

Solution to **DROPPING OUT**:

The puzzles look like standard dropquotes. However, one letter should be filled into each white space. Putting a letter in each black square and reading each row across then forms words.

O	P	E	R	A
N	O	V	E	L
M	O	V	I	E
S	T	O	R	Y

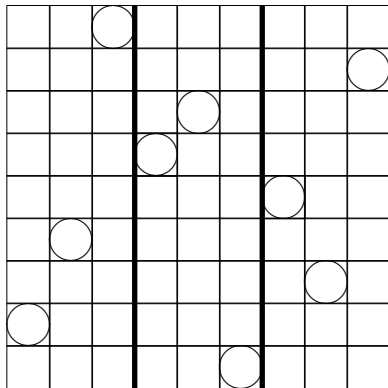
E	I	G	H	T
D	O	N	U	T
B	A	G	E	L
S	I	E	V	E

The first grid contains things that have PLOTs, while the second grid contains things that have HOLEs. Combine the two words to form the answer, **PLOT HOLE**. Congratulations to Golem, Zvi Rosen, and CoyoteCreed for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's puzzle on our website.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual Berkeley Mystery Hunt, on May 3, 2015!

This column is the ninth in our ongoing series. When you think you know the answer, submit it on

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AND ARA ARG CAP EAS ENT EVE GAP GUA
 HUA INA INO IUS LIT MAR MAU MOR NIA
 NIC ORE RDE RIT SAN SIN SWA TTI ZIL