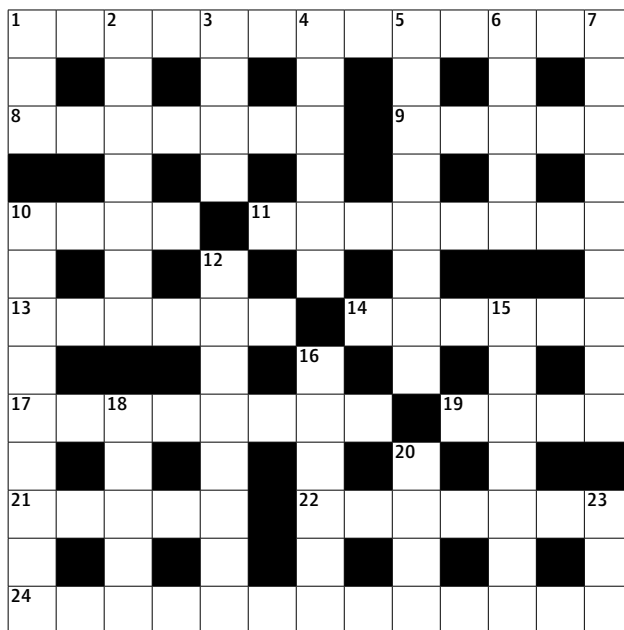


Quick crossword no 12,620



Across

- 1** Third brightest star in the sky – run a caliphate (anag) (5,8)
8 Deep container for cooking and serving food (3,4)
9 Trifling (5)
10 Disconcert (4)
11 Country's military planes (3,5)
13 On the water (6)
14 Taking on duties temporarily (6)
17 Women's very brief shorts (3,5)
19 Spring/summer month (4)
21 Practice (5)
22 Least fatty (7)
24 Does this explain how it all began? (3,4,6)

Down

- 1** Snake (3)
2 Curly savoury snack (7)
3 Very dry (4)
4 Denoting the cultural traditions of a group (6)
5 Printing surface of any character (8)
6 Speak (5)
7 Group of prominent US universities (3,6)

- 10** Old camera attachment (9)
12 City in California (8)
15 Before birth – routine (anag) (2,5)
16 German POW camp (6)
18 Nasal accent (5)
20 Go quickly (4)
23 Attempt – hear (legally) (3)

Solution no 12,619

