critics'corner —

The Big Bang Theory

Thursday at 8 p.m. on **KVAL**

A number of parents turn up on the concluding episode of the comedy's ninth season, including one who hasn't been seen before: Leonard's (Johnny Gal-ecki) father, played by veteran actor Judd Hirsch ("Taxi," "Ordinary People"). Among those who have appeared previously, Christine Baranski — fresh off "The Good Wife" — and Laurie Metcalf ("Roseanne") return as Leonard and Sheldon's (Jim Parsons) mothers respectively. Kaley Cuoco and Simon Helberg also star.





The Last Man on Earth

Sunday at 9:30 p.m. on KLSR Sunday at 9:30 p.m. on **KLSR**The reunion of siblings Phil and
Mike (Will Forte, guest star Jason Sudeikis) really catches fire
in the comedy's second-season
finale, "30 Years of Science
Down the Tubes." All of the
survivors get a huge surprise,
which is more than likely to
play into the third season — for
which the show has been renewed. Kristen Schaal, January Jones, Mel Rodriguez, Mary Steenburgen and Cleopatra Coleman also star.

Castle

Monday at 10:01 p.m. on

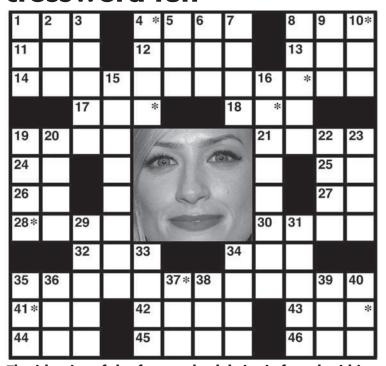
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Whatever transpires in the mystery's eighth-season finale, "Crossfire," you can bet on it being significant for Stana Katic's character, Kate Beckett. The actress' contract for the show wasn't renewed, so one way or another, Beckett will make her exit here. (The same goes for Tamala Jones and her alter ego, Lanie Parish.) The effect also will be sizable on Castle (Nathan Fillion) while in pursuit of Lok-Sat. Jon Huertas and Seamus Dever still co-star ... we think



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

Across

- 1. James Spader's role on "The Blacklist"
- "Father Knows
- 8. Sullivan and Bradley 11. Wife to
- Mickey, Artie and Frank
- __ Sommer
- 13. Skater Babilonia
- 14. Actress on "You, Me and the Apocalypse" (2)
- 17. "What __ to Wear"
- 18. "Murder, __ Wrote"
- 19. "__ Little Rich Girl"; Shirley Temple movie
- 21. Michael J. Fox's role on "Family Ties"
- 24. "The Hobbit: Unexpected Journey"
- 25. NO forerunners
- 26. Carney's initials
- 27. "Maybe It's __" (2001-02)

- 28. Actress Russo
- 30. Waterbird
- 32. Copper or iron
- 34. One of John-Boy's brothers
- 35. "American Idol" host (2)
- 41. Word from Scrooge
- 42. Trudge
- 43. "Grand __ Opry"
- 44. British ship letters
- 45. "The Jewel of the 1985 Michael Douglas film
- 46. "The Simpsons" network

Down

- 1. Role on "The Big Bang Theory"
- "New Year's __"; 2011 film for Sarah Jessica Parker

- "Book 'em,
- the Clock" 4.
- 2003 Will Ferrell movie
- Emulate Picabo Street
- Actress Harper
- 8. Role on "I Love Lucy"
- 9. Daniel __ Kim 10. "To __, with Love"; 1967 Sidney Poitier film
- 15. "__ Éxposure"
- 16. Actor Kyle
- 19. Early "Tonight Show" host
- 20. "__ Upon a Time" 22. "Sesame Street"
- fellow
- 23. " -Days of Future Past"; 2014 film
- 29. Webster and Wyle
- 31. "__ _ the Boys"; 1989 Maria Conchita Alonso sitcom
- 33. "Around the Horn" network
- 34. A followers
- 35. Monogram for President Hayes
- 36. Underground edible
- 37. Actor Wallach
- 38. E-mail provider for millions
- 39. Letters before mo or pitch
- 40. John Ritter's dad

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