

SUNDAY No 34 - WORLD PUZZLE by GOZO

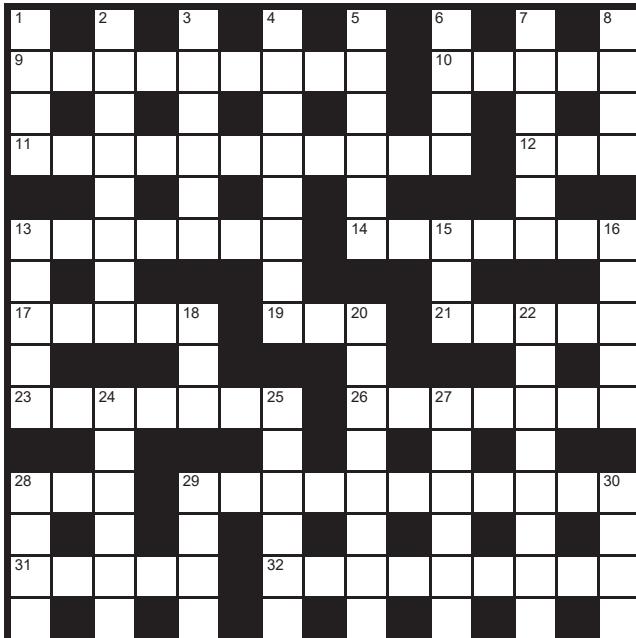
A cryptic puzzle themed on one particular country. The name of the country should be inserted at 14 across. Work out the name of the country by solving the *asterisked clues, all undefined. Their solutions have some relevance to the country, such as its places, famous people, culture and language

ACROSS

- 9 Plotted his career, as a sculptor did? (6,3)
- 10 River terrain owls regularly turned over (5)
- 11 * Orchestrated variation (11)
- 12 Badger and horse (3)
- 13 Stroke of luck at the Ponderosa? (7)
- 14 * [See setter's notes] (7)
- 17 * It's time the parrot returned! (5)
- 19 Vegetable and fruit cut, and another cut twice (3)
- 21 Choral work *The First Word in Champagne* includes tenor (5)
- 23 Criminals' lair with almost ghastly sort of bar (7)
- 26 Colour that causes singular unending insult (7)
- 28 It's twice mixed in a Singapore sling (3)
- 29 * Geek almost filling in gun permit (7,4)
- 31/8 * Rabble involved with 12 (5,4)
- 32 See 7 Down

DOWN

- 1 Retracts half the book (4)
- 2 See 16 Down
- 3 * Composer's name (6)
- 4 * Vicar's first travelling by horse and cart with pastor (3,5)
- 5 * Pig-pen with foul air (6)
- 6/24 * Benaud is awfully sad at the start (4,6)
- 7/32 * Lenin and Schweitzer in difficulty (6,9)
- 8 See 31 Across
- 13 Collection at church by bishop (5)
- 15 I am Caesar's dim follower. Problem? (3)
- 16/2 * Poor Ken burnt acorn (5,8)
- 18 John's game (3)
- 20 Sailor is in the drink (8)
- 22 Mosaic floor covering on Italian balcony (8)
- 24 See 6
- 25 Set out twice and fly (6)
- 27 Veto in favour of offer (6)
- 28 * Eat snacks during the day, mostly (4)
- 29 Dishonest disposition (4)
- 30 Could be Dover — or not! (4)



Solution No 33



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