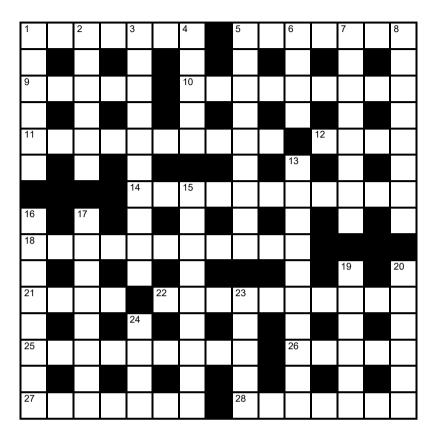
Rookie Corner - 297 by Sundance



Across

- 1 First son has appropriate rank (7)
- 5 Some voters have chosen a tory politician (7)
- **9** Where to find Oliver or Sharon Stone perhaps (2,3)
- 10 The possibility of 6 with competence (9)
- 11 With the first part of 5d, notice an environmentally friendly timepiece (5,5)
- 12 Rock without a friend (4)
- 14 Transport facilitators containing river have bounce (11)

- 18 Sao Tome's partner and a backward fool combine for Italian 8 (not first) (11)
- 21 His can be self important but useful for writing (4)
- 22 Organise our violent struggle (10)
- 25 Heard about Rackham's popularity where he learnt? (3,6)
- 26 Land of certain dialects (5)
- 27 Blade is used to make ineffective (7)
- **28** FBI in whole or part (7)

Down

- 1 Strangle holds with Bantu language (6)
- 2 Bread returned in late September was once useful for 16 (6)
- 3 Insect on top of the world a long way from that (10)
- 4 Unusual month on the railway (5)
- 5 Views 7 (for example) cloaks (9)
- **6** Arrest one surrounded by nothing (4)
- 7 Paying a little extra around the start of Ramadan whilst high (8)
- **8** Supporter of Charles is not solitary (8)
- 13 Quiet meadows and

- posh jewellery can be gratifying (10)
- 15 In the centre of fruit replace one hundred with five hundred and reveal a Devon village (9)
- Spiny rock plant from Barcelona, say(8)
- 17 Could bad diets be a cause? (8)
- 19 Sieve can be confusing (6)
- 20 Whole mix excluding the queen (6)
- 23 Looks on web? no go but still looks (5)
- 24 Crust keeps on working (4)