 Pledge, for example: 2 wds.
- 43 Oklahoma native
- 44 What Teslas don't need
- 45 Peruvian native
- **46** "___ Home for Christmas": 2 wds.
- 49 "Chandelier" singer-songwriter
- 51 Astronomically long time
- **52** Portrayer of Miss Moneypenny in 14 James Bond films: 2 wds.
- 56 Milk purchases: Abbr.
- 57 Chaney of old horror films
- 58 Auditory organ
- 59 Obama's birthplace
- 61 "That makes it clear": 2 wds.
- 63 Treat with contempt
- 65 Hamilton, to Washington
- 68 In the vicinity of
- **69** How to Make an American Quilt author Whitney
- **70** 1994 Lisa Loeb hit
- 71 Concerning, on a memo: 2 wds.
- 72 Maya Angelou, for one
- 73 Jekyll's alter ego

DOWN

- 1 ___ In With Chris Hayes (MSNBC show)
- 2 Haunted house shout
- 3 Office companion
- 4 Distort, as the truth
- 5 Black paving material
- **6** Bring joy to
- 7 O'Brien of late night television
- 8 Big name in ketchup
- 9 "As I ____ saying ..."
- 10 "Am not!" retort: 2 wds.
- 11 2013 best-seller subtitled Women, Work, and the Will to Lead: 2 wds.
- **12** In conclusion
- 17 Put in solitary confinement
- 20 Will Ferrell holiday movie
- 23 Former Attorney General Sessions who announced a "zero tolerance" policy for illegal border crossings
- **24** Felipe, Jesus, or Matty of baseball
- 26 Big name in spaghetti sauce
- **27** Scandinavian capital city
- 28 Vodka brand, briefly

- 33 Gives the cold shoulder to
- 35 Association: Abbr.
- 36 Fifth Greek letter
- **38** Shopping list entry
- 39 Lessen, as sanctions
- 40 Unfairness
- 41 Robert Burns, by birth
- 42 ___ Christian Andersen
- **46** "Fighting" team of the Big Ten
- 47 Let out a bit, as a belt
- 48 One-dimensional
- **50** ___ mode (served with ice cream): 2 wds.
- 53 Ancient Greek known for his fables
- 54 Big name in craft knives
- 55 Murder, She ___
- 60 Word before browns or tag
- **62** Before, in poetry
- 64 Go bad
- 66 "Frightened Don Jr. Asks If He Can Sleep in ____'s Bed After Bad Dream About Being Indicted" (*The Onion* headline)
- 67 Cyclops or cyclone feature

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