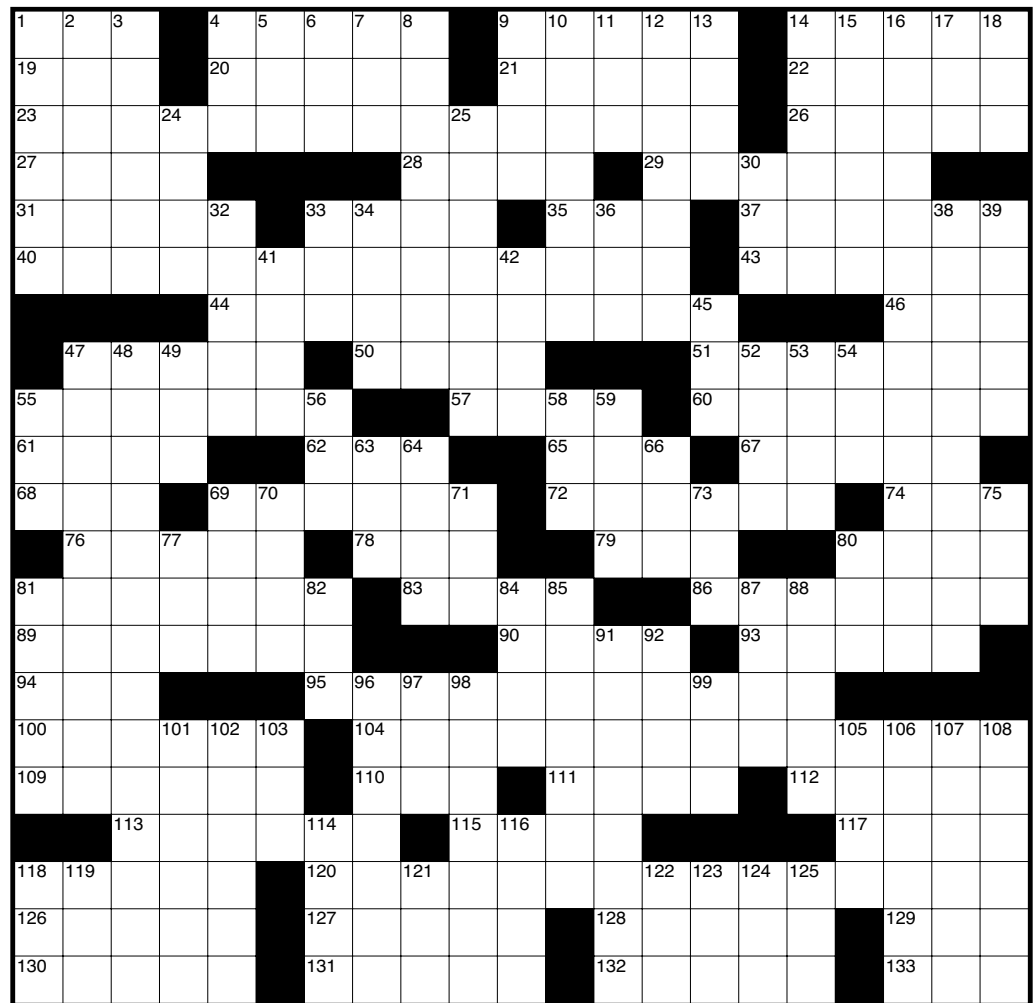


King Kong School

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ACROSS

- 1 "How tasty!"
 4 "Hogwash!"
 9 Notorious traitor
 14 Greek isle where Pythagoras was born
 19 Mouth prefix
 20 Florida city
 21 *Martha* or *Norma*
 22 The Hollywood Bow
 23 Hairy singers?
 26 City of rubber
 27 Rice or Tyler
 28 London district
 29 Religious commune
 31 "___ Kentucky Home"
 33 Landing site, 1969
 35 Fork over
 37 Open with a key
 40 With 44 Across, hairy spinster's fate?
 43 Japanese tea-and-sympathy girl
 44 See 40 Across
 46 Ice, to Weiss
 47 *The Wild Duck* playwright
 50 Word heard on New Year's Eve
 51 Car salesman's motto
 55 ___ the rear
 (heads for the back seats)
 57 Fast planes
 60 Prime-time time
 61 Meat-rating dept.
 62 Great American Smoke-Out mo.
 65 Being from Melmac
 67 Top Iranians, once
 68 A sheep remark
 69 Instrument heard in *The Third Man*
 72 Persian king
 74 Scratch (out) a living
 76 Spinning toys or Greek snacks
 78 Hazel's boss, familiarly
 79 Pot for pods
 80 Pluto's tail?
 81 Way to address a guru
 83 Dallas nickname
 86 *Flame Trees of Thika* author Huxley
 89 Soviet provinces
 90 Dream, in Reims
 93 Crack ___ (do some deciphering)
 94 Kobe robe accessory
 95 Hairy Steinbeck novel?
 100 Munich medic
 104 Hairy diet maven?
 109 Pepper reaction
 110 ___ bender
 111 *Serpico* author
 112 Beginning
 113 Swaps
 115 ___ side (song No. 2 on an old 45)
 117 Vex
 118 Down-to-earth color
 120 Health store for hairy vegetarians?
 126 Type of broom
 127 Indian pole
 128 "___ a dream ..."
 129 Tell's had to be true
 130 Kudrow and Ling



- 131 Make ___ at (hit on)
 132 Big horns
 133 Proposition position

DOWN

- 1 Exclamation that's almost a cellist
 2 A compound of element 92
 3 Gilligan's boat
 4 ___ favor
 5 Bot. or chem.
 6 March or Roach
 7 Everything
 8 Apologized
 9 Baseball great Gibson
 10 At the usual level
 11 Doo-dah prelude
 12 Decked out
 13 Lip
 14 Card-game authority John
 15 Acid opposite
 16 With 48 Down, harried hairy one's lament?
 17 Cortes's loot
 18 Dirty Harry's city, part 1
 24 Ile ___ cité
 25 Asia Minor folks, once
 30 Buscaglia welcome
 32 Units of force
 33 Dallas dribbler
 34 Unshutters, poetically
 36 Philippine native
 38 Hairy cousin of Jack Benny?
 39 Top 40 guy Casey

- 41 Faxed
 42 Brit. honors
 45 When Brigitte hits the beach
 47 "Everybody knows that," in hairy terms?
 48 See 16 Down
 49 Sweating setting
 52 Part of a slope ratio
 53 Grunted opinions
 54 ___ Na Na
 55 Silent runner, sometimes
 56 Can. province
 58 Income outgo
 59 Did in
 63 Resistance unit
 64 Predicate part
 66 Backward
 69 Animal houses
 70 "Life ___ fair"
 71 Crossing-home credit, briefly
 73 Jaguar model
 75 Bible ending
 77 Stephen of *Angie*
 80 TV oldie, ___ *Sharkey*
 81 Forest
 82 Space org. abroad
 84 David who played Rhoda's husband Joe on *Rhoda*
 85 Slanderous one
 87 "Do" preceders
 88 Joe ___ from Kokomo
 91 Bug's cousin

- 92 Earth goddess
 96 Sporting-goods store
 97 A, to Otto
 98 Criticizes severely
 99 Donkey
 101 Singer Brewer
 102 Where Branson, Mo., is
 103 Danger hue
 105 Crucifix letters
 106 Faulkner's ___ *Dying*
 107 Journalist Bly
 108 Emits vapor
 114 Singer James
 116 Alters, as pants
 118 Hogwarts bird
 119 With "sox," a team, for short
 121 Greek letter
 122 Outspoken 1960s madame
 123 Yak, yak, yak
 124 Eggs
 125 It's not your bus.

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