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The Great American Baking Show

Thursday at 9 p.m. on KATU,

Known as "The Great Holiday Baking Show" when it first aired last year, this competition returns for another limited run. Mary Berry, a huge star in England thanks to the original version of the program — "The Great British Bake Off" — is back as a judge along with back as a judge, along with Johnny luzzini, to gauge the ef-forts of contenders vying to be named America's Best Amateur Baker when all is said and baked. Spouses Nia Vardalos and Ian Gomez also return as



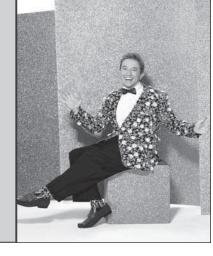
A Dream of Christmas

Saturday at 8 p.m. on HALL

Call it "It's a Not So Wonderful Life," if you wish, because this new holiday fantasy stars Nikki Deloach ("Awkward") as an ambitious and unhappily married woman who fantasizes about being single again. She awakes to find her wish granted in spades, because she has everything she ever wanted except her husband, whom she immediately starts searching for. Andrew Walker ("Against the Wall") also stars.

Hairspray Live! Wednesday at 8 p.m. on KGW, KOBI

Producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron continue their an-nual tradition of staging a live musical with the hit show based on John Waters' purposely kitschy movie. The cast is filled with performing veterans in-cluding Kristin Chenoweth, Jen-nifer Hudson, Harvey Fierstein and Martin Short — but new-comer Maddie Baillio gets the central role of Tracy Turnblad, a teen who attains her dream of dancing on a 1960s Baltimore television show, then lobbies to integrate it.



crossword fun



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

- 1. Series for Jaimie Alex-
- 8. "I __ Pretty"; song from "West Side Story"
- 9. Parisian airport
- 10. Actor on "Life in Piec-
- __ Harm"; shortlived 2013 medical se-
- 15. "How to __ Away With Murder"
- 16. "Twice __ _ Lifetime"; 1985 Gene Hackman
- 17. One of John-Boy's sis-
- 18. Monogram for actor Robinson
- 19. Elegant poems

- 20. "An American ": 1986 animated film
- 24. "A Gifted __" (2011-
- 27. Rural address acronyms
- 28. Courteney Cox's state of birth: abbr.
- 29. Arthur
- 32. Infuriated
- 33. Reality series about the Brown family (2)
- 36. Word after golf or shopping
- 37. Part of a three-piece
- 38. Role on "Madam Secretary"

Down

1. Close-fitting cap

- 2. Citrus fruits
- 3. Suffix for text or percent
- 4. Put in order
- 5. "Semi-__"; 2008 Will Ferrell movie
- 6. Stan Laurel's buddy
- 7. Evening the score
- 8. Norwegian inlet
- 11. Initials for Sara of "Roseanne"
- 12. "Who Wants to a Millionaire"
- 13. VP Rockefeller's initials
- 14. "Gloria in excelsis __!"
- 20. Dining room table surface protector
- 21. Start __; begin again 22. i.e., spelled out (2)
- 23. Psychedelic drug of the ′60s
- 24. Word that means more in Mexico
- 25. Sitcom about a wait-
- 26. __ spray; Flonase or Nasonex
- 29. Carl __; Alex's portrayer on "The Donna Reed Show"
- 30. 1994-2009 medical series
- 31. "__ shucks"
- 34. Prefix for angle or
- 35. " Got a Secret"

Solution Whoopi Goldberg

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