



There were 4 clear theme entries. After finding those, the next step was realizing that the second halves of those themers had counterparts in the grid. There was a WOMAN (VIOLADAVIS), WALL (ISHTARGATE), WATERway (SARAGOTA springs) and TERRIER (AIREDALE Taking the LEADING EDGE of each of those subthemers in order of the original themers gave you VISA - a 4 letter word, and an item often used to cross a BORDER/PERIMETER/FRONTIER/BOUNDARY.