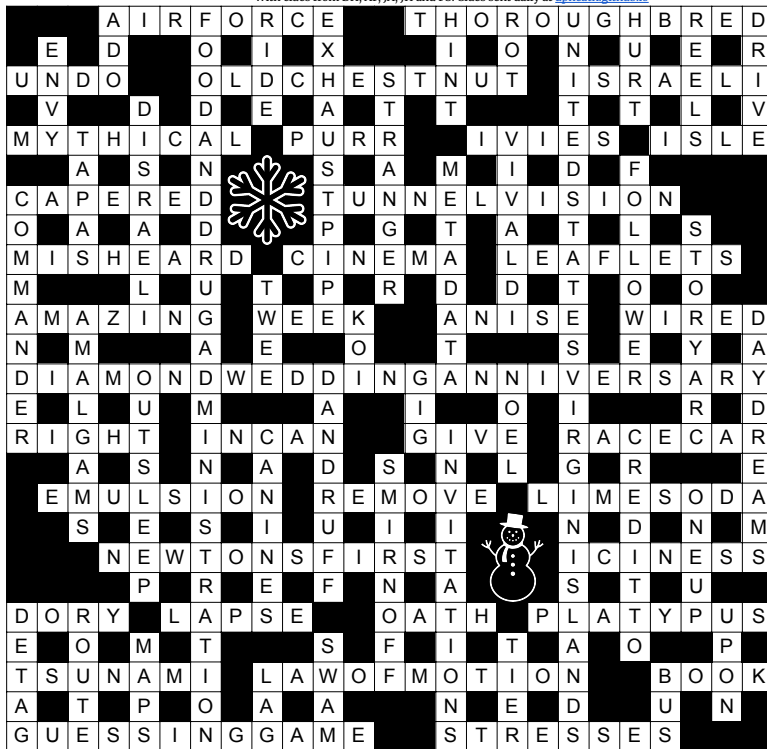


Advent Calendar 2025

With clues from DH, AP, JA, JH and FS. Clues sent daily at dpheath.github.io



Across

- 1 Drag from plane? (3,5)
- 5 Spooner to delve into strand of his horse's lineage? (12)
- 13 Reverse a French decision on capital (4)
- 14 Stolen Dutch joke repeated again and again (3,8)
- 16 Countryman is one housing returning King (7)
- 18 A legendary story? Thy claim be damned! (8)
- 20 Pleasant noise from endless pristine river (4)
- 21 Top Uni places for 4 Irish students at last (5)
- 23 Man on the way to altar losing his head (4)
- 26 Danced as father left, ran off! (7)
- 27 A French novelist in writing frenzy, fully focused (6,6)
- 29 Actress Amber listened poorly? (8)
- 30 Pictures one hundred in engineering degree (6)
- 31 Browse through estate agents' property brochures (8)
- 33 Stunning a mother with energy (7)
- 35 Short King! Period! (4)
- 37 Asian star is trapped in an Eastern capital (5)
- 38 Group empowering women with wine after Red Bull e.g. (5)
- 40 After 60 years, Princess on a Monday discarded Daddy's ring in new rave (7,7,11)
- 45 Just better (5)
- 46 Peruvian arrested? (5)
- 48 Acknowledge beggar? (4,6,2)
- 51D Speedy vehicle in reverse tool? (7)
- 53 Dressing from mix of oil and water (8)
- 54 Erase theorem over contents (6)
- 55 Citrus drink smells as expected, they say?
- 57 Townswoman lost for finite cycle - she just keeps moving! (7,5,3,2,6)
- 58 "The loch's over there!" one exclaimed, "How slippery is it?" (7)
- 59 She forgets to perform ends of reassembly (4)
- 61 Clap seminar... somewhat by mistake! (5)
- 62 Redcoat had taken in pledge (4)
- 63 New supply contains a model animal (8)
- 68 One bloke just left Jack out in natural disaster! (7)
- 69 See 57 Across
- 70 Reserve volume (4)
- 71 Hangman gauges gem, falters, and admits sin (8,4)
- 72 Panics over first split hairs (8)

Down

- 1 Party heightened fuss (3)
- 2 Grandad finds a tuition room destroyed by suit inside federal agency (4,3,4,14)
- 3 Control woman at the altar losing her head (4)
- 4 Smoke runs out? (7,4)
- 6 Might help in two days? (4)
- 7 Climb hill and break down (3)
- 8 With nothing to lose, foolishly one trusts gold, invested in Asian territory (6,6,6,7)
- 9 Ancient City overpowered centre, 6 wounded (4)
- 10 Winds blowing northward, one in bed dropped exercise (5)
- 11 To pilot "A Streetcar Named Desire" (5)
- 12 Reportedly state shortened feelings about Vegas winners? (4)
- 15 Anonymous killer lost out (8)
- 17 16 dead on head of PM (8)
- 19 Cook pasta dishes (5)
- 22 Gallery livid about creator of "The Seasons" (7)
- 24 Tech company brings in magician after trick with author etc.? (8)
- 25 Companion fell over, scraped top of elbow visiously interjecting "Ow!" (8)
- 26 Military leader doing away with replies, recommends gunner squadron - crazy! (9)
- 28 In the beginning, a son, in the middle, a politician, and in the end, an escape was reported? (5,3)
- 32 Cute post on old social media not quite sent? (4)
- 34 Giam up for attendance in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings covering mixtures (8)
- 36 Fish caught reluctantly (3)
- 39 Actor Charlie wishes to go off in space (8)
- 41 Reveal PM's cocked up - he ignores his alarm clock! (8)
- 42 Tiny specks of decibels at first around an audio, you are turning it up to very loud! (8)
- 43 Going out on a live performance (3)
- 44 Restaurant made comeback for Christmas (4)
- 47 Gnashers? (7)
- 49 Is it vain not to send out RSVPs? (11)
- 51 See 48 Across
- 52 Vodka cocktail from sin at first sign of flirting (8)
- 56 Beat prime Montezuma, Pachacuti immediately succeeds (3,2)
- 59 Social exclusion - community in uproar! (5)
- 60 Licking cheesecake for final course (5)
- 64 Formal statement on noodles - they were small, rotated 180° and mixed up? (4)
- 65 Begins to measure and places symbols? (4)
- 66 Went in the water - Jaws turned up! (4)
- 67 Row about it going head over heels (4)
- 69 Girl brought up stutter (3)
- 70 Transport submarine surfaced (3)