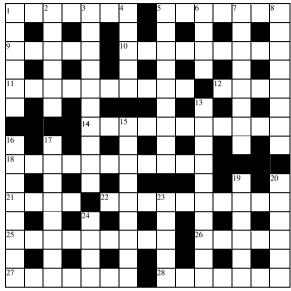
(NON) COMPETITION CROSSWORD



For this on-line edition the crossword is a non-prize one, for amusement (or masochism) only! Solution around June(ish).

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Across

- **1** Early church advocate lets beer take over job (7)
- **5** Boris came out as lost just a tiny bug (7)
- **9** Short stardom in parcel Ebay boxed (5)
- **10** For a huge blow-out just add this to some classic starters. (9)
- 11 Linda, nerdy school aid (6,4)
- 12 Bowled a jolly frothy head (4)
- **14** Paper payment of a Lord for his poster appearance (6.5)
- **18** She could constructively cleave a load of complex maths! (3,8)
- 21 A pledge of all that he starts (4)
- 22 Ruin lots of pithead features. (5,5)
- 25 Hate even gay blooms in neat ties. (9)
- **26** Fowl found around Xmas (it is said) in Grenoble! (5)
- **27, 28** Barman, into alcohol too much for this Republican leader (7,7)

Down

- 1 No gentleman in French area gallery (6)
- 2 Outline no blog can convey (6)
- 3 Plant oboes to grow a 1 oz measure! (10)
- **4** Sly, thin carnivore loses head making a stand (5)
- **5** Stage or screen a moral made oversensational? (9)
- 6 Manage a hood (4)
- 7 Expansion was Tudor construct (8)
- 8 In a word, ad infinitum! (8)
- 13 Wellington's capital battle transport (10)
- **15** Rural enterprise where safer hemp is grown (5.4)
- 16 For Oran, a map evokes a wide vista (8)
- 17 Devonian plea heard? Extra pub use! (8)
- **19** Summerhouse, double-glazed but undulled (6)
- 20 A sailor's behind as a seabird (6)
- 23 Perfect! Just hide dear old hearts (5)
- 24 Search asked for, of Punjab maybe? (4)