

Across

- 1 City of Southern France (7)
- 5 Cause to move back by force or influence (5)
- 8 Polytheistic nature religion of modern witchcraft whose central deity is a mother goddess; claims origins in pre-Christian pagan religions of western Europe (5)
- **9** French naturalist who proposed that evolution resulted from the inheritance of acquired characteristics (1744-1829) (7)
- 10 British violinist (born in the United States) who began his career as a child prodigy in the 1920s (1916-1999) (6,7)
- 11 Mountain peak that Noah's ark landed on as the waters of the great flood receded(6)
- 12 Mountainous republic of south-central Europe; formerly part of the Ottoman Empire and then a part of Yugoslavia; voted for independence in 1992 but the mostly Serbian army of Yugoslavia refused to accept the vote (6)
- 15 United States actress in many silent films (1899-1983) (6,7)

Down

- 1 English painter (1887-1976) (5)
- 2 Italian form of Maquis (a thicket) (7)
- 3 Annual steeplechase run in Liverpool, England (5,8)
- **4** Woman whose dancing beguiled Herod into giving her the head of John the Baptist (6)
- 5 French film director of Polish descent (directed *Rosemary's Baby*) (5,8)
- 6 State capital of Western Australia (5)
- 7 Modern department and ancient region of Greece. Its capital was Sparta (7)
- 11 From a west coast African state (7)
- 13 Fitting together or fitting inside (7)
- 14 United States writer (born in Russia) noted for his science fiction (1920-1992)(6)
- **16** Rumour, hearsay (2-3)
- 17 Poor enough to require help from others (5)

- 18 Soft blackish-brown resinous exudate from various rockroses used in perfumes especially as a fixative (7)
- British breed of large heavy draft horse (5)
- Region of eastern South Africa on the Indian Ocean (5)
- Competitively (7)