Loplop Cryptic #001 [13x]
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Across
1 Agitated teen piled on embroidery (11) NEEDLEPOINT.
(TEEN PILED ON)*
8 Blanco's single, set-aside composition (8) EASTSIDE.
(SET ASIDE)*
9 Unlit ship met bad end (4) DARK. bad + ARK
10 Watergate: one is surrounded by various clues (6) SLUICE. (CLUES)* around I
11 Mischievous political philosopher in lecture (6) ERRANT. "Arendt"*
12 North America has a purpose: disgust (6) NAUSEA.
N(A + USE)A
13 Company's eerily cagey about new leader (6) AGENCY. (CAGEY)* around N
14 Baby's saliva absorbed on the bed? (7) ABYSSAL. BABYS SALiva
16 Loaded, loaded Elton acquires plutonium (7) OPULENT. (ELTON)* around PU
18 Indigenous tribe to seek justice, I hear (5) SIOUX. "sue"
19 Boy stealing post office's cutlery (5) SPOON. S(P)OON
20 No one in here regularly backs up animal (5) RHINO. (nOoNeInHeRe)<

Down
2 Message for Amelia, losing head and losing cool (1-4) E-MAIL. ([a]MELIA)*
3 Small teams' parts (7) DETAILS. Double definition
4 Aristocrat, 51, bathing in French summer (5) ELITE. E(LI)TE
5 Throughout eons is everything needed for unity (7) ONENESS. Letter bank
6 Bottom drain's broken (5) NADIR. (DRAIN)*
7 Pop star's Starbucks order (6) GRANDE. Double definition
15 Rock dresses, primarily, on a trip (6) STONED. STONE + D
17 Top cow (6) JERSEY. Double definition
19 Prude making A1 manservant (6) SQUIRE. SQU[AI]RE
21 Parrot in Czechoslovakia (4) ECHO. czECHOslovakia
22 Scruffy person near Iowa state (8) SLOVENIA. SLOVEN + IA
23 Rationale for a demilitarized China? (11) EXPLANATION. EX + P.L.A. + NATION