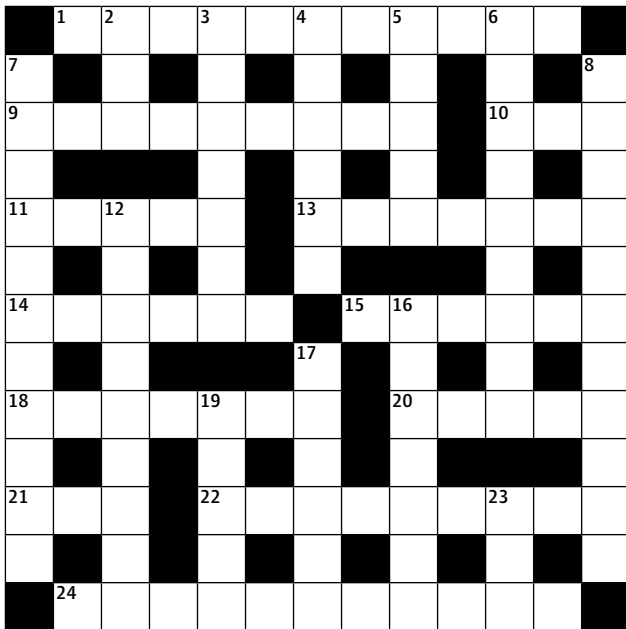


# QUICK CROSSWORD No 12,987



## Across

- 1 Tiered confection (7,4)
- 9 Reserve (9)
- 10 Slide downhill? (3)
- 11 Cult of modern witchcraft (5)
- 13 Stamp (7)
- 14 Court entertainer (with bells on?) (6)
- 15 Intelligent – glaring (6)
- 18 Biker’s stunt (7)
- 20 “La Traviata” composer (5)
- 21 Sign of the zodiac (3)
- 22 Thick lean slice of meat for grilling or frying (9)
- 24 Navel (5,6)

- 12 (Food cooked in a) stewpot (9)
- 16 Come again? (7)
- 17 Musical effect produced via an amplifier (6)
- 19 Tag (5)
- 23 Self (3)

## Down

- 2 Ingest (3)
- 3 Issue commands (7)
- 4 Pope’s ambassador (6)
- 5 Economical – rubbishy (5)
- 6 Henry \_\_, US Secretary of State under Presidents Nixon and Ford (9)
- 7 Sovereign’s regalia (5,6)
- 8 Underhand (business or political) behaviour (5,6)

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