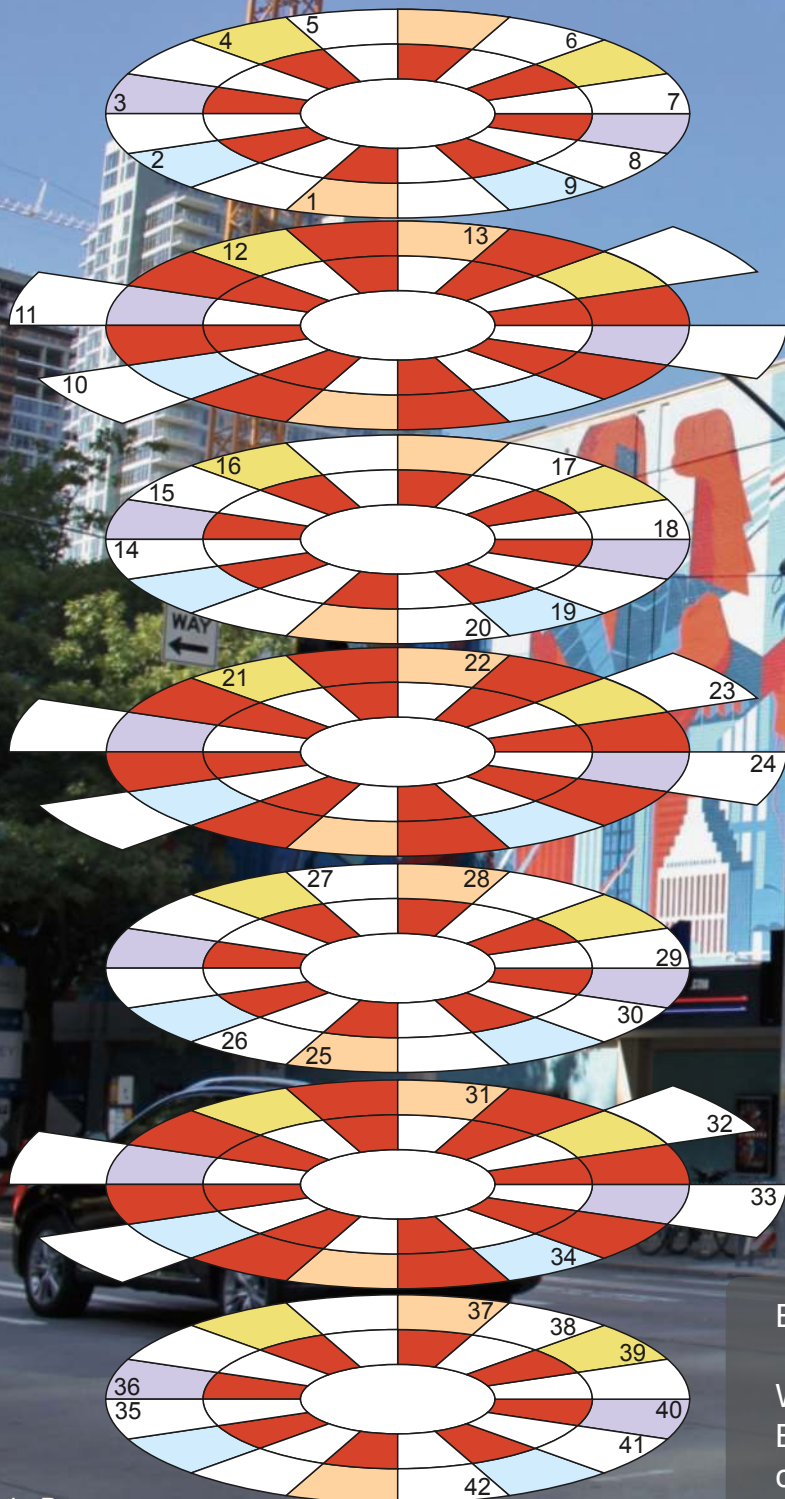



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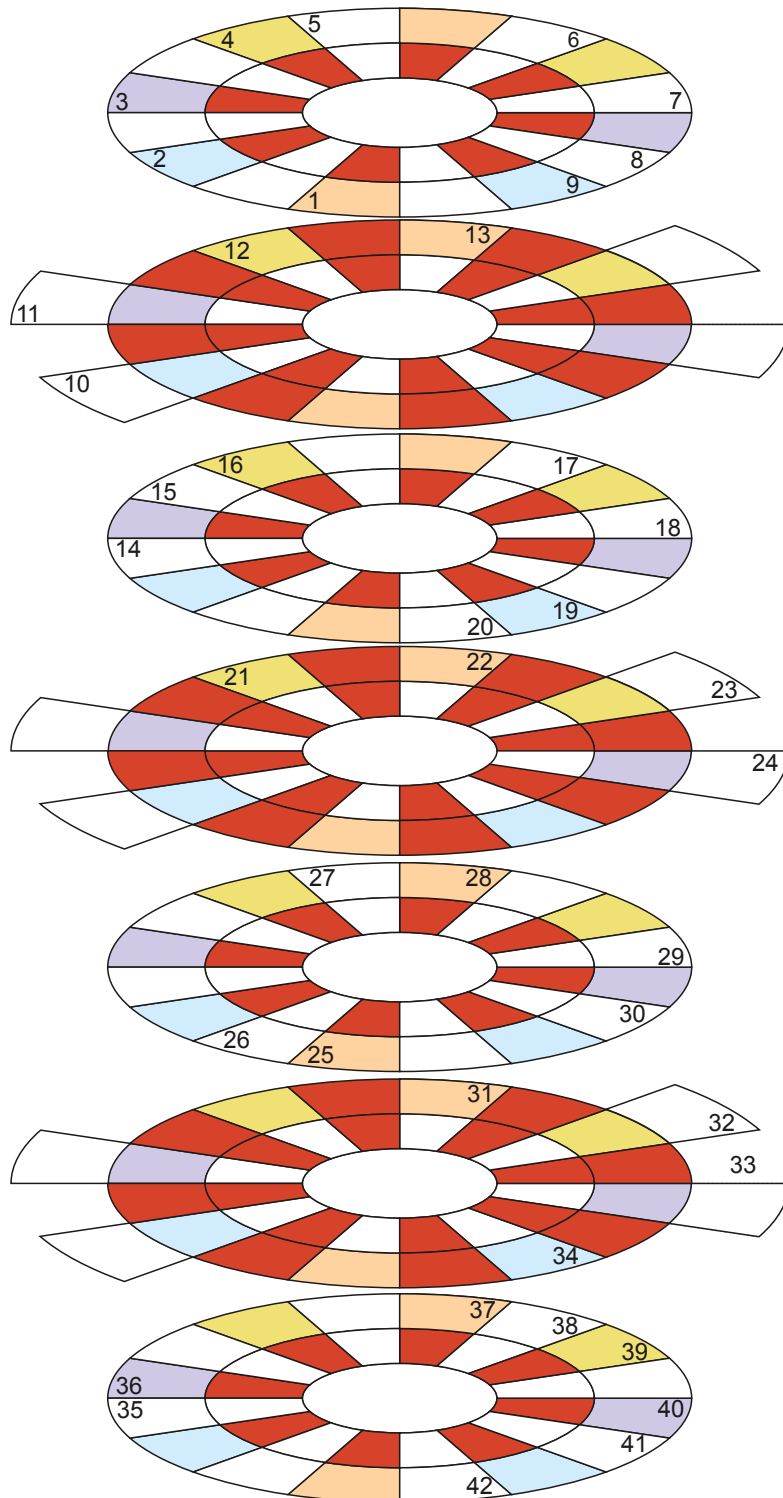


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6 ^{26di} Writer a god, you admitted (6)	7 ^{21di} Flooded mostly elsewhere by Spanish coast (5)	8 ^{34di} Obvious! Don't let convicted tax cheat come (5)	9 <i>(The clue for Day 9 belonged to an earlier version of the grid.)</i>	10 ^{28AC-7,25AC-5} Woods played here with singer getting birdie – lots of energy surprisingly (7,5)	11 ^{28C-5} Fellow briefly May's strike partner (5)	12 ^{9d} Article in Times reprinted, incidentally (2,3,2)
13 ^{24di} Twice caught a semi-rare bird of prey (8)	14 ^{5di} Disco music entertains Greek god (5)	15 ^{11di} Surprise call from wife visiting one desperate Romeo – help! (4,4)	16 ^{6di} Call up gardener to take care of hollow tree? (5)	17 ^{30di} Former boyfriend has chance to return – it's big up! (5)	18 ^{13di} High-rise accommodation sounded weird for many (5)	19 ^{39AC} Wiktionary It feels wrong for linked group of documents stored (7)
20 ^{32di} Got closer to Angie working with prof (6,2)	21 ^{1d} Guineas hope's last – feeds greedily going round (7)	22 ^{10di} The rain's ruined flimsy head coverings (8)	23 ^{38di} Bosom pal's not late (6)	24 ^{7di} I'm wearing knockout number as national dress (6)	25 ^{40AC-3,39up} French nobleman dressing a female in baby clothes (9)	26 ^{37up} Throw back endless seafood (7)
27 ^{40up} Crazy nationalist visits him in Paris college (7)	28 ^{31di} Honours egghead with a large corporation (5)	29 ^{27di} Local colour I missed in heroic remake (5)	30 ^{35di} Work with old Wimbledon favourite, one offering the best conditions (6)	31 ^{2d} Quiet area of Spain is ideal (7)	32 ^{3d} Flag-waver's affectionate touch leads to disorder (7)	33 ^{2AC} Snip reduces deficit? (4,4)
34 ^{42di} Not big favourite, I note (6)	35 ^{12di} Merriam-Webster Marshy ground ultimately stops horse (5)	36 ^{2C} Creep spoke about president's birthplace (5,5)	37 ^{33di} Question Five to cryptic demon: what did Victoria rule? (8)	38 ^{16AC} Judge's rule at conclusion of case (4)	39 ^{23di} In mess, do cater for old soldier (7)	40 ^{18di,14AC} European queen discredited old trader (6)

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