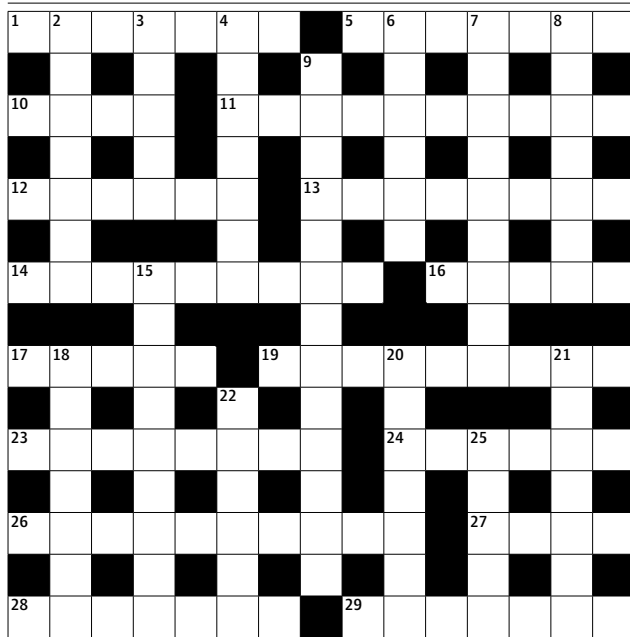


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 England's captain, once one of several scorers (7)
- 5,17 Leave his prey to perish in 25 (7,5)
- 10,22 Former president getting head from Monica – a second short spell in White House 25 (10)
- 11 Sign forms – how final couple to hotel are written down in evenings? (4,6)
- 12 Run large 25 (6)
- 13 Patent protecting firm – origin of Apple Mac? (8)
- 14 Tricks 16 artist (9)
- 16 25 to drive over playing surface featuring 25s and 12s? (5)
- 17 See 5
- 19 One doing routine work round large-sized breasts – plastic surgery piece (3-3,3)
- 23 Co-star at bad singer (8)
- 24 Function pictures, having airbrushed mother, capturing Oscars (6)
- 26 Bad US singer at musical introductions (10)
- 27 Friend is friendly – not initially (4)
- 28 Fears tense mistakes (7)
- 29 Makes beloved Kennedy et al rise regularly (7)

## Down

- 2 Visit Bill Oddie's top bird (7)
- 3 Needed top card holding hearts and diamonds (5)
- 4 Turning over while American's boxing – wrestling ring punch (7)
- 6 "Yes, '70s prog rock band Queen", one cries (6)
- 7 Record dovetailing IBM company with British type of computer virus (5,4)
- 8 What I try to do should be OK? (3,4)
- 9 25 dished out more cold bacon (8,5)
- 15 Sugar's replacement upset on news, outside, hot from The Apprentice's final (9)
- 18 Independent supplement dropping extreme characters for picture (7)
- 20 Bad singer (7)
- 21 Ring-shaped forms unreasonable – not unusually obese (7)
- 22 See 10
- 25 Racer, perhaps, briefly exposed following its profile? (5)

## Solution No. 25,765

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