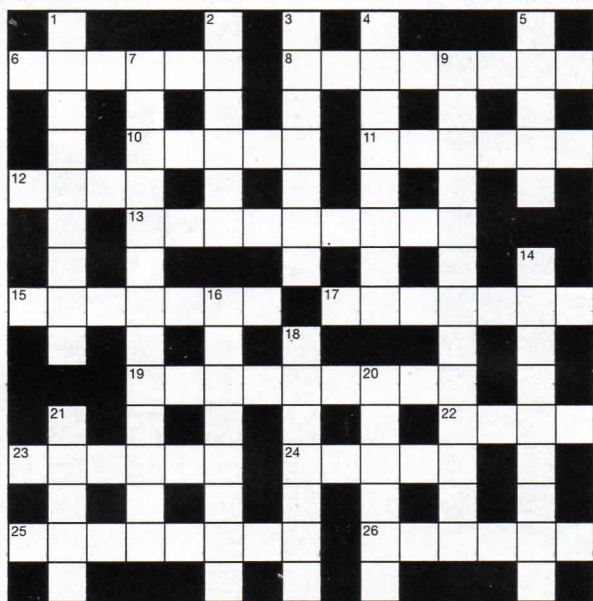


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ACROSS

- 6** Religious cult involving witchcraft common in Haiti (6)
8 Changed (to a different task or system) (8)
10 Disrepute, infamy (5)
11 In Greek mythology, either Stheno, Euryale or Medusa (6)
12 Brass instrument of bass pitch (4)
13 Set of rules regarding acceptability of clothing (5,4)
15 (and **25 across** and **2 down** and **20 down**) Proverb suggesting that diversity is essential

- (2,5,3,5,2,4,1,5)
17 Germany's eighth most populous city (7)
19 On the other hand (4,5)
22 Throw an arrow at a river in Devon? (4)
23 Hard, chewy pink or white French sweet with chopped nuts and cherries (6)
24 City in Staffordshire (in brief) (5)
25 See **15 across**
26 Country that has Riga as its capital (6)

DOWN

- 1** Lucky, auspicious (9)
2 See **15 across**
3 Spread false rumours about;

- defame (7)
4 Identify an illness or other problem (8)
5 Malice, hate, spite (5)
7 Drawbacks (13)
9 Print or TV journalist who's a specialist (13)
14 Diamonds

- or Clubs in bridge (5,4)
16 Voters (8)
18 Person who plays a four-stringed instrument in a rock group (7)
20 See **15 across**
21 Unit of energy or work (5)

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