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12 Gifts of Christmas

Thursday at 8 p.m. on **HALL**

Struggling to pay her bills, Anna (Katrina Law, "Arrow") accepts a temporary job as a personal Christmas shopper for Marc, an uptight executive. As the holidays throw them together, Marc begins to realize that the amount of money spent on a gift is far less important than the amount of thought that goes into the purchase. Anna, meanwhile, discovers she might find success as an artist in an unexpected way. Aaron O'Connell and Donna Mills also star in this 2015 romantic comedy.





It's Your 50th Christmas, Charlie Brown

Monday at 8 p.m. on **KATU, KEZI**

On the same night "A Charlie Brown Christmas" reaches a milestone with its 50th annual broadcast, this new special commemorates the event. Kristen Bell hosts the program, which includes comments from some who were involved in the making of the animated classic, along with musical performances. Among those artists: Kristin Chenoweth, who won a Tony Award for the stage musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," and Matthew Morrison.

Christmas in Rockefeller Center

Wednesday at 8 p.m. on **KGW, KOBI**

Another tradition of the end-of-year holidays is maintained with the 83rd annual lighting of the tree — this time, a 78-foot-tall Norway Spruce from Gardiner, N.Y. — in the virtual center of New York. "Today" regulars Matt Lauer, Savannah Guthrie, Al Roker and Natalie Morales preside over the festivities, and before the switch is flipped to illuminate the colorful display that tourists can visit for several weeks, musical guests perform seasonal tunes.





The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

Across

- "Fresh Off the ___"
- "The Walking ___"; AMC drama series
- "Key ___"; Humphrey Bogart movie
- Herman Munster's boy
- "___ Ventura: Pet Detective"; Jim Carrey movie
- Ballerina's support
- Rob Lowe's role on "The West Wing"
- One of the Thirteen Colonies: abbr.
- Greg ___ of "Mission: Impossible" (1966-73)
- Demi Moore's state of birth: abbr.
- Sandwich shop
- "___ Call Me Mister Tibbs!"; 1970 Sidney Poitier film

- Chat room laugh
- Role on "The Big Bang Theory"
- "The ___ and the Pussycat"; 1970 Barbra Streisand movie
- Sense of self-esteem
- "One ___ Hill"
- Arthur with a racket
- "___ Got Game"; Denzel Washington film
- 1996 Mel Gibson movie
- Setting for "Bonanza": abbr.
- "___ Complicated"; 2009 Meryl Streep movie
- Soleil ___ Frye
- "___: Cyber"
- Actress Sharon
- Burnett, for one
- Sher of "The Middle"
- Prince William's alma mater

Down

- "The ___"; reality series
- Uranium or gold
- Initials for the star of "Matlock"
- Oz visitor
- Lucy's man
- James Caan's role on "Las Vegas"
- Promos
- Role on "blackish" (2)
- "Promised ___" (1996-99)
- Acting award
- "Truth ___ Consequences"
- Laura Innes series, once
- "Barney ___"
- "Islands in the ___"; 1977 George C. Scott film
- Actor Rob
- Broom-Hilda and others
- "___ Means War"; 2012 Reese Witherspoon movie
- "Resident ___"; 2002 Milla Jovovich film
- Sherman Hemsley series
- Word in the title of Howie Mandel's game show
- "That's ___ Raven"
- "___ and Again" (1999-2002)
- Layer of turf
- ___-Magnon; prehistoric man
- 90 degrees from NW
- "Night ___ the Museum"; 2006 Ben Stiller movie

Solution
Jason Segel





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