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Super Bowl cost: \$4M

Tale of two taxis

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The New Hork Times

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- 14 Superman, for one
- bathroom
- 16 One showing resolution?
- 18 "Any ideas?"
- 19 Some British autos
- 20 It's delivered freshly
- 21 School in development?
- 22 Lead-in to "la la"
- 24 Where tequila originated: Abbr.
- 25 Start of a
- 27 B.C. setting

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manager

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60 Made a bad call

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1 The right stuff?

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5 Figure-hugging

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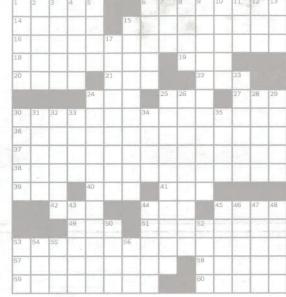
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Edited by Will Shortz

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- "Life of Pi" 35 Egyptian bull
- 43 Diagram grammatically
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- 50 Map lines: Abbr.
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Clay Aiken says Last 'Idol' season begins with yawn

merican Idol" season 2 runner up Clay Aiken had a few harsh words about the first episode of the show's 15th and final season: "Well... now I know why the ratings are down," he tweeted, adding that he missed former judge Simon Cowell's gibes.

"I've watched root canals more entertaining than these judges," referring to Jennifer Lopez, Harry Connick Jr. and Keith Urban.

In other "American Idol" news. Forbes released its list of 2015's top-earning "Idol" contestants: Adam Lambert, who was fronting Queen (\$10 million), Carrie Underwood (\$8 million), Chris Daughtry (\$6 million), Phillip Phillips (\$5 million), and, tied for fifth, Scotty McCreery and Kelly Clarkson (both \$4 million)

Meanwhile, at Wednesdsy's People's Choice Awards, Vin Diesel gave a hearfelt tribute to Paul Walker, Dakota **Johnson** had a wardrobe malfunction and serial event crasher Zacari Nicasio (a Kanve West wannabe) was kicked off the stage by **Sharon Osbourne** after stealing the microphone from "The Talk" hosts during their acceptance

Ellen DeGeneres, after winning the favorite humanitarian honor, said, "It's a little strange to actually get an award for being nice and generous and kind which is what we're all supposed to do with one another."

NEW PEET'S THEATRE

On Thursday, Berkeley Repertory Theatre staffers and supporters celebrated the opening of its new Peet's Theatre (formerly the Thrust Stage) after a renovation that included installation and demonstration of a high-tech Meyer Sound system, complete with thunder effects.

On hand were John and Nancy Meyer, Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates, Peet's Coffee CEO David Burwick, Berkeley Rep board president Stewart Owen, artistic director Tony Taccone (who thanked patrons and likened the event to "inviting people over to see the work done on the foundation") and managing director Susan Medak. who got a laugh when she likened the theater to "a lady who's been well loved and ridden hard."

OUICK TAKES

Beyonce is slated to join Coldplay at the Super Bowl halftime show in Santa Clara. Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco curator Esther Bell is taking a moment today to chat with art lovers about Raphael's "Portrait of a Lady with a Unicorn," a 16th century painting on loan from Rome's Galleria Borghese and the subject of a show opening Saturday at the Legion of Honor.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Actress Sarah Polley is 37. ... Baseball player Jason Giambi is 45. ... Singer R. Kelly is 49. ... Singer David Bowie is 69. ... Guitarist Robby Krieger of The Doors is 70. ... Scientist Stephen Hawking is 75. ... Designer Carolina Herrera is 77. ... Game-show host Bob Eubanks is 78. ... Singer Shirley Bassey is 79.

- Staff, wire report

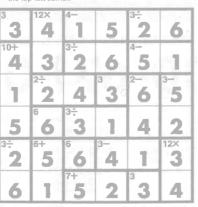
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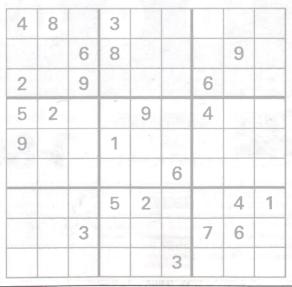
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