

The Crusader's clues

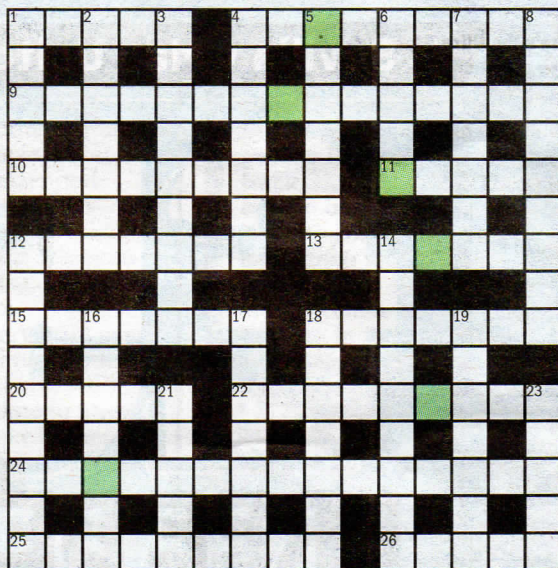
ACROSS

- 1 While away, some back out (5)
- 4 Disclosure doctors face during an operation (9)
- 9 Big talk about a madman after dirt (5-10)
- 10 Gourmet pie treated with salt again not filled (9)
- 11 Soldiers qualifying for service (5)
- 12 Swimmer scoffed, cutting hair (7)
- 13 Country singer I treasure hides... (7)
- 15 ...amongst opening group about to leave (7)
- 18 Insane heavy going around a city (5,2)
- 20 Butt of jest in true shake-up, say (5)
- 22 A French kiss referred to as passionless (9)
- 24 Book cut in Germany - win, oddly, for author (6,9)
- 25 Forced round roundabout, treated? (9)
- 26 Joint missing a long narrow strip (5)

DOWN

- 1 A hunk calm in conversation (5)
- 2 Foreign rabies outbreak soon ending (7)
- 3 Weary old American consumed by ill will died (9)
- 4 Get hurt holding cut mask up (7)
- 5 Show a friend around during comeback (7)
- 6 Curse some witch starts, I hear (5)
- 7 If half wrong, pro will suffer (2,2,3)
- 8 Close a term out, causing horror (9)
- 12 A rupee sum used to be adequate (7,2)
- 14 Ingénues now penniless stateside? (9)
- 16 A man cutting a vegetable with an insect on it (7)
- 17 They mean nothing by turning thugs out (7)
- 18 Angry horse carrying a graduate around (7)
- 19 Characters from Taiwan are pacifists (4-3)
- 21 A riveter came up with it halfway in (5)
- 23 Parched and empty forest-dweller (5)

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



The Squire's clues

ACROSS

- 1 Outdated (5)
- 4 Entry (9)
- 9 Momentous (5-10)
- 10 Gastronomer (9)
- 11 Overhaul, as of a vessel (5)
- 12 Sirenian mammal (7)
- 13 Country of NE Africa (7)
- 15 Desert (7)
- 18 State capital of New Mexico (5,2)
- 20 Absolute (5)
- 22 Favored of enthusiasm (9)
- 24 A Farewell to Arms writer (6,9)
- 25 Worked on, treated (9)
- 26 Scintilla (5)

DOWN

- 1 Segment (5)
- 2 From Belgrade, e.g. (7)
- 3 Bushed (9)
- 4 Accomplish (7)
- 5 Afternoon performance (7)
- 6 Promise solemnly (5)
- 7 Has coming (2,2,3)
- 8 Bad dream (9)
- 12 Make the grade (7,2)
- 14 Pure or unworldly people (9)
- 16 ___ Banderas (7)
- 17 Zeroes (7)
- 18 Cooked in water vapour (7)
- 19 Opposed to militarism (4-3)
- 21 ___ Lee, tea (5)
- 23 Wood nymph (5)

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LAST SUNDAY'S SOLUTION: Across: 1 Put on, 4 Coping saw, 9 Silent treatment, 10 Disparate, 11 Drips, 12 Toffees, 13 Drachma, 15 Rubella, 18 Abscond, 20 Ewers, 22 Draws near, 24 Take advantage of, 25 Runs for it, 26 Tutor. Down: 1 Posed, 2 Talks of, 3 Nonpareil, 4 Cutlass, 5 Pretend, 6 Noted, 7 Swedish, 8 Withstand, 12 Tormentor, 14 Assistant, 16 Break-in, 17 Andover, 18 Against, 19 Overeat, 21 Staff, 23 Refrer. Prize word: Petunia

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