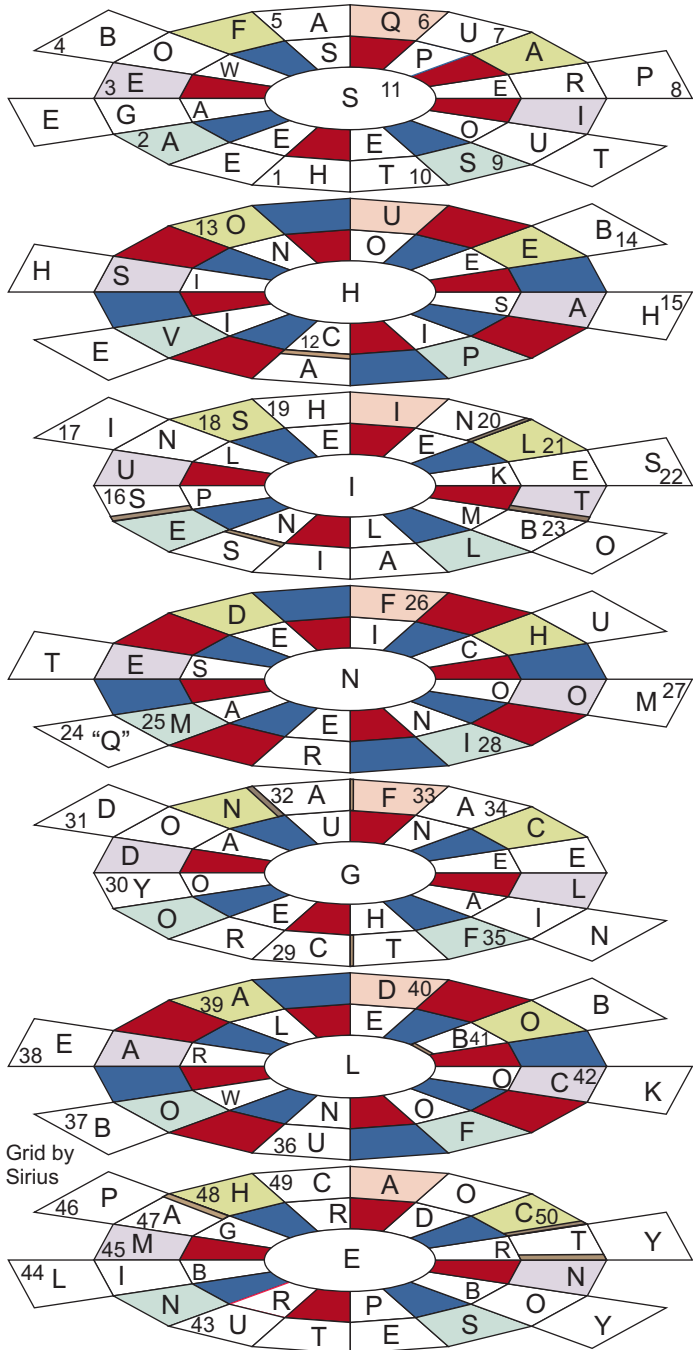


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Noting the fiftieth anniversary of a marathon 1,997 performances in the West End run of the musical *Hair* ending as described in the clue of Day 20. The roof of The Shaftesbury Theatre collapsed. Asterisked clues led to solutions which required shocking treatment (stripping off permitted in UK theatres after Day 26's relaxation of theatre censorship) like the nudity throughout the musical, before entry in the grid. Both solution and grid entry are real words. X in some clues refers to the unclued (HAIRCUT) at 1d or 1d-4,29di-2 (HAIRDO)

The race commentary in the instructions refers to the musical and its themes of counter-culture, sex, drugs, anti-Vietnam War, long hair and comment on US race relations. There were highly sophisticated and discreet references to things to do with the sexual revolution portrayed. All in the best possible taste.