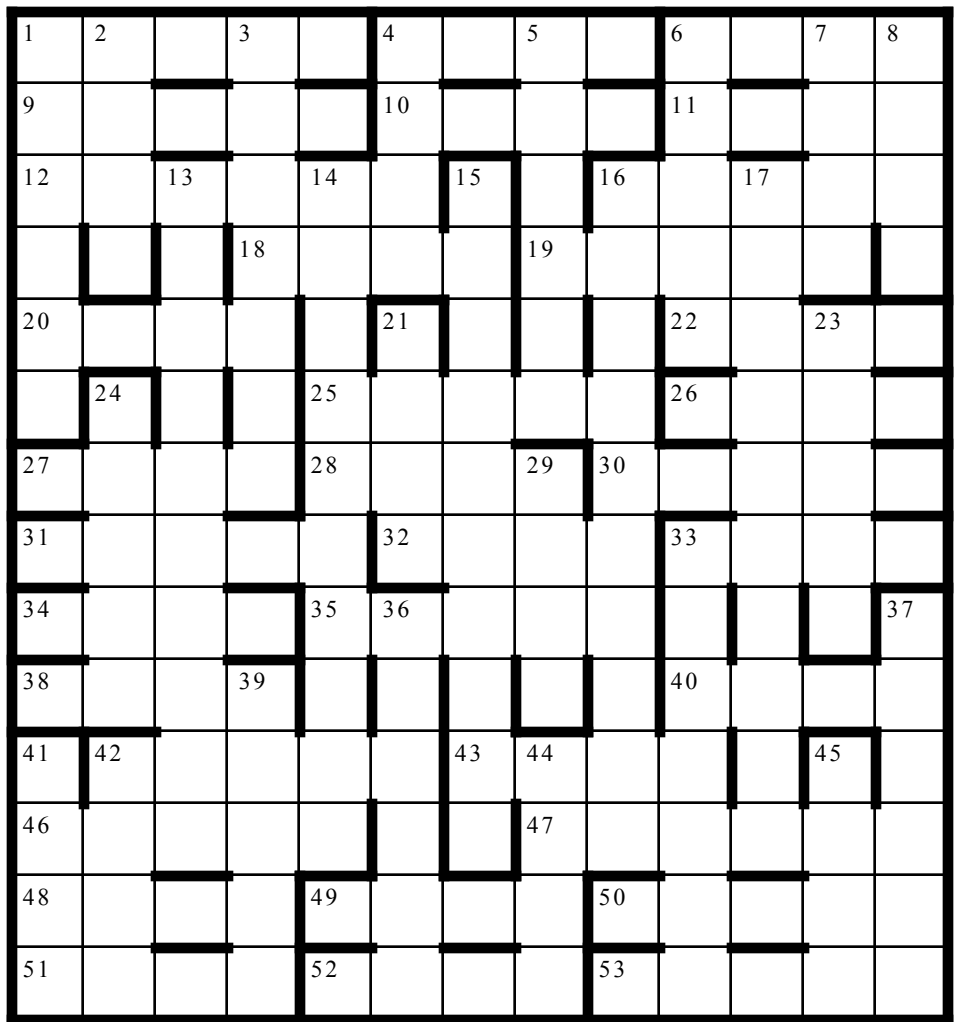


Action Flicks

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In tribute to the complete overlap between the Best Picture and Best Director nominees this year, in this crossword I am calling, "Action!" As in last year's cryptic, many of the Down answers must be altered before being entered in the grid, in one of five ways: Some have a back that must be fixed, some are sent to Munich, some have a good farewell, some take one of two possible leaders, and some crash. However, there are also five long Down answers (13D through 17D) that will be entered unaltered, each of which calls for some kind of action; the clues for these entries contain no definition part, just the cryptic part.

Flanking the long down entries on either side of the grid is a slightly edited quotation from a film that has garnered an Oscar nomination; this quotation describes these entries. Also, although the Across answers will be entered into the grid unaltered, every Across clue contains an extraneous letter that must be removed before solving; these letters, in clue order, will describe one action you yourself must take to obtain the missing parts of the quotation.



ACROSS

1. Spain oughtn't to start interrupting prison uprisings (5)
4. Soaring clockwise to get about (4)
6. Knew parts from tenth bit of Hebrew writing (4)
9. Cult leader to guard portal (5)
10. Chico being at church with creep (4)
11. Ruining touching comedienne Margaret's dos four times (4)
12. Shocked as Silver beards Tonto, at first (6)
16. One vacuous guru's cowl (5)
18. Eye complaint of Saint Andy the Old-Fashioned (4)
19. Rude to Alf's female singers (5)
20. Hoot after mead with Rachel's sister (4)
22. Races that left bones (4)
25. Lemur, being in paint, drinks (5)
26. You might inscribe an envelope with this 'n' that, randomly (4, *abbr.*)
27. Burden one country in North America (4)
28. Heard Ringo's outside (4)
30. Trim cover had worn out (5)
31. Free up no pancake heaters, not at first (5)
32. Result of bearing more creepy New York people (4)
33. Rending of cinematic pictures depicting a vehicle (4)
34. Work to get pinto some French moistening agents (4)
35. Duo live with reactionary soldier clad in grey and yellow (5)

38. Old unenergetic Ezra initially lauded in speech (4)
40. Red Zin debate leaves unpleasant chill (4)
42. Welcome bald egret (5)
43. Gets tense after a mixup (4)
46. Vicious editor Didi let bias come into play (5)
47. Bready object under a spheroid couch (6)
48. Ms. Right has heard of groovy cleric, briefly (4, *abbr.*)
49. Theo heartlessly enlisted cop as office worker (4)
50. Coped with feuds focusing on drug-dealing lieutenant (5)
51. Strip of plastic used for stiffening pen has gone (4)
52. Stained little finger starts lathe (4)
53. Peculiar ort fit to be a snack food (5)

DOWN

1. Like a king, for example, stopping a demonstration
2. Get a bit of riboflavin from cereal
3. More than one eruption on skin of Republican remains
4. Mention view out loud
5. 150 discuss saint a lake is named for
6. Knowing about Yoko gets unpleasant, ultimately
7. Gorillas, TOO??
8. Goth's restless spirit
13. Learned about endlessly foolish person near Washington
14. Less excellent, mature participant in bet
15. ND-bred Gene Wilder
16. Gore consumed about 1000 cubic centimeters
17. Grog — that is, rum
21. Intense lamentation
23. Castor or Pollux sings towards the heavens
24. Cotton processor and En grin evilly
29. Boy with grand aria, say
33. Punish Charles X
36. Bush, in 1001.1440 minutes, will be centrally located
37. Non-gay leading man wraps Spielberg film
39. People who run topless, getting salacious glances
41. A young woman to avoid
42. Actress Lillian is kind of good?
44. Oddly sappy secret agent
45. Planet rotated noisily