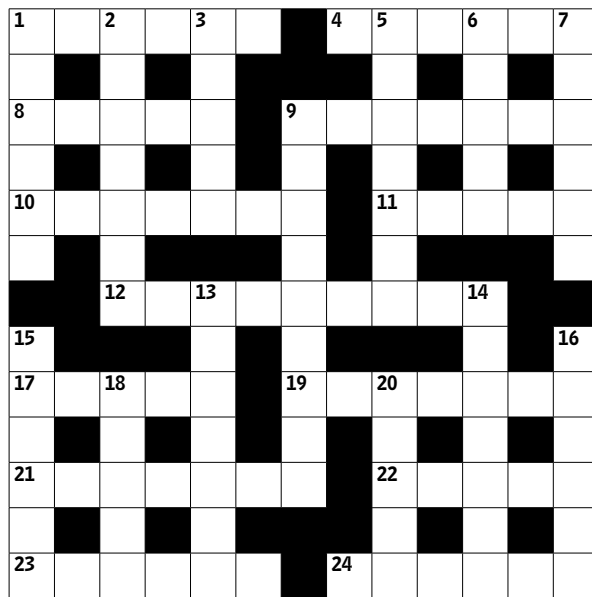
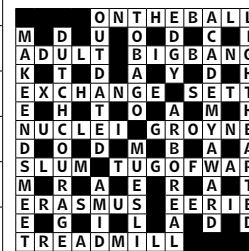


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### ACROSS

- 1/4** Caught red-handed; with positive proof of guilt (4,2,6)  
**8** Venomous Asiatic and African elapid snake (5)  
**9** One motivated by irrational enthusiasm (7)  
**10** Compels (7)  
**11** Battle of the -----: last major German counter-offensive of WWII (1944) (5)  
**12** Ensures that all details are correct (well, half!) (4,3,2)  
**17** Downy duck (5)  
**19** Shrubby tree of tropical Africa cultivated for coffee (7)  
**21** Monument (7)  
**22** Oxford college, founded 1326 (5)  
**23/24** Consequence of one event setting off a

chain of similar ones (6,6)

### DOWN

- 1/15** Very remote and inaccessible place (4,2,6)  
**2** Took small bites; ate intermittently (7)  
**3** Sharp vibrating sound (5)  
**5** No bilge! (anag) (7)  
**6** ----- de Ville – a town hall in France (5)  
**7/16** Vote cast anonymously (6,6)  
**9** Rapid means of achieving a goal (4,5)  
**13** Tortuous and twisted shape or position (7)  
**14** Self-destruction (7)  
**15** See 1  
**16** See 7  
**18** Cherished desire (5)  
**20** Cool, distant (5)