Consonant Clusters
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Across

1. American worker

6. Setting for TV's "Newhart"

9. Monthly bill

14. Accused's need

15. Caribbean or South China

16. Assumed name

17. Flax fabric

18. Prolific actor: ___ Beatty

19. Infield protectors

20. Door opener with a cord

23. Oolong, for one

24. Skip

25. "Or so..."

27. Numerical calculation

32. Common traffic sign

33. Egg cells

34. Common Southwestern cactus

36. Favorite dip

39. Adam's apple spot

41. Connection

43. A little night music

44. Exposed

46. 70's dance music

48. Ceiling

49. Barber's motion

51. Truncates

53. Contradicts

56. South American staple

57. Amigo

58. Popular expression

64. Clear, as a disk

66. U.N. agency

67. Courtyards

68. Stair part

69. Mongrel

70. Comes down like cats & dogs

71. Pale

72. Barbie's beau

73. Golden Hind captain

Down

1. Gloomy atmosphere

2. Hip bones

3. Fluff

4. Exotic African veneering wood

5. Small-time gambler

6. "___ It Romantic?"

7. At no time, poetically

8. Low point

9. Strong cords used in surgery

10. Menu phrase, often

11. Origin

12. Part of a suit coat

13. English exam finale, often

21. Utensil

22. Discouraging words

26. Capricorn's animal

27. N.Y. neighbor

28. Eye layer

29. Kitchen decorating concern

30. Kind of column

31. Hacks

35. Luxurious

37. Spic's partner

38. Dangerous biters

40. Senior's game of chance

42. Inside info

45. Make out

47. Grove

50. Type of legume soup

52. Dentist's concern

53. "La Bohème," e.g.

54. Romeo's rival

55. Adhere

59. Hint

60. Game ender, perhaps

61. Feature of 53 D

62. Make, as a putt

63. Abate

65. Encounter