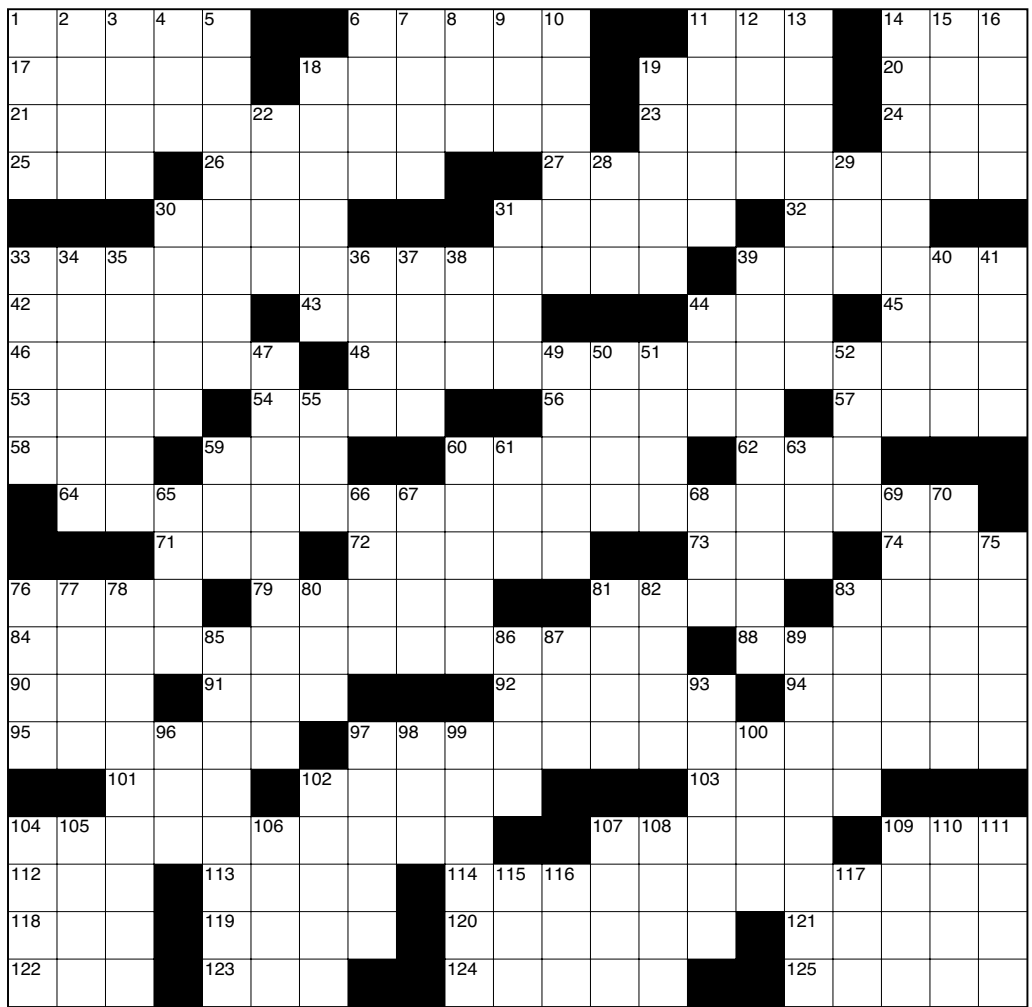


# Near-Miss Film Classics

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## ACROSS

- 1 Low-paying position, slangily  
6 Lots  
11 Fantasy involving Ursula Andress  
14 Police blotter abbr.  
17 “\_\_\_ no idea”  
18 Waikiki wear  
19 NBA nickname  
20 Piece of baloney  
21 Near-miss southern classic?  
23 Japanese aborigine  
24 Big mo. in Punxsutawney  
25 Dolly the clone, for one  
26 Al and Lesley  
27 Near-miss Bond classic?  
30 Delta deposit  
31 Fixes, as fences  
32 Youngster  
33 Near-miss war classic?  
39 Stuffed animal of a sort  
42 Arrested  
43 Thai appetizer  
44 Nobelist author Octavio  
45 Loudness: abbr.  
46 Grab by the shirt, say  
48 Near-miss Russian classic?  
53 Composer \_\_\_-Carlo Menotti  
54 Over again  
56 “\_\_\_ you clever!”  
57 Charles attended it  
58 Opp. of “reduced”  
59 Feminizing finish  
60 Star of *De-Lovely*  
62 “\_\_\_ yours, you are mine ...”  
64 Near-miss David Mamet classic?  
71 Famed Jaguar  
72 British nobles  
73 Ferrell film  
74 Word with “living” or “dead”  
76 Play opening  
79 *Spider-Man* director Sam  
81 Morsel  
83 Bank or corp intro  
84 Near-miss Orson Welles classic?  
88 Rarely  
90 No later than  
91 Bus. abbr.  
92 Rival of Reach and GUM  
94 “\_\_\_ after class”  
95 Awake at 1 a.m., e.g.  
97 Near-miss musical classic?  
101 Commandment word  
102 Half a 1960s quartet  
103 Some are fine  
104 With 114 Across, near-miss Diane Keaton classic?  
107 *Chicago* first name  
109 Mil. troupe  
112 Witness’s promise  
113 Hall of fame?  
114 See 104 Across  
118 Relation  
119 Outback runners  
120 Brando in *Julius Caesar*  
121 Translator’s challenge



- 122 Chem. ending  
123 Serpent’s home  
124 Nikita’s nays  
125 \_\_\_ Sark

## DOWN

- 1 Tiny bloodsucker  
2 Vittles  
3 Copacetic  
4 Egg starter  
5 Gents from Ghent, for example  
6 Olympic vehicle  
7 “It’s one of \_\_\_!”  
8 French soul  
9 Christen  
10 Soft leathers  
11 Backs (away from)  
12 Install, as drapes  
13 Balance  
14 Sworn statement  
15 Capital near Chernobyl  
16 Singer Lane  
18 Feldman and Robbins  
19 Wall St. “500”  
22 Laze (about)  
28 Genetic messenger  
29 Author Amy  
30 Descendant  
31 Polite query  
33 In \_\_\_ (furious)  
34 Storyteller’s rhythm  
35 Available, as a doctor  
36 Ashen  
37 Put away  
38 Water under *le pont*  
39 Bits of dust  
40 \_\_\_ avail  
41 Actor Rickman  
44 Goat-legged god  
47 Lifesavers flavor  
49 Vies for America’s Cup  
50 Sea bird or Irish river  
51 Sharp  
52 Disney fish  
55 Grants org.  
59 Calligrapher’s buy  
60 \_\_\_ eleison  
61 Pad or paper size: abbr.  
63 Alien from Melmac  
65 Way off?  
66 John, the Lone Ranger  
67 Way off?  
68 Grouper grabber  
69 Large beer mug  
70 Inter  
75 Small change?  
76 Aleutian island  
77 A bettor item?  
78 Secret-divulger’s warning  
80 Electrical bridge  
81 Husband of Ruth  
82 1985 film, *To Live and Die* \_\_\_  
83 G and bass, e.g.  
85 Ancient Syrians  
86 Seating sections  
87 \_\_\_ Lanka  
89 Understood by a few  
93 Stinger ingredient  
96 Perfectly fine  
97 First Family, 1909-13  
98 Coverage co.  
99 Otologist, casually  
100 Girl sleuth  
102 Onetime Hollywood studio formed by a merger  
104 Teen’s filler word  
105 Valhalla VIP  
106 Iditarod terminus  
107 Dig like a pig  
108 Countless centuries  
109 Single piece  
110 Aberdeen native  
111 “Jeepers!”  
115 Erstwhile abbr. for Al D’Amato  
116 Verizon, before  
117 Relative of .com and .org

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