

The Crusader's clues

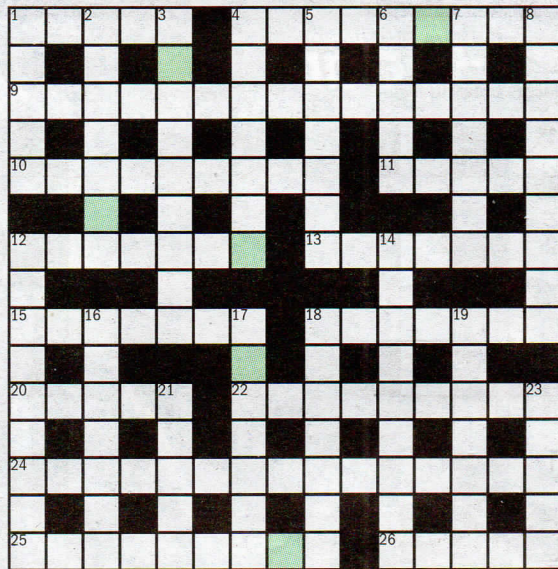
ACROSS

- 1 Socialist saying "end fires"... (5)
- 4 ...reserved a royal vessel (9)
- 9 He thus makes Halle complete (3-12)
- 10 Clothing in addition to IVs (4,5)
- 11 Egghead going on about short break (5)
- 12 Make sure to get one in shot (3,2,2)
- 13 Fluid Niles dies without is everlasting (7)
- 15 'Adult work' foe had before (5,2)
- 18 We hear a craven sort was cringing (7)
- 20 Sag initially due to bad back (5)
- 22 A binder others rave about is incomplete (9)
- 24 Care hurts a lawman following theft (15)
- 25 Other free characters dispersed for this reason (9)
- 26 Call to back away into shingle (5)

DOWN

- 1 A monkey suit's left side (5)
- 2 Society debut of lasses in French fashion dropping the ball (7)
- 3 Cool dragons, if agitated (9)
- 4 Something made for a passage (7)
- 5 1 and 6 Down ended early standstill (7)
- 6 Equally customary blessing (5)
- 7 Particular diner ruining pie with salt (7)
- 8 Lapsed commie has a way out (9)
- 12 Support at row's opening doesn't budge (6,3)
- 14 It's clearly not working properly (9)
- 16 Moving book about river residents (7)
- 17 Things confused much earlier, around midafternoon (7)
- 18 A piece about a single place (7)
- 19 Clothing torn apart without point (7)
- 21 Cream and egg starter finished earlier (5)
- 23 Judgement cheers aliens up (5)

Cryptic clues from our knight, and quick clues from his squire, lead to the same answers in the Crusader's Sunday joust



The Squire's clues

ACROSS

- 1 Pillages (5)
- 4 Non-military warship (9)
- 9 Broad (3-12)
- 10 Baggy knickerbockers (4,5)
- 11 Ceasefire (5)
- 12 Ensure (3,2,2)
- 13 Interminable (7)
- 15 Earlier than (5,2)
- 18 Crouched in fear (7)
- 20 Hang down (5)
- 22 Self-control (9)
- 24 Close attention to detail (15)
- 25 As a result (9)
- 26 Publication (5)

DOWN

- 1 Rascal (5)
- 2 Civilisation (7)
- 3 Aplomb (9)
- 4 Commodity (7)
- 5 Deadlock (7)
- 6 Advantage (5)
- 7 Gourmet (7)
- 8 Reverted (9)
- 12 Holds firm (6,3)
- 14 Utterly (9)
- 16 Sensitive, controversial (7)
- 17 Hotchpotch (7)
- 18 Region of central Spain (7)
- 19 Apparel (7)
- 21 Liquid adhesive (5)
- 23 Flavour (5)

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Prize word: Sierra

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