Week 9: HITORI

2	3	4	2	1	7	5
5	5	5	3	1	6	6
1	6	3	7	4	5	2
3	3	5	4	5	1	6
2	2	1	3	5	3	4
7	4	5	5	5	2	6
6	5	7	1	2	4	2

Metapuzzle: SUDOKU

			7			6		
		1	3					
4								8
5					6			
	6			7			3	
			9					7
9								4
					8	5		
		7			1			

The Campus League of Puzzlers is a group of students and alums who enjoy writing and solving puzzles. Our main event is the annual Berkeley Mystery Hunt, a 12 hour puzzle solving competition for teams of up to 10 people. This year's hunt will be Sunday, May 4; we'll have more information for you as that date nears.

The goal of this column, which runs in the Daily Cal and on our Facebook page each Thursday, is to introduce you to a wide variety of puzzles. The solutions to each of the puzzles will clue a single letter of the English alphabet. When you've solved the puzzle, visit our website to confirm your answer.
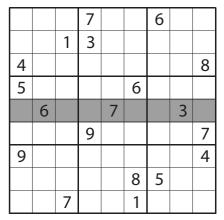
After you've collected all the letters from the past weeks, they can be reordered to form a word. Solving the Sudoku at the end of the column will tell you how to order the letters.

This week's puzzle is called a Hitori. Shade cells until each digit appears no more than once in a given row or column. The shaded cells may not share edges, and the remaining unshaded cells must form a single contiguous block. Each unshaded cell must share at least one edge with another unshaded cell. When you have solved the puzzle, connect the unshaded cells containing a 5, moving from left to right.