

Oscar Mixup

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Owing to a mixup, two deserving films were passed over for Best Picture nominations this year; the names of the films involved in this mixup can be seen at 1 Across and 45 Across. All other Across answers must be altered before being entered in the grid, in one of five ways honoring the films that actually were nominated: Four will be relatively young, four will be confused, four will have something going away, four will acquire the trappings of royalty, and four will show only certain specific characters.

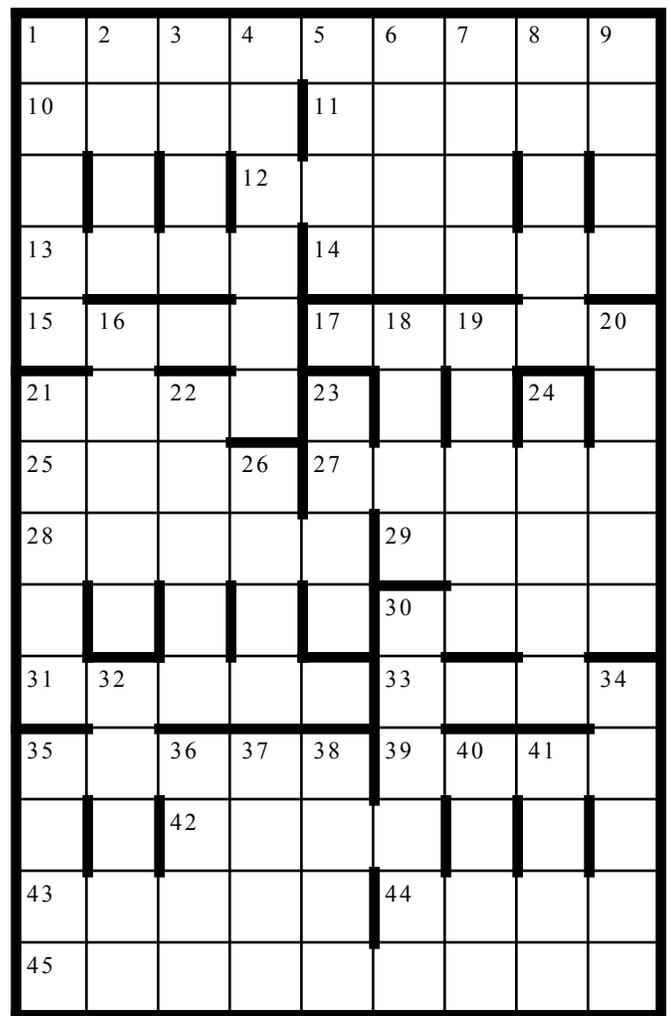
All Down answers are to be entered normally. However, each of the Down clues must be altered before solving. Some clues have an extra character that must be removed before solving; in clue order, these will give the main character of the film at 1 Across. Some clues have a character omitted that must be added before solving; in clue order, these will give the main character of the film at 45 Across. (Both of these are positionally appropriate.) Finally, in each of the remaining Down clues one letter must be changed before solving; the letters you start out with (in clue order) followed by the letters you end up with (also in clue order) will describe one final role (combining qualities of the other two roles) that you yourself might be qualified to play.

ACROSS

10. Peruvian capital involves Florida in a kind of radio fraud (*hyph.*)
11. Actress Tea being shown wearing a garland
12. Make fun of “free energy”
13. Drunk males that ultimately will be most flexible
14. In addition, consumed meat dishes
15. One who damages her cast badly
17. Black undergarment sent to West Point
21. Imitating mice Tim shot
25. Triumvirate includes Gershwin
27. Beautiful female with attitude
28. Baby fat Nin misdescribed
29. Nicest-shaped little creature
30. Ultimately, no prison!
31. Piggish individual from US I’d replaced
33. Regret claiming at the time to be a Slav
35. Left grass for ruminant animals
39. Unhardened middle layer of clay
42. Bunch of tools gulping down close to 239 calories a second
43. With Mr. Morse around, viciously slay what’s at 29 Across
44. In Vermont, “Joyce” is a character from *Henry V*

DOWN

1. Groups of mages leaving estates with problems (5)
2. Old mage presenting science fiction up in Missouri (4)
3. Pliés Eminem’s trade papers perhaps mentioned (4)
4. Dirt I’m spreading about Mendeleev with a famous tale (6)
5. Cold cuts and fruit might be good or poor (4)
6. Leia fixed gluts, in part (4)
7. Adherents of Marxist doctrine abut vacuous debutantes (4)
8. Pound gets that lone detective’s third degree (4 1, *abbr.*)



9. Blade borne after the first of September (4)
16. Hold anger, in the end, towards finished fabrics (5)
18. One fool is super quack (4, *abbr.*)
19. Rake pinches the seventeenth netter for sport (5)
20. Couple from Quebec spend to get a holy book (5)
21. Makes maid run from San Francisco company northward (5)
22. Crossing diplomat, sink island off China (5)
23. Cowgirl keeps fiddleheads in hat case (2 2)
24. Criticize “radical chic” that enthalls none of the Teletubbies (3 2)
26. Wharf bird that’s ailed (4)
30. Very softly wrapping 2500 sheets about stereo equipment (6)
32. Head of Qantas and a sailor with candy land (5)
34. A representative leader from Man stops being jealous (5)
35. Loud, familiar place where one finds ewes and roams (4)
36. Cable shows beginning of weird raga (4)
37. The Board’s waterway goes up in a gigantic explosion (4)
38. Bathed in a bog, mostly (4)
40. Base commander’s heart does flip-flops for soldier that’s not in cap (4)
41. Hamburger’s okay, after light starter to appease an Indian VIP (4)