

ACROSS

1. Diane of NPR with spasmodic dysphonia, so don't make fun of her voice unless you also have spasmodic dysphonia, in which case NPR would probably be into it
5. Size for a storied spider
9. Frank prefers it to "Heineken?!" in "Blue Velvet"
14. Pokémon name prefix with -poke and -bro
15. ___-Lite (house music group that collaborated with Bootsy Collins in the 90s)
16. Nebraska town that I don't want to research a clue for
17. Bazonga
18. "___ Fool" (Ludacris song from the "2 Fast 2 Furious" soundtrack)
19. Band that, regrettably for punsters, has never performed live at the Mirage
20. "I really really really really really really really really really really really don't know what to say here..."
23. Relatively long stretch of time (Relative to what? It depends how hyperbolically we're talking.)
24. "___-haw!" (I know we're in donkey country, but this sound ain't comin' out yer ass!)
25. Big Japanese beer
28. When 44-Across was born
30. Chinese director Zhangke whose films are apparently great...I'll let you know when I finally get around to seeing them
33. Skin-and-bones types
35. Be a good consumer?
36. Thoroughly soused people
37. "Be very very very very very very very very very very very quiet!"

40. Bitty battery that is most often used in laser pointers
41. USD alternative
42. Comparatively close, temporarily
43. Pt. of an op., in classical music
44. Historical figure whose middle initial was probably not H., but it might as well have been if we care about crossword symmetry and theme relevance
46. "Of all the wild beasts of land ___, the wildest is Woman." (un-PC quote via Menander of Athens)
47. Sorta
48. Bank ___ no.
50. "I finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally finally get it."

58. An extended shot of this will probably get your film an NC-17 rating
59. Natl. Guard companion
60. "Das ___." (VW's slogan)
61. "...[Puff, the magic dragon] frolicked in the autumn mist in ___ called Honalee..."
62. Apple's intelligent personal assistant (We've got to be close to the end of times when IPA is a phrase)
63. ___-do-well (aimless sort)
64. Composer behind "Falstaff" and "Otello" (makes me wonder if there's a Welles connection)
65. Tommy of tennis, who is widely cited as the best player to never win an Open
66. "___-mite!" ("Good Times" line nominated for TV Land's Catchiest Classic TV Catch Phrase award)

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1. Post-Q queue
2. "In the Valley of ___" (audaciously titled Paul Haggis movie of 2007)

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3. Snowy Star Wars planet
4. Evil villain laugh, or a nerd rendering of one
5. Specific spud
6. Robert Hood's genre
7. Spirit famously channeled by Jane Roberts
8. Repeated ad infinitum, it's the chorus to Nirvana's "Lithium"
9. Deprecated (not 'defecated')
10. East Asian maid
11. Strike severely
12. ___-tzu (lapdog breed)
13. "Tubbin' with ___" (comedienne Leggero's short-lived YouTube jacuzzi talk show)
21. "___-ho!" (dwarves' song in "Snow White")
22. Actor Ledger and a bar
25. Indian state that exports a lot of black tea
26. One name for sorrel soup
27. Nirvana-y person
29. Inaugural post-British India PM
30. Potties
31. "With this ring ___ wed..."
32. ___ Tempel (seminal krautrock band whose 1972 release "Seven Up" featured Timothy Leary on vocals)
34. Exasperated interjection that evolved from shouting 44-Across
36. Alphabet for fast writers
38. On the DL, with "on the"
39. 1989 Tom Hanks costar played by Beasley the Dog
44. Boko Haram member, for one
45. Mauritania backdrop
49. Cosey Fanni Tutti's Throbbing Gristle bandmate and life partner Carter
50. Notable Norwegian monarch
51. Hearty partner?
52. Construction piece that looks like an uppercase 'I' at a 90-degree angle
53. Posterior
54. 4,000 year old Chinese dynasty
55. Newsleader Lewis
56. Battleship coordinate that is the eighth square on the lowest row
57. Scope lead-in