

Solution to **BUY LOCAL**:

D	P	U	P	P	Y	S	M	O	M	S	B	O	O	K	S
R	O	L	A	V	A	L	E	F	I	T	S	L	I	C	E
E	W	A	R	H	O	U	S	E	T	Y	V	E	N	U	E
A	Y	F	R	E	E	M	O	U	S	E	K	D	A	Z	S
M	C	A	P	E	M	I	L	A	N	O	M	P	M	H	
R	B	E	A	T	S	R	A	M	E	N	A	L	P	O	E
C	V	I	K	S	C	H	A	R	T	V	L	A	U	P	N
A	D	T	H	A	T	B	A	S	I	L	T	V	K	D	G
R	T	W	E	E	T	H	E	A	R	T	S	O	U	O	K
S	B	I	N	G	O	B	U	R	G	E	R	T	O	Q	E
Z	P	Q	K	I	N	G	P	I	T	B	N	E	C	D	Y

Hidden in the grid of letters are names of locations around campus (shaded in light grey) with one letter changed (dark grey). Reading the original letters from left to right, top to bottom gives the phrase "CAESAR SHIFT REMAINS ONE" which suggests to take the letters not used in the word search and shift them one letter forward in the alphabet. This gives the cluephrase "PUZZLE ANSWER A QR CODE", so the solution is **A QR CODE**. Congratulations to Shangliang Jiang, Justin A., and Keita who were the first three to submit the correct answer to last week's puzzle on our website (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>).

This column is another in our ongoing series. (You can find an archive of past columns on our website). These puzzles have a **TITLE**, some *flavortext*, and the content. Figuring out what to do with the content is the hardest part. The title and flavortext usually indicate the theme of the puzzle, and provide clues about how to manipulate the information you've been given. The full meaning of these clues may only be evident once you've figured out what to do. Solving the puzzle requires extracting an **ANSWER**, which will be a common English word or short

phrase. It should become clear when you've found the answer. Sometimes you may think you need to consult external information; that's okay, no resource is off-limits when solving. When you think you know the answer, submit it on our website.

Remember, during this semester, each puzzle will also come with a "wedge". You do not need to look at this wedge in order to solve the puzzle. However, the answers to all the puzzles will combine to form another puzzle, called a "metapuzzle". You will need to use the wedges to solve the metapuzzle.

LOOSE ENDS

Here's the play-by-play from the race.

Today's competitors are Brezhnev, Eagle, Houdini, Norah, Russell, Shakespeare, and Univac. And they're off! Oh no! Our premier contestant has crashed! The next contestant has landed on the ground... Cheers are absent as this contestant crashes. It looked like this contestant would escape, but he's crashed. It looks like a bug made this contestant crash. It was logical that this contestant would crash. And the last remaining contestant crashes dramatically!

