

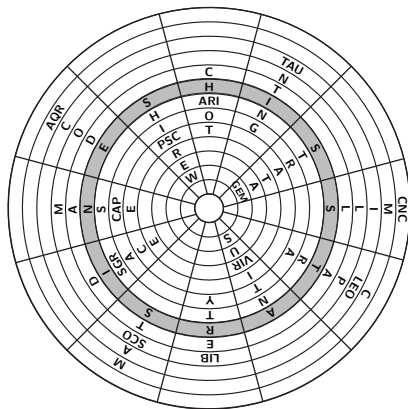
Solution to TOM SWIFT AND HIS ASTROLOGICAL OSCILLOSCOPE:

The metapuzzle uses the answers and wedges from the previous columns. Each puzzle answer contains one of the three-letter abbreviations for the signs of the zodiac.

- antiVIRus (Virgo)
- AQRcode (Aquarius)
- chARlot (Aries)
- cLEOpatra (Leo)
- CNCmills (Cancer)
- diSGRace (Sagittarius)
- LiBerty (Libra)
- mansCAPe (Capricorn)
- maSCOs (Scorpio)
- shiPSCrew (Pisces)
- strataGEM (Gemini)
- TAUnting (Taurus)

Fill the answer to each puzzle into the wedge that was printed along with it. Write the answer from the outside of the wedge inwards. Put a single letter in each cell except the one marked with the star: put the three letter abbreviation for the zodiac sign in that cell. The puzzles were published in alphabetical order by answer. Reorder the wedges in the order of the zodiac signs and assemble them into a circle.

Reading around the letters in the grey circle clockwise starting from Aries gives the phrase **HIS STAR SINES**, which is the answer to the final question "What was the first thing Tom checked with his new astrological oscilloscope?". Congratulations to Nishant Pappireddi and Tom Griffin who were the first two to submit the correct answer to the metapuzzle on our website (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>).



This is the final column of the semester. We'll be back with new columns at the start of next semester. Stay tuned for more information about the 2014 Berkeley Mystery Hunt.

Congratulations to all of the solvers who were in the top 3 multiple times this semester. (The number in parentheses is the number of top 3s.)

- Keita (6)
- Justin A. (6)
- Aaron Szasz (4)
- Tom Griffin (3)
- Bon-Soon Lin (3)
- Shangliang Jiang (2)
- Sean Kern (2)
- Jongyoon Lee (2)
- Nishant Pappireddi (2)