Asking the Important Questions

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ACROSS

- 1 59-Down sounds
- 5 "Little Women" author Louisa May
- 11 On one's high horse, maybe
- 16 Show discussing soggy bottoms, in brief
- 20 One of a hundred for Christopher Robin and
- 21 Like Reiki or astrology reading (derogatory)
- 22 How Toy Story's LGMs speak
- 23 Performance enhancer, informally
- 24 "Would you __ 115-Across, a question about enduring affection... and a phonetic hint to five answers in this puzzle)
- 26 Pried into (as with someone else's sensitive information)
- 27 Pot starter
- 28 Coveted spot on a long flight (for me, at least)
- 29 Pols on the floor
- 30 One watching wrigglers?
- 32 Darling, in Deutschland
- 34 Au naturale
- 35 Kiddo
- 36 Breadwinners
- 38 Black tea varietal
- 42 Guilty utterance
- 44 Site on which one might be curious about: balloons (receiving)"
- 46 Vote-taking phrase at the invertebrates' council?
- 53 Mars, by another name
- 55 Task management software that decidedly does NOT inspire inner
- 56 Obeying a certain electrical law, as a circuit
- 57 Plaintive cat sounds
- 58 It's totally tubular!
- 60 TV host Jerry and his fam
- 63 Shifty, in a way that might get you thrown out of an
- 64 Certain parasite of a certain jungle cat?
- 70 On the ___ (frequently, in slang)
- 73 Citrus curl in many a Baroque still-life
- 74 Kombucha mother
- 76 Apple assistant
- 79 LOUDLY HAVE A LOT OF FEELINGS, SAY!
- 80 Genre for Gloria Gaynor
- 85 Stratford's river
- 86 Present for one on the naughty list
- 87 Very fast wiggling, say?

- 91 "Score!"
- 93 Mr. Right, perhaps
- 94 Tuesday, in Romania (and ves. Romanian is a romance language)
- 95 1992 film that took you to a whole new world
- 103 Arranges a protest against the Tories, say
- 106 Make a remark over dinner?
- A down-to-earth commanding officer?
- 110 Part of a Latin trio
- 112 Space blanket material
- 113 List ender
- 114 Revealed
- 115 See 24-Across
- 117 __ Beats to Relax/Study to
- 118 Down sources
- 119 Fur that was historically a status symbol for European nobility
- 120 Analogy words
- 121 "A little more. kin. and less ___ kind'
- 122 Chair designer Charles or
- 123 Good place to start
- 124 Yesteryear

DOWN

- 1 Certain volcanic rock
- 2 Time to exit, pursued by a
- 3 Out of bed, say
- 4 Date on some dates, perhaps
- 5 It gets you more notches on your belt?
- 6 Leaves out of the bag?
- Group for Tara Maclay, Phoebe Halliwell, and Sabrina, maybe
- 8 Actor Wilson of "Wedding Crashers'
- 9 Some cats
- 10 A horse's hoof, basically (and IMO distressingly)
- 11 "I love it!", Frenchly
- 12 Predatory lender
- 13 They're not to be questioned
- 14 Plagues, with "at'
- 15 SkiFree foes
- 16 Some homers
- 17 Do it
- 18 Byte components
- 19 Many Neruda works
- 25 Carbohydrate-binding protein
- 30 Marvel-ous sorceress Maximoff
- 31 Suck it!
- 33 Labor union leader Jimmy
- 34 Supportive articles

- 36 Figure referred to as "Eľmo" by some on Twitter (or, sorry, "X")
- 37 The start of something magical?
- 39 Make into a vampire, in some universes
- politics
- 44 Norse goddess for whom
- 45 Role for Joel Grey, Alan with "the
- 46 They may be hauled by
- 47 Stead
- 48 Glasses glass
- **49** Would-be manger alternative on Christmas Eve, so the story goes
- 50 Yesteryear

- everything to me?

- **40** Some
- 43 Perón of Argentinian
- Friday is named
- Cumming, or Raúl Esparza,

- **51** Jot

- 52 A prefix that means
- 59 Barnyard mama 60 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g
- 61 Eagles' landing place, in
- brief **62** Some Monopoly properties, for short (did you know the game of Monopoly was originally intended as a warning against the pitfalls of capitalism? In 1903---*I am yanked off the stage by a vaudeville hook*)
- 65 Between Pesach and Shavuot, they really count!
- 66 Some tomatoes
- 67 Alphabetic run
- _-Free (contact solution)
- 69 News follower?
- 70 Wander
- 71 Black, in verse
- 72 Peer of Grieg or Ibsen 73 Voice of Ms.--excuse me, DOCTOR---Frizzle

- **75** Body _
- accountability device) 76 An email from a Nigerian prince, probably
- 77 State sung about by Dar Williams
- 78 "I love you" in dinosaur, it's said 80 Half of sechs, according to Freud (look, it's funny when
- you say it out loud)
- 81 Mononymous model 82 T-shirt size opts.
- 83 One in a war
- 84 Egg container
- 88 Increase in scope 89 "Never tell me the _
- (Han Solo quip) _ machine (cipher device whose code was cracked
- by Alan Turing and co.) 92 "To the best of my
- knowledge...", in brief 95 Many a composition by

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- 96 Schmooze 97 Fourth Wall breakers. sometimes
- 99 Deadpan humor
- 100 One of a pair mentioned in the song/sketch Bulbous Bouffant
- 101 French trick-taking game
- 102 A little talk with Jesus?
- 104 Some go from E to F
- 105 Affliction of many a snorer 106 Welcomed, as to one's
- 107 It may be raised by a whip
- 108 "However", via txt
- 109 Tennis's Nadal, to friends
- 110 Hairstyle that may require a pick
- 111 Heroine of La Boheme... or 115 Plan for a student with
- ADHD, sav 116 ___ change

