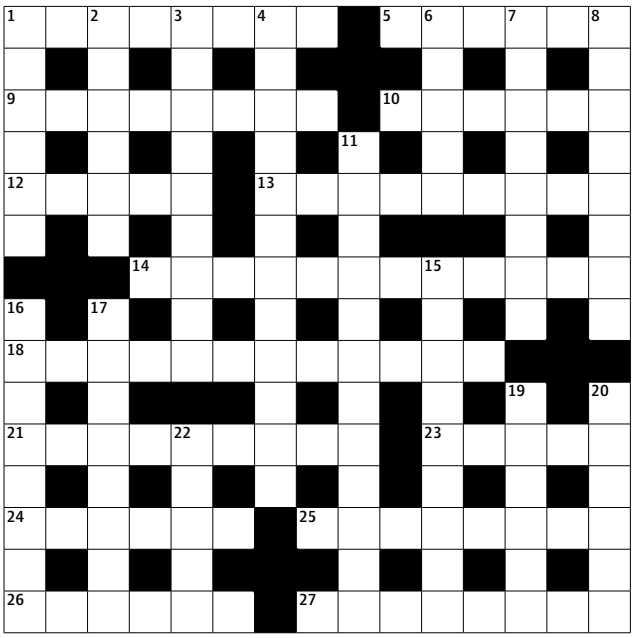
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

1 Steering wheels for 2 and 4, say (8)
5 Put weight on bar Bill carried over (4,2)
9 Hold first 5 in pack (8)
10 Put right about 2 (6)
12 Cipher 12 ultimately unsolvable (2,3)
13 Narrow escape when discovering missing uniform (4,5)
14 Take revenge on American city demoting a 20 (6,1,5)
18 3 and 5 are proper codes for additives (5,7)
21 Pale actor playing old queen (9)
23 3 1 down puts pressure on currency (5)
24 Declaration of love – wife in reciprocal hot outpouring (6)
25 Agree with Pam about strength of current (8)
26 3's awful book (6)
27 Performed ditty about lady's teeth (8)

Down

1 Pass after short distance under control (2,4)
2 Dug outside post office to provide drinks dispenser (6)
3 Look after yellow bird (9)
4 Tory leader cuts corners – misguided reforms (12)
6 Apply to pack 10 in upturned box, say (5)
7 An appliance decreasingly utilised (8)
8 Detective Crooks provides boats (8)
11 Barmen ate 2 swimming insects (5,7)
15 Handy tools for removal workers? (9)
16 Watch strap extremely corroded, shocking treatment involved (8)
17 Spent 1p during day abroad (5,3)
19 Obsess about 10 8, say (6)
20 They grip food, both hands stuffed inside edges (6)
22 Put down 1 after spinning disc (5)

Solution No. 25,977

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