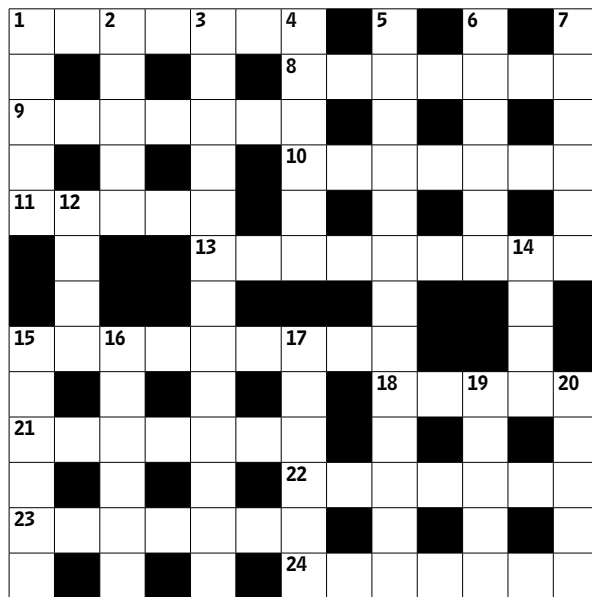
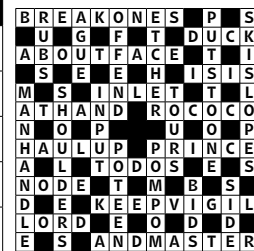


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ACROSS

- 1 Drawbacks (7)
- 8 Stir up (7)
- 9 Peter -----, Flemish painter of landscapes (1525-1569) (alt spelling) (7)
- 10 Sideways (7)
- 11 Venomous Asiatic and African elapid snake (5)
- 13 The Garden State (3,6)
- 15 Piano menu? (anag) (9)
- 18 Cat-like mammal which secretes musk used in perfumes (5)
- 21 Gravelly composition (7)
- 22 Certificate of competency (7)
- 23 (Usually solo) concert (7)
- 24 Separate, in a mining sense (7)

DOWN

- 1 Having three dimensions (5)
- 2 Pollex, in humans (5)
- 3 Important, influential and arrogant (4,3,6)
- 4 Unhealthy-looking (6)
- 5 Have a big success or stroke of fortune (3,3,7)
- 6 'I am the -----', 1967 Lennon and McCartney song (6)
- 7 Compilation of song extracts (6)
- 12 Domesticated bovine animals (4)
- 14 Otherwise (4)
- 15 Dough of flour, water and shortening (6)
- 16 Give expression to (6)
- 17 Irritate (6)
- 19 String instrument of a range between the violin and cello (5)
- 20 Raise a glass to (5)