’10 10 Adulation
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It is now the far-future year 2010, and the Academ-
...my has cloned all of the Best Picture nominees,
...this can be divided into pairs, each sharing one
...trait, and these traits determine how you must
...modify the Down answers before entering them
...in the grid: Five will become alien, five will go
...in a certain direction, five will have one of their
eyes damaged, five will have an encounter with a
Jewish educator, and five will allow you to ex-
tract a particular (otherwise meaningless) seven-
letter sequence (though not all in the same word).
Altered entries include one slang term, one first
name, and one [46 Down]ism.

The Across answers will all be entered normally,
and one third of the Across clues work normally.
In another third of the Across clues, though, the
cryptic part yields an extra letter at the start, and
in the remaining third it yields an extra letter at
the end; these sets of letters will tell you what
cloned pair is responsible for all of this. If you
look at all Across clues above the normal clues,
and at all Across clues below the normal clues,
their first letters will give the names of another
cloned pair that is involved; if you look at their
last letters, you will get (cloned) an individual
who will definitely be an Oscar winner tonight,
and who would have had no problem in assem-
bling any number of [1 Down] [12 Down]!

ACROSS
1. Persians who issued decrees and quiet
sounds of pleasure (5)
5. Ash covers the center of Pretoria? That’s
utter palaver (4)
9. Straddling Italian river, performed for mu-
ic production (4)
13. In Paris, this cold chill returned (4)
14. Lead has to perform what’s agreed to (4)
15. Taking back retro work like Fidelio (4)
16. Essentially, furious and flushed! (4)
17. Egg producer in Wisconsin with inquiry
about timing (4)
18. Quartet of invisible unicorns like fungus-
riddled cheese? (4)
19. Cautious editor reacted to a mouse (5)
20. Get coated with spots or first couple of
blotches (6)
22. Metal-clad communist sounded like a
stud (8)
24. Violet, in part, preferred to be embraced
by Salvatore (5)
25. Court assumes Greek character to be
King of England (4)
26. Biting rare, unusual, stalklike plant
with an edge like a pinking shear (7)
27. Flower of Spain’s male, male sib (4)
29. Start to copy, in French, the iron staff’s
inscription (4)
31. Considering nothing after half the NFL
gets half-sold (2 2)
33. Party is least risky after snake leaves (4)
35. Green plot turned Ayn Rand heartless (4)
36. Eroded with misdirected grinder (4)
37. Exclamation that precedes entry a young
fox thus put on paper (2’1 4)
40. Org. that protects creatures in funny caps
(4, abbr.)
42. A la mode styles of clothes superficially
covered with plant grown on ceramic (5)
43. Mightiest effort by Mr. Stiller to claim
Stone is erotic (4 4)
44. A repair worker in Trek goes loco (6)
47. Loony Suzi initially used Japanese auto
(5)
49. Dramatist who wrote Bus Stop and Nude
Men Following Mongo’s Leader (4)
50. Suggestion to avoid five- or six-sided
objects (4)
51. Rhode Island guys backing Mideastern
leader (4)
52. Tex’s neighbor ought to start keeping
lanthanum (4, abbr.)
53. Woman in black heard nary an item (4)
54. Ickily cute clone mostly has duplicated
the face of Eliza (4)
55. Bug molts for 1/3,600,000,000,000 hr.
(3, abbr.)
56. New York baseball team’s host, hosting
more than one alien (4)
57. In the end, actors and singers that one
writes about! (5)

DOWN
2. Leather strap drops out of your mouth
3. Ugly house I’d demolished
4. Agents claiming Diana overuses salsa?
5. Three in Germany directing Spike vocally
without emotion
6. Expressions meaning “I’m impressed,”
or, contrariwise, “Get out of here”
7. Occasions for romance and fruit
8. Center occupied by son and spouse
10. Tankaard often holds English pint [N12]
11. Right half of that gold-plated speaker
21. Patron deity of warriors in land units
23. Strange company taking on mentalist
Geller, and you and me
24. Village leaders in Dorset only read Poe
26. Handles gutless Glaswegian’s denials
28. Writes on prepared skin
29. My bad parody almost gets put up
30. Swamps ends of five poles
32. Luxurious bribe upset Henry
34. Also touching $1000 stole
38. “Fireplaces,” in this language in Spain
39. One group’s capturing fifty bits of land
41. Said submachine gun, um . . . is more
prone towards seepage
43. Port, in Australia or Britain, is poison
45. Crazy Eddie at last is prepared
46. Such ultimately comes out of fire!
48. Winged creature eats up Dick Tracy’s
wife Angela in the cinema