

SUNDAY No 6 - WORLD PUZZLE Set by HAMILTON

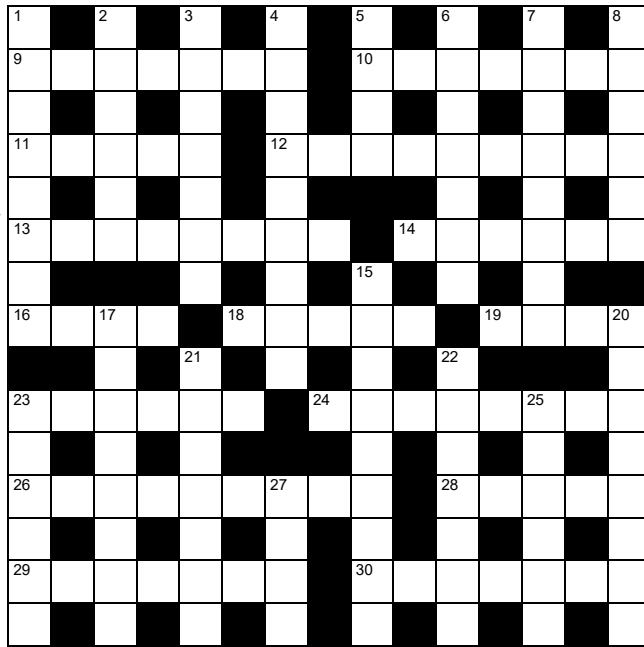
A cryptic puzzle themed on one particular country. The name of the country should be inserted at 12 across. Work out the name of the country by solving the *asterisked clues, all undefined - their solutions have some relevance to the country, such as its places, famous people, culture, language

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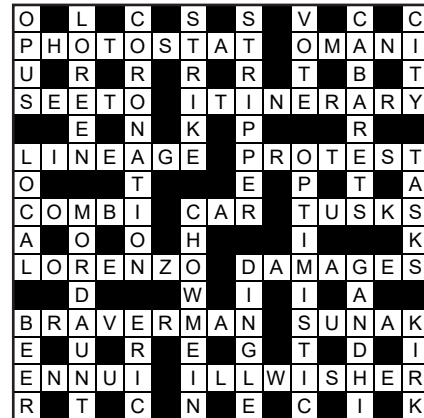
- 9** * "This drink hasn't got a head!" (7)
10 * Masquerade returning in practice (7)
11 * Love each one (in the House) (5)
12 [See setter notes] (9)
13 * Lorraine has come to a sticky end (3,5)
14 * All but the ends of cycleway need resurfacing (6)
16 * Presumed some can be returned (4)
18,27 * Force earl to reconsider (5,4)
19 * Open bed and breakfast, assuming nothing (4)
23 * Under obligation to fire graduate (6)
24 * Meat-free option could be discussed (8)
26 * America torn over question (9)
28 * Feature of carbon disulphide (5)
29 * About to be bathed in spirit (7)
30 * Second thoughts; very large quantity is involved (7)

DOWN

- 1** Criticise weight given to study (8)
2 Explanation, say, in advance (6)
3 Controversial salad cream ads banned; that's sweet (7)
4 Hamilton told to waste time on decoration (9)
5 Has only the first three points (4)
6 Hymns for Gaynor and Estefan (7)
7 Send for Indian vegetable stew (8)
8 "Goodness me!" First year boy assumed woman's address (2,4)
15 Status that means nothing to HMRC! (3,6)
17 Open about rugby forward in nude display (8)
20 Best fee I negotiated, with the most substance (8)
21 Almost catch a lot of siblings with sparklers (7)
22 Long-winded piece about covers of the Beano (7)
23 "Goodness me!" Standing up to magician gets respect (6)
25 Element of hesitation after one-on-one (6)
27 See 18



Solution No 5 Set by Buccaneer



Jotter pad

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