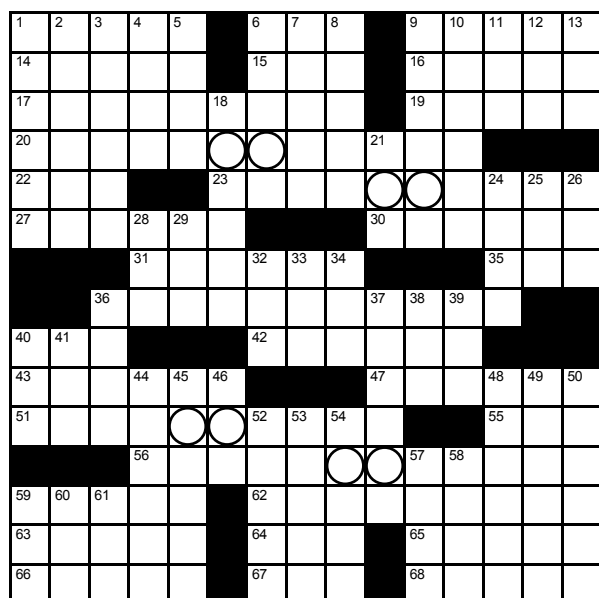


AV Club xword, 1 13 10



Across

1. Histories
6. Sub's opposite, in BDSM
9. Erstwhile "rubber capital of the world"
14. Tracy Morgan book "I ___ New Black"
15. Reuters rival
16. Jazz pianist with "Space is the Place"
17. Classic Def Leppard album from 1983
19. Software medium
20. 112, for 36-Across
22. "___ Can Cook"
23. Less-than-serious fictional work
27. See 30-Across
30. B-movie director who was in "Fugitive Girls" w/ Con Covert, who was in "Tender is the Night" w/ Cesare Denova, who was in "Animal House" w/ Kevin Bacon, who was in "The Woodsman" w/ Mos Def, who was in "Monster's Ball" w/ Heath Ledger, star of "Brokeback Mountain," directed by 27-Across
31. Very familiar

35. Clip-___ (non-piercing earrings)

36. New element whose name will be ratified in January, 2010, and whose symbol appears in the middle of this puzzle's theme answers
40. Org. that makes you take off your shoes
42. Quarterback's ploys
43. Afghan president Hamid
47. Jeans materials
51. It touches your eye
55. Mob VIP
56. Streaking, e.g.
59. Somewhat
62. Fishlike
63. Two cents
64. Enjoy some powder
65. "I give up!"
66. Like an afro
67. Sci-fi skill
68. "The Black Moth" author Georgette

Down

1. ___ King (NYC hot dog chain)
2. "The Joy Luck Club" novelist
3. Able to bench a lot, perhaps
4. Yorke of Radiohead
5. Big truck, for short
6. "Can't answer that"
7. Heroin source
8. Single from "Big Willie Style"
9. Get high, like Jesus
10. TV co-star of Aniston and Cox
11. Time off, in mil. slang
12. Oaxaca gold
13. Hanoi Hilton locale
18. Consent (to)
21. P.C. dating letters
24. "Va-va-___!"
25. Long historical episode
26. Mitt Romney's denom.
28. Nose-powdering locale, abroad
29. Hip-hop artist whose name is a homonym for something he DJs with
32. Timecard abbr.

33. Raggedy ___

34. Straightforward Father's Day gift
36. Grocery carrier
37. Rhythmic
38. Tina's former
39. "Top Gun" org.
40. "Punch-Out!" success
41. Easy mark
44. Avoids a fly pop-out?
45. Sharpness
46. Bach's "Mass ___ Minor"
48. Stupid stuff
49. Able to travel, biologically
50. Tom who hosted "The Late Late Show"
52. Beethoven dedicatee
53. "Casablanca" gin joint
54. TV censoring technology
57. "Nope ..."
58. Fraction of a newton
59. Ancient Chinese dynasty
60. Italian article
61. "There's an ___ for that"