

The 2013 Berkeley Mystery Hunt is coming up on Sunday, May 5th. The hunt is a 12 hour puzzle solving competition based on the MIT Mystery Hunt. Teams of up to 10 try to solve puzzles as fast as they can to ultimately locate an item of interest hidden somewhere on campus. If you and your friends like puzzles, start getting together your team. No previous puzzling experience necessary! For more information, or to register, visit our website.

Last week, we started presenting a series of “game puzzles”. (You can find an archive of past columns on our website). In this kind of puzzle, we’ll give you a box with some information, but no instruc-

tions. Figuring out what to do is the hardest part. Each puzzle will have a **TITLE** and some will have a short sentence called *flavortext*. 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** from the given information. The answer will be a single English word. 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, check it on our website.

NOT ALWAYS TOTALLY OBVIOUS

California mountain range
Sesame street muppet
Fantasy Bra model
Mythological nymph
Character from *Twin Peaks*
Holiday month