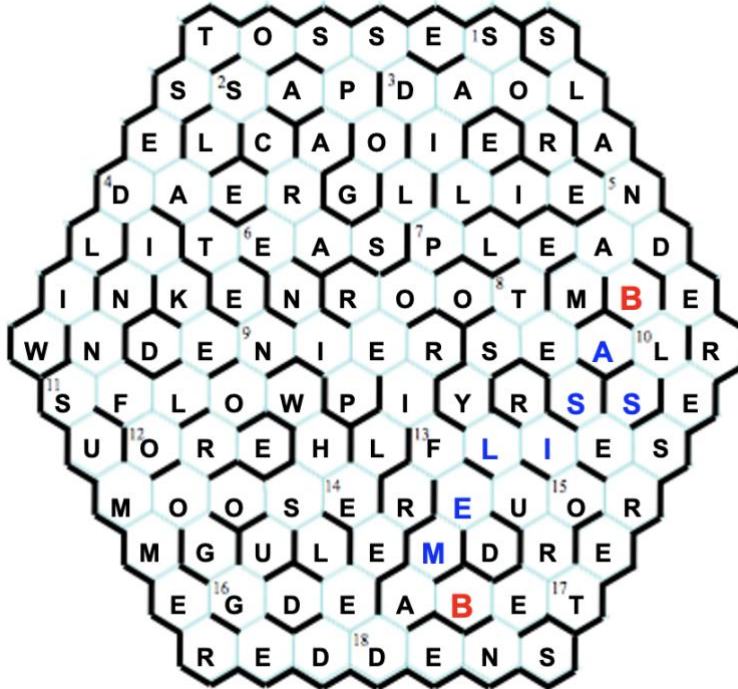


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THE META-SOLUTIONS:

- **GROUP ONE:** The letters in **BLUE** in the solutions below must be deleted from clues before solving or from the solutions before being entered into the grid.
- **GROUP TWO:** The letters in **RED** in the solutions below are the replaced letters, followed by the letters that replace them.

Replacement letters	I	N	D	U	S	T	R	Y	F	L	A	G
Replaced letters	T	F	W	T	U	R	O	H	E	Y	T	N

The replaced letters, alphabetized by the replacement letters	A	D	F	G	I	L	N	R	S	T	U	Y
	T	W	E	N	T	Y	F	O	U	R	T	H

- **GROUP THREE:** The three clue groups without transformations are 7, 8, and 10. The letters from the clues are **HIGHLIGHTED** in the solutions below. They spell out the name ST. AMBROSE
- **GROUP FOUR:** There are only two B's in the entire grid. A wiggling path between them, marked in **BLUE** in the grid above, spells out MELISSA

1 **Beefed up** rocket, so it's said – **SORE** (“soar”)

Casts Tess – so awful – **TOSSES** *

Tipsy lass, drinking bit of **t(I)**onic, goes boating – **SA(DLS)** *

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- 2 Component of Final Solution, and National Socialism as well – **ALSO (H)**
Decline shop assistant's conf[**N**]ection – **PASS (H)**
Files assorted letters that make up vice-chair's research – **ARCHIVES (Letter Bank)**
- 3 Burden of law[**D**] dominating globe – **L(O)AD**
I dressed in Mormon tops – **L(I)DS**
Turned creator (animal found, at first) **in gestation** – **DOG (R)**
- 4 African native prepared edible stew – **WILDEBEEST ***
Note commercial study – **RE + AD**
Ramp up a part of child-rearing with energy – **DIK (R) + E**
- 5 Claim foreign mint[**U**]s first – **[A]LIEN**
Tangling mane, hands tingle – **NAME ***
Weird about space grit covering large person from Brisbane, for example – **QUE (EN + (S (L) AND))**
ER
- 6 Extra chopped pears – **SPARE ***
Mope because of something lou[**S**]t initially proclaimed in error – **P + IN + E**
Parr[**T**]ies taunt loudly – **"TEASE"**
- 7 Leaky faucet sounds loud at commencement, interrupting Boston orchestra – **P(L)OPS**
Society's sort of green influence discussed – **PEOPLE ("pea pull")**
State your case quietly and take charge – **P + LEAD**
- 8 About empty, lie down and start again – **RES(E)T**
Carrot, for example, ought to be in trash – **RO(O)T**
Marketplace for crafts gets yarn pieces (*not MW*) – **ETSY (H)**
- 9 In a new union, Marxist hosts arrive carrying storage container – **RE (COM (BIN) E) D**
Nit with one year's extra clothing – **MORON ("more on")**
Start off tidy and fed – **[N]EATEN**
- 10 Ale's broken closure – **SEAL ***
Aside from that, train's heading to Egypt – **ELS + E**
One of the First Family reportedly is talented – **ABLE ("Abel")**
- 11 Soo[**R**]t flows into bolts – **WOLFS ***
Stops for the night with winnings, ignoring the odds – **[W]I[N]N[I]N[G]S**
What goeth before the fall for accountant? – **SUMMER (2)**
- 12 Bothering to mingle uneasily, getting back to business – **MOLE(S)TING ***
Elected official supporting detailed data – **IN + FO[R]**
Source of metals tin, gold, and rhenium – **O + RE**
- 13 Challenger's letter ignites war morally – **DEFIER ("D fire")**
Expressions of disgust, taking fifth[**Y**] in races – **F(L)IES**
Released animals by the start of film retrospective – **F + REED (R)**

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- 14** Lows beginning to embitter woodland creature – **MOOS + E**
 Our group said what kids say when they go e[E]ast – **WHEE (“we”)**
Stir up wedding whenever I y[L]earn – **RILE (H)**
- 15** Center of boasting: succeeding Rhode Island city – **RI + [B]O[A]**
 Clear passage of time for lecher – **ROU[T]E**
One Rome inhabitant! – **NERO (H)**
- 16** Borders tinged with grease at both ends – **ED + G[REAS]E**
 Holding girl's face, I waffle (not MW) – **EG(G)O**
Phone your group's leader: our side heading for home – **G + US + H**
- 17** A becoming Republican in movie trailer with less dialogue? – **TE[A](R)SER**
 Model slutty grin in a credulous way – **TRUSTINGLY ***
Help criminals et[A]ch stake – **A + BET**
- 18** First class to second, returning de la lun[G]e – **(S)[A]L ED ***
 Harry Dresden is rough on eyes, for example – **REDDENS ***
Lady's resting place left, with bit of misgiving, in valley – **DA[L](M)E**
- What beehives symbolize to Mormons: **INDUSTRY**
 - Where in Utah you find evidence of this: **FLAG**



- Utah rank in U.S. honey production: **TWENTY-FOURTH**
- Name of non-Mormon religious figure: **ST. AMBROSE**
- Woman's name: **MELISSA**