## **Asking the Important Questions**

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96 Schmooze

sometimes

99 Deadpan humor

Bouffant

home

a pick

Rent

ADHD, say

116 \_\_\_\_ change

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100 One of a pair mentioned in

101 French trick-taking game

105 Affliction of many a snorer

107 It may be raised by a whip

109 Tennis's Nadal, to friends

110 Hairstyle that may require

111 Heroine of La Boheme... or

115 Plan for a student with

102 A little talk with Jesus?

106 Welcomed, as to one's

108 "However", via txt

104 Some go from E to F

the song/sketch Bulbous

97 Fourth Wall breakers.

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75 Body \_\_\_ (police accountability device)

prince, probably

Williams

said

76 An email from a Nigerian

77 State sung about by Dar

78 "I love you" in dinosaur, it's

80 Half of sechs, according to

you say it out loud)

81 Mononymous model

82 T-shirt size opts.

88 Increase in scope

89 "Never tell me the \_

(Han Solo quip)

92 "To the best of my

Thomas Tallis

83 One in a war

84 Egg container

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Freud (look, it's funny when

\_ machine (cipher device

whose code was cracked

by Alan Turing and co.)

knowledge ... ", in brief

95 Many a composition by

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## ACROSS

- 59-Down sounds
  "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 friends 21 Like Reiki or astrology
- reading (derogatory) 22 How Toy Story's LGMs
- speak 23 Performance enhancer,
- informally 24 "Would you \_\_\_" (with
- 24 Would you \_\_\_ (With 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 floor30 One watching wrigglers?
- **32** Darling, in Deutschland
- 34 Au naturale
- 35 Kiddo
- 36 Breadwinners
- 38 Black tea varietal
- 42 Guilty utterance
- 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
- 54 Air
- 55 Task management software that decidedly does NOT inspire inner peace
- 56 Obeying a certain electrical law, as a circuit
- 57 Plaintive cat sounds
- 58 It's totally tubular!
- 60 TV host Jerry and his fam63 Shifty, in a way that might get you thrown out of an airlock
- 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!"
  - Score!"
- 93 Mr. Right, perhaps

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52 A prefix that means

59 Barnyard mama

60 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g

brief

everything to me?

61 Eagles' landing place, in

62 Some Monopoly properties, for short (did you know the

game of Monopoly was

originally intended as a

a vaudeville hook\*)

65 Between Pesach and

66 Some tomatoes

67 Alphabetic run

69 News follower?

71 Black, in verse

72 Peer of Grieg or Ibsen

DOCTOR---Frizzle

73 Voice of Ms.---excuse me,

70 Wander

warning against the pitfalls of capitalism? In 1903--- \*I

am yanked off the stage by

Shavuot, they really count!

68 \_\_\_\_-Free (contact solution)

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- 94 Tuesday, in Romania (and yes, Romanian is a
- romance language) 95 1992 film that took you to a whole new world
- a whole new v 98 Spans
- 103 Arranges a protest against
- the Tories, say **106** Make a remark over
- dinner?
- 107 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
- Rav
- 123 Good place to start
- 124 Yesteryear

## DOWN

- Certain volcanic rock
  Time to exit, pursued by a bear
- 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?7 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 Plaques, with "at'
- 15 SkiFree foes
- 16 Some homers
- 17 Do it
- 18 Byte components
- 19 Many Neruda works
- 15 Maily Neluua works
- 25 Carbohydrate-binding protein
- 30 Marvel-ous sorceress
- Maximoff
- 31 Suck it!
- 33 Labor union leader Jimmy
- 34 Supportive articles

39 Make into a vampire, in some universes40 Some

"Elmo" by some on Twitter (or, sorry, "X")

- 41 Fix
- 43 Perón of Argentinian politics

36 Figure referred to as

37 The start of something

magical?

- 44 Norse goddess for whom Friday is named
- 45 Role for Joel Grey, Alan Cumming, or Raúl Esparza, with "the"
- **46** They may be hauled by

Eve, so the story goes

- roadies
- 47 Stead
- 48 Glasses glass49 Would-be manger alternative on Christmas

50 Yesteryear

51 Jot