

Solution to OPERATION:

Each of the symbols represents an operation performed on a word.

Pentagon	change all Cs to Ts
Square	shift all vowels to the next vowel in the alphabet
Circle	remove one of each pair of duplicate letters
Heart	combine words
Cross	remove first letter
Star	reverse word

Applying these operations to the final words gives the answer **LIBERTY**. Congratulations to Keita, Thomas, and Sean Kern 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 *flavor-text*, and the content. Figuring out what to do with the content is the hardest part. The title and flavor-text 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.

FRANKENWORDS

Morning meal	Show stopper?
Halloween disguise	Type of muffin
___ superhighway	Confusion or mist
Back part of a griffin	Tanned cowhide
Alternative to paper	It may be bagged
Sign of fire	Dramatic production
Language of Madrid	Tony or Hobbes
Remain	Holiday

