ACROSS

- 8 Change for the better (5)
- **9** Chilled beverage (4,3)
- **10** Track or field competitor (7)
- **11** Short and fat (5)
- **12** Shred (4,5)
- **14** Combine (3)
- **15** Took nourishment (3)
- **16** Bathroom drying-cloth airer (5,4)
- **19** Chocolate/coffee mixture (5)
- 21 Discharge (of liquid) (7)
- **23** Burdens (with) (7)
- 24 Gum for sticking (5)

DOWN

- 1 Blank, empty (6)
- 2 Put into different words (8)
- 3 Boundary (4)
- 4 Movie house (6)
- 5 Abstaining (8)
- 6 Puncture with a knife (4)
- 7 Upper part of the windpipe (6)
- 13 In fact, to tell the truth (8)
- 14 Vegetarian (8)
- **15** Well-nigh (6)
- 17 Swift movement or flow (6)
- 18 Understated (3-3)
- 20 Relinquish, hand over (4)
- 22 Adhesive strip (4)

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