

SUNDAY No 28 - WORLD PUZZLE by GAFF

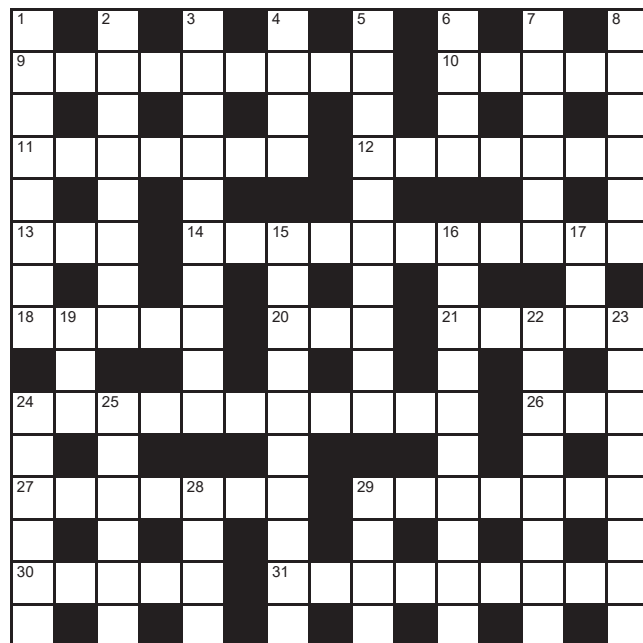
A cryptic puzzle themed on one particular country. The name of the country should be inserted at 2 down. Work out the name of the country by solving the *asterisked clues, all undefined. Their solutions have some relevance to the country, such as its places, famous people, culture and language

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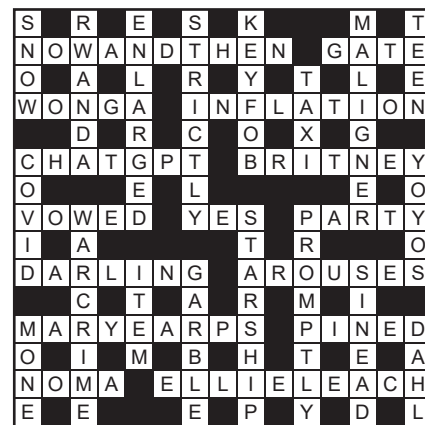
- 9** In a storm, tie up lacy trees (9)
10 * Sexy and hot (5)
11 Lend toy played with in particular (7)
12 Emerges with Christmas trimmings (7)
13 By way of 6 across (3)
14 * Any on-screen problems? (4,7)
18 Lowest class in primary school understands drawing, reading and arithmetic (5)
20 State of cargo area (3)
21 Controversially scare tribes (5)
24 * Dismantled a Lego legend (6,5)
26 Individual had success on the radio (3)
27 * Religious leader makes cross (7)
29 * It's high season (7)
30 Fear taking time-out is a mistake (5)
31 * Show-off turns north-eastward (3,6)

DOWN

- 1** * Leaf maybe deployed in British topless game (3,5)
2 [See Notes] (8)
3 * Curtail year-round exams — diploma likewise ends (10)
4 * See round gable end (4)
5 * Soldier with bow left incontinent by reversal (5,5)
6 Scrap yard, perhaps (4)
7 * Wake up after midnight (6)
8 * Beat ultimate enemy (6)
15 Invaders confused by gregariousness, but not in EU (10)
16 Grower to look after source of staples (10)
17 Plant with regret (3)
19 Buy food even for strange visitor (3)
22 * Rally ends with car MoT failure (8)
23 * Handles start of term badly (8)
24 Plot could result in danger (6)
25 * City rat (6)
28 * Last minute ace service (4)
29 Minor team (4)



Solution No 27



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