

Solution to RHO, RHO, RHO:

Each line clues a few abbreviations or short words, which can then be combined to form a Greek letter.

wager on a good grade	bet + A	beta
0.0×10^{-6} m	0 + micron	omicron
mountain laugh	alp + ha	alpha
teaspoon of gold	t + Au	tau
m, kg, s, A, K, mol, and cd on ABC in the AM	SI + GMA	sigma

Writing the Greek letter and then reading it as an English letter (or merely reading the first letters of the names of the Greek letters) gives the answer, **BOATS**. Congratulations to Seymour B, Keli T., and CoyoteCreed, 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 the second 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 (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>).

Week 2: Flagged Verses

And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,
And when they had found him, they said unto him,
All men seek for thee.
Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if
the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon
all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt
save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.
For even the Son of man came not to be ministered
unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom
for many.
He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and
exalted them of low degree.
Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed her-
self to the ground, and took up her son, and went
out.
They would none of my counsel: they despised all
my reproof.