

crossword fun

The Great American Baking Show
Thursday at 9 p.m. on **KATU, KEZI**

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 Johnny Iuzzini, to gauge the efforts 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 hosts.



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 annual tradition of staging a live musical with the hit show based on John Waters' purposely kitschy movie. The cast is filled with performing veterans including Kristin Chenoweth, Jennifer Hudson, Harvey Fierstein and Martin Short — but newcomer 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.



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

Across

1. Series for Jaimie Alexander
8. "I ___ Pretty"; song from "West Side Story"
9. Parisian airport
10. Actor on "Life in Pieces" (2)
14. "___ Harm"; short-lived 2013 medical series
15. "How to ___ Away With Murder"
16. "Twice ___ Lifetime"; 1985 Gene Hackman film
17. One of John-Boy's sisters
18. Monogram for actor Robinson
19. Elegant poems

20. "An American ___"; 1986 animated film
24. "A Gifted ___" (2011-12)
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 suit
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 waitress
26. ___ spray; Flonase or Nasonex
29. Carl ___; Alex's portray-er on "The Donna Reed Show"
30. 1994-2009 medical series
31. "___ shucks"
34. Prefix for angle or cycle
35. "___ Got a Secret"

Solution
Whoopi Goldberg



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