



**WRITER'S CORNER**  
By Darien Gee

**Do overs**

*Quote of the Week: "Mistakes are the portals of discovery."*  
James Joyce

*Writing Exercise of the Week: Write for 10 minutes about a time you started something (a fire, a fight, a company, an argument).*

Ah, who wouldn't love a do over — a chance to start again from scratch?

You could go back one hour, one day, one year, a lifetime. Do overs are not to be confused with mulligans, a term borrowed from golf which lets you discard a bad shot and take

another. Do overs are not to be confused with second chances, which implies that while you're getting a second go (at a business assignment, a school assignment, marriage), no one's forgotten what happened the first time around. Second chances suggest that someone is counting or keeping score. Second chances mean the first attempt was not good enough or a failure. There are times in your life when you are grateful for a second chance, especially if you've been ill or had a near death experience, but they're not do overs. With mulligans and second chances, you carry the memory of the first attempt with you into the second.

A true do over, however, is a reset. We wish for do overs when we say something we wish we hadn't, when we embarrass ourselves, when we make a decision we regret seconds (or years) later. Do overs are our hope that nobody was paying attention or that, in pressing the reset button, memories of the action requiring the do over will be erased so we won't be reminded of what happened any more.

If books and movies have taught us anything, it's that do overs never work. We think they will—we hope desperately they will—we may even be convinced that the only way

for things to be set right again is for a full-on do over. It can get downright apocalyptic. Plenty of "blow up the world" proponents believe that starting over from scratch is better than dealing with what we have right now.

Wisdom. Clarity. Humility. Compassion. A deeper knowing of what you want (and don't want), of who you want to be (and don't want to be). If the do over leads you to ask "How do I move on from here?" or "What do I do next?"

Writers write to explore. We pay attention to details, we

notice the nuances. Is that to say we don't wish for do overs? Of course not. Do overs have a seductive quality—it's a fast and easy way out. But with writing—and life—there is no fast and easy way out. We go through experiences because they help clarify who we are, so we can see who we are. Moments that make us want a do over are moments that have the greatest capacity to teach us what we need to know.

Darien's last workshop of the year, Get an Agent and Get Published, will be on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [waimeaeducation.com](http://waimeaeducation.com) for more information and to register.

# Parker School to host Admissions Open House

SPECIAL TO NORTH HAWAII NEWS

The Parker School Admissions Open House is Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. The event offers parents and students a chance to tour the K-12 campus in Waimea, meet current Parker

students, teachers and staff, and learn about the school's academic and extracurricular programs.

Parker will also hold a K-1 Admissions Preview on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from

8:30 to 10 a.m. This is a unique opportunity for parents of future kindergartners and first graders to see firsthand the K-1 program and teachers in action, to explore the classrooms and to chat with

teachers. The K-1 Preview is a parents-only event and the school asks that interested parents RSVP to the number or email address below.

Parker School is a K-12 college preparatory school

whose core values are excellence, integrity and compassion. Applications for admission for the 2014-2015 academic year are being accepted now through Jan. 31, 2014. Financial aid and

scholarships are available. For more information, visit [www.parkerschoolhawaii.org](http://www.parkerschoolhawaii.org), call 885-7933, ext. 7107, or email [admissions@parkerschoolhawaii.org](mailto:admissions@parkerschoolhawaii.org).

**THE DOCTOR IS IN**

By Arthur S. Verdesca

- ACROSS**  
1 Obama attorney general Holder  
5 Rattle  
9 Bros  
13 Online letters  
19 Commandment opener  
20 One missing roll call, perhaps  
21 Per person  
22 Deadhead's idol  
23 Perry Mason story, e.g.  
26 Insatiable  
27 Some deer  
28 Shorten, as a skirt  
29 Bad acting  
30 Onetime Rus. state  
33 Busy buzzer  
34 Strains  
35 Restraint usually seen in pairs  
39 Montana motto metal  
41 Yemen's capital  
42 Do clerical work  
43 Stimp's pal  
44 Zest source  
45 Symbol of a bettor's certainty  
48 SFO listing  
49 Everyday connectors  
50 Jesus of baseball  
51 Durban dough  
52 Bloom holder  
53 Fight stopper  
54 Post-hurricane assessment  
58 Disney king  
59 "Fearful" feature of Blake's Tyger  
61 Tasman and a Genesis shepherd  
62 Sneeze cause  
63 Took the plunge  
64 Tapestry behind which Polonius hid  
65 Abstain from

- 66 "The Weaver of Ravelot"  
68 Unit or sect suffix  
69 Surgical tie  
72 Oil well firefighter  
73 Like some locomotives  
75 Catch  
76 Shooting marbles  
77 Stub  
78 Voyaging, say  
79 Scorch  
80 Letters seen before Fridays  
81 Coen or Stone  
85 Where TV's "Charlie's Angels" was set  
86 A, for Mozart  
87 Riles up  
88 Gets ready to shoot  
89 Dick Tracy creator  
90 Access, in a way  
92 Cats in Cádiz  
93 Seek redress  
95 Rope on the briny  
96 Classic auto  
97 Irish tenor Tynan  
98 Brazilian range do Mar  
100 Minor league baseball level  
103 Made-to-order  
108 House minority leader  
109 '40s film critic  
110 Nihilistic art movement  
111 Follow  
112 Carl with Emmys  
113 Supply in a farm country store  
114 Certain tierrier's isle  
115 Big wind

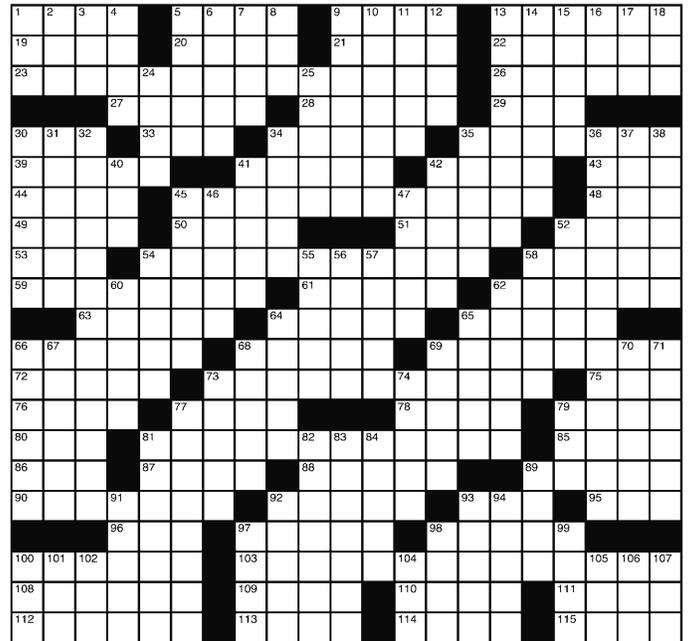
**DOWN**  
1 And so on: Abbr.

- 2 Letter after pi  
3 Signed promise  
4 Restrain  
5 Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," e.g.  
6 Stirred  
7 Madhouses  
8 Disease-struck tree  
9 Legal hurdle  
10 Toward the front  
11 Stadium protectors  
12 Cyberjunk  
13 Deli sandwich  
14 Coleridge storyteller  
15 football  
16 Curling surface  
17 Eye protector  
18 Utter  
24 Big wind  
25 Pipe cleaner  
30 Jack and the missus of verse  
31 Spring toy  
32 Winners can be determined by one  
34 "The Genius of Keyboard" jazzman  
35 "Toad of Toad Hall" playwright  
36 Coffee break treat  
37 Doesn't disturb  
38 Make cherished  
40 NFL six-pointers  
41 It may be long  
42 Loses strength  
45 Baker's preparation  
46 Prayer opener  
47 Scary tests  
52 20, in Toulouse  
54 Lop off  
55 "Beavis and Butt-head" spin-off  
56 Milhaus : Nixon :: \_\_\_ : Garfield

- 57 Lennon's "Everybody's Got Something to Hide Except \_\_\_ My Monkey"  
58 Kitchen wrap  
60 Revealing garb  
62 Mark for future reference  
64 Thin as \_\_\_  
65 McGarrett's outfit, familiarly  
66 Hot Wheels maker  
67 Slow work  
68 Basic building material  
69 Leans  
70 "No kidding"  
71 Online financial site  
73 Pope in Attila's time  
74 Book displays  
77 Like a dogfight missile  
79 AFL partner  
81 Tactful handling  
82 Song title words before "for Miles"  
83 Took turns in succession  
84 Budget, in brand names  
89 Spice Girl Halliwell  
91 Small-screen Bear  
92 Overcharge  
93 Run-down  
94 Bears, to Ovid  
97 North Amer. WWII fliers  
98 The Missouri R. runs through it  
99 All excited  
100 ER procedure  
101 Dixie general  
102 Poetic fighter  
104 Puzzle title people hidden in eight long answers  
105 Bird's org.  
106 Slippery one  
107 Salon stock

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