

SUNDAY No 117 - WORLD by HAMILTON

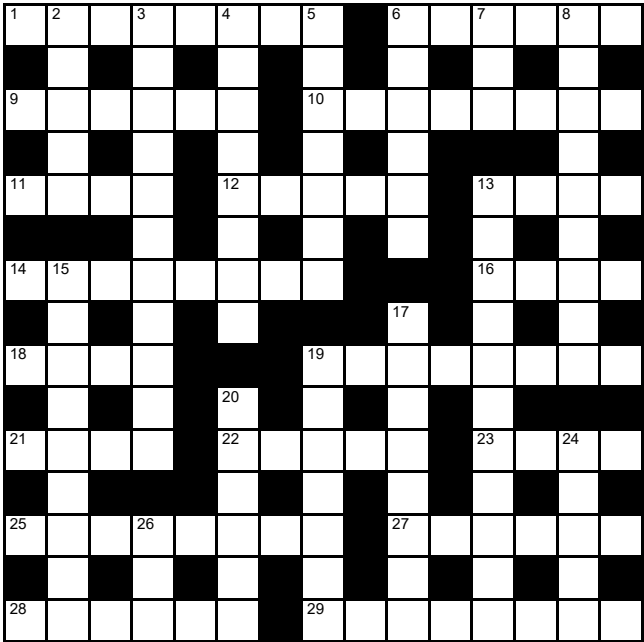
A cryptic puzzle themed on one particular place in the world. Its name should be inserted at 2 Down. Work out the place by solving the * asterisked clues, all undefined. Their solutions have some relevance to the place, such as famous people, locations and culture

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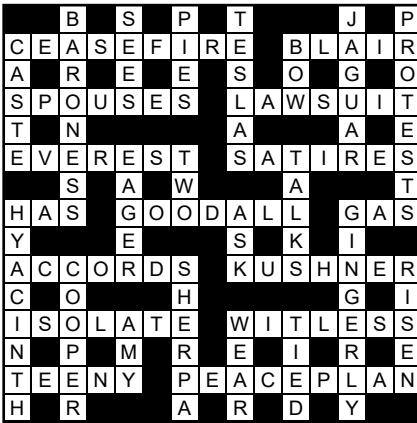
- 1 * In Casablanca, Bogart was holding husband back (8)
- 6 * Friend had appendages removed (6)
- 9 * Passage from Nimrod is hackneyed (6)
- 10 * Yes, you are said to have cracked up Dave (8)
- 11 * Tablet returned to Tom, not Dick, initially (4)
- 12/7 * Foolishly liked a VP? (5,3)
- 13 Bloody unusual (4)
- 14 Old driver redeployed — wrong age (8)
- 16 Feeling Belgium is involved in contest (4)
- 18 * Ariana Grande owns it! (4)
- 19 Cleaned up seediest part of the north east (8)
- 21 Gosh, Lambert's consumed with happiness (4)
- 22 * Morning service ended prematurely (5)
- 23 * Thousands enter recovery programme (4)
- 25 Optimist has afterthought — include dodgy slogan (8)
- 27 Heard newsreader has a place in the Middle East (6)
- 28 Adjourn to theatre for broadcast (6)
- 29 Gen Z gear up and go crazy (3,5)

DOWN

- 2 [See Notes] (5)
- 3 US statesman has no hesitation joining crowd at narrow entrance (7,4)
- 4 Listens to Karen; she gets confused (8)
- 5 West covering Jay-Z covering... (7)
- 6 ...Canadian singer holding a toy (6)
- 7 See 12
- 8 * Brady gets head trouble (4)
- 13 * Skirt — lower half turned up — covers knavish criminal (4,7)
- 15 Supporter given chunk of sponge (5,4)
- 17 No BSE here, so Callum eats a few sandwiches! (4,4)
- 19 * Sainly mother holds the first service (7)
- 20 * Okay, pinpoint Tory middle ground (6)
- 24 * Almost speak sotto voce (5)
- 26 * Finally leaving Sacramento, California (3)



Solution No 116



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