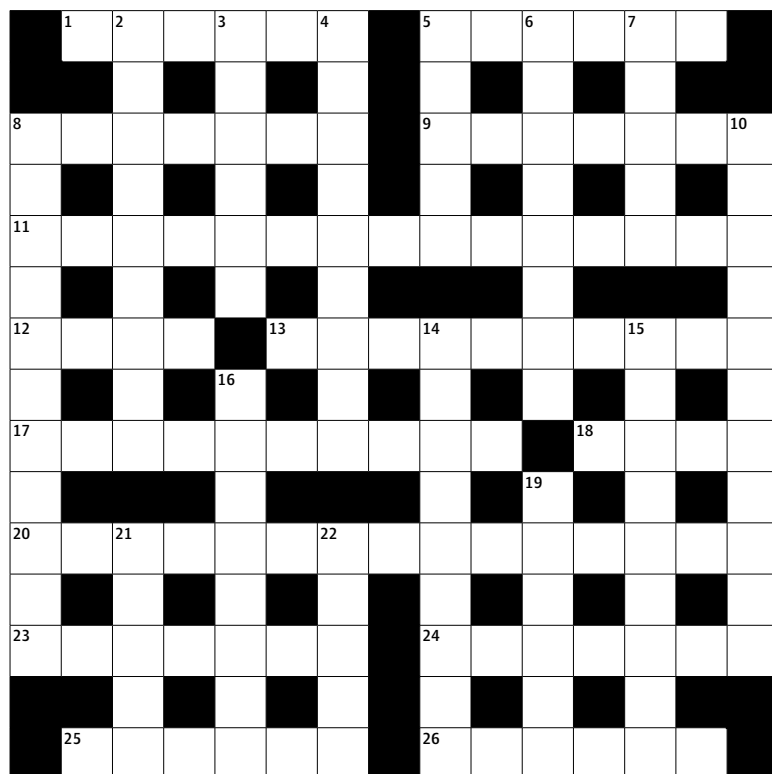


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,639 set by Tramp



Across

- 1** Pain initially going, massage heavenly figure (6)
5 Couple in Costa repeatedly like hot drinks (6)
8 One with needles or fine tip for cotton reels (7)
9 Caught a cheat having a fling? (7)
11 Point of view that's raised in comment put online (11,4)
12 Make love then get married - terrible fate (4)
13 Noted movie complex for capital (10)
17 Frank with musician's backing playing twice with feeling (2-8)
18 Despondent: tending to vote Democrat (4)
20 Doctor then signs letter that deals with stress (7,8)
23 Withdraw soldiers to front territory (7)
24 One preparing table, perhaps after opening of Bollinger: it's bubbly (7)
25 Musician in film on piano (6)
26 Most in pain, group swallowing tablets (6)

Down

- 2** Workers not working easily (5,4)
3 Change what's taught in school before class (6)
4 Pub to sing over Christmas karaoke's final song (9)

- 5** A part for erotic acting? Naturally they have fleshy bits in hot scene (5)
6 Lover with sex appeal turned on cracking open the bubbly? (8)
7 In the morning I pass friend (5)
8 See 16
10 Become a couple for party (3-8)
14 Bowled in cricket match over one day: they might hold solution (4,5)
15 See date go large, initially getting order for seconds (9)
16/8 Do I monitor racy act in shot? (8,11)
19 Former partner that is into sister that's hotter (6)
21 Alan confused about time of delivery (5)
22 Go on stage and record (5)

Solution No. 29,638

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