by The Campus League of Puzzlers

Solution to **LOOSE ENDS:**

The puzzle presents a list of competitors and some commentary on a race in which each of them crashes. The description of the crash clues which contestant crashed. In order, by crash, they are:

1. (B)REZHNE(V) — Soviet premier
2. (E)AGL(E) — Apollo 11 lunar lander
3. (N)ORA(H) — can be read as "NO RAH"
4. (H)OUDIN(I) — famous escape artist
5. (U)NIVA(C) — early computer
6. (R)USSEL(L) — famous logician
7. (S)HAKESPEAR(E) — famous playwright

The puzzle title "Loose Ends" clues what happens when the competitors crash — the ends of their names (first and last letters) are "loose" and come off. Reading the first letters of each name and then the last letters of each name in the order in which they crash gives the cluephrase "BEN HUR'S VEHICLE", leading to the answer **CHARIOT**. Congratulations to Justin A., Aaron Szasz, and Jongyoon Lee 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**, occasionally 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.

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