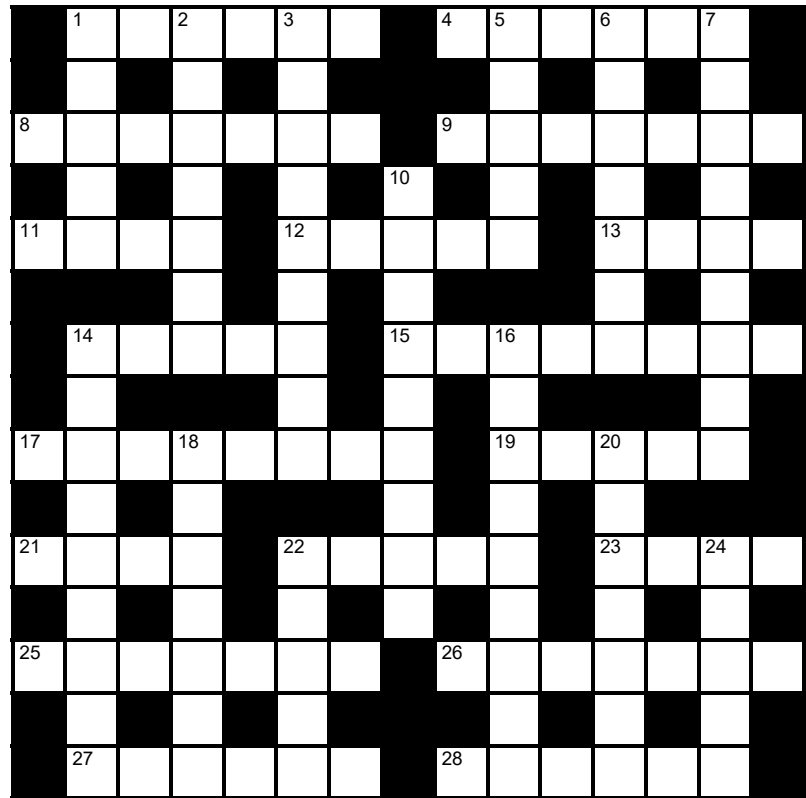


Rookie Corner 521

by Buddy

Across

- 1 Naval operation's beginning around legendary island (6)
- 4 Uneven progress, reportedly (6)
- 8 Minor celebrity is a pest (7)
- 9 File captured during revolution in Zaire is so damaging (7)
- 11 Bones openly scorns Starfleet Academy leaders (4)
- 12 Ratify Democratic reform (5)
- 13 European capital suggests two-state solution (4)
- 14 Tedium of Rouen *nuit*? (5)
- 15 Getting hot right away from running (8)
- 17 Career women leaving West Point, exhilarated (4,2,2)
- 19 Brush off first sign of collapsing peso (5)
- 21 Reserve bishop, advance two knights (4)
- 22 Get irate when a clue like this has no answer (5)
- 23 Costly for German empire to lose Eastern Front (4)
- 25 Perhaps read excerpt from *Letters to Machiavelli* (7)
- 26 It may be John Lennon tune - *Amsterdam*, perhaps? (7)
- 27 Refusal of joint call from the Rev. Spooner (6)
- 28 At the table, full, eating second portion of dessert (6)



Down

- 1 Book of maps for a northbound sailor (5)
- 2 Give up absinth? Hard to quit for a drunk (7)
- 3 Mission: Start to overthrow a country after navy withdraws (9)
- 5 Ancient poet claims prose, at heart, is elliptical (5)
- 6 Stump orator could be raving atop this? (7)
- 7 Come together in space above church for Advent (9)
- 10 Thrill in a Stones re-mix (9)
- 14 Selected region in River Dee (9)
- 16 Dissolute exes' vices are over the top (9)
- 18 Old soldier suffering kleptomania loses a lot, tragically (7)
- 20 Protection for fighter has standard athletic fit (7)
- 22 Choice of an oddly light brown colour (5)
- 24 Was concerned about article regarding Germany (5)