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WHY? WELL, WHY NOT?

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Answers on Page 19

Across

- 1 Condiment at a pho shop
 9 Got too scared, with "out"
 15 Shelve
 20 Big picture
 21 Author/journalist Welteroth
 22 "The _____ Holmes Mysteries" (young-adult detective series)
 23 Nationwide competitor
 24 Places where some belts are tightened?
 26 Longtime surname on late-night TV
 27 Rooibos by another name
 28 Simpson imp
 29 Stephen Crane's "The Red Badge of Courage," e.g.?
 32 Gave the scoop
 35 Its presence on Mars offers a clue to life
 38 Growler's contents
 39 Actress Lena
 40 Can
 41 Medical gloves and N95 masks, for short
 42 Pen
 44 Andy Dufresne in "The Shawshank Redemption," e.g.
 48 Pear-shaped instrument
 49 Buy a lot of, with "on"
 51 Lawyer with absurdly exaggerated humor?
 54 Where Camus's "The Plague" is set
 56 Circuit-board components
 57 Count, e.g.
 58 Sleep phase?
 60 Coconut-covered cookie
 63 It might get the weed out
 64 Flagship vehicle line for Mercedes-Benz
 65 Encourage
 67 Dallas-to-Austin dir.
 70 Test, as a new mattress
 71 Harvesting machine that

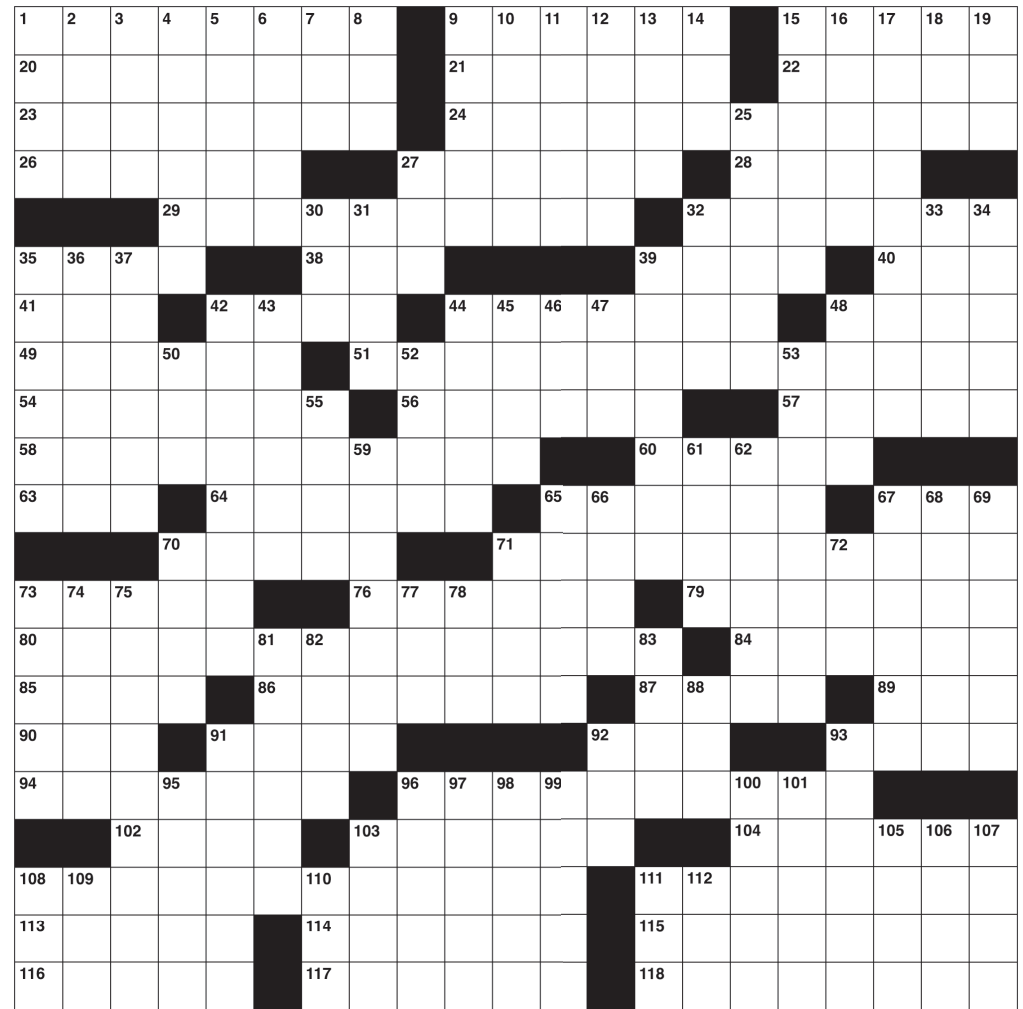
needs cleaning?

- 73 Didn't just sit there
 76 Vouch for, with "to"
 79 Mythical weaver
 80 Doctor's description of the birth of triplet sons?
 84 "Well, maybe"
 85 Connect, as two devices
 86 Rhetoric
 87 Relax
 89 No longer active: Abbr.
 90 Golf ball's path
 91 City north of Des Moines
 92 Slangy turndown
 93 Cinco plus uno
 94 They might get all over the floor
 96 Battle between Tinker Bell and Princess Ozma?
 102 Cream
 103 "Ready?"
 104 Some Guinness records
 108 Census-taking of a Midwest capital?
 111 Begin
 113 Bel _____ (Italian cheese)
 114 Charm
 115 Become aware of... or a homophonic description of four letter shifts in this puzzle's grid
 116 Partners of hinds
 117 Reaches
 118 Comes clean

Down

- 1 Proceeded down a lane, maybe
 2 Tick off
 3 Without much thought
 4 Excise surgically
 5 Household robot from Amazon
 6 Abyss
 7 Like some towels and topics
 8 Put away
 9 Big name in grills

- 10 _____ la Cité, home of Notre-Dame
 11 Smallest country in the E.U., by area
 12 Stacked
 13 Musical artist known as the Queen of New Age
 14 Interior secretary Haaland
 15 Hold in custody
 16 _____ nous
 17 Server error
 18 The Liberty Tree, e.g.
 19 Some free housing recipients, for short
 25 Longtime surname on late-night TV
 27 Fwy. or expy.
 30 Clutch, e.g.
 31 Name hidden in "global economy"
 32 Couleur de l'océan
 33 Rhapsodize over
 34 Caterpillar alternative
 35 Disruption for a poolside sunbather
 36 God associated with the moon
 37 American _____
 39 Marsupial that goes into shock when frightened
 42 Kind of parking
 43 Each
 44 Arab leaders
 45 "I spilled _____ remover on my dog. Now he's gone": Steven Wright
 46 Dancer Charisse of "Singin' in the Rain"
 47 Wizard
 48 Sci-fi daughter of Padmé
 50 D as in D.C.? Abbr.
 52 Some prosecutors, for short
 53 Primeval
 55 First name in folk
 59 Some wide-brimmed hats
 61 Killer of the Night King on



"Game of Thrones"

- 62 _____ Day, early collaborator with Prince
 65 "r u 4 real?"
 66 Serving with a meze platter
 67 It's a ball
 68 Japanese honorific
 69 Pries (from)
 70 Icky look
 71 Boots, helmets, rope, etc.
 72 Prefix with puncture
 73 For face value
 74 One-named entertainer from Spain
 75 Hand-held device used by Mr. Spock

77 Lunar New Year

- 78 General name for a dish?
 81 Shade of red
 82 Ticks off
 83 Like Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts
 88 Fish in a poke bowl
 91 Unfairly takes advantage of, as a policy
 92 WaPo alternative
 93 Square figure?
 95 Like a tasty cake
 96 Ice-cream treat
 97 They might hold on to their caps, for short
 98 "Failure _____ an option"

99 Back in style

- 100 You can see right through it
 101 Beginning of a toast
 103 What concealer might conceal
 105 Soaks (up)
 106 Co-author of 2016's "The Book of Joy," along with the Dalai Lama
 107 Break... or brake
 108 Inits. on the road
 109 Inits. on the road
 110 Darkroom item, in brief
 111 Personal-ad abbr.
 112 No-win situation

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