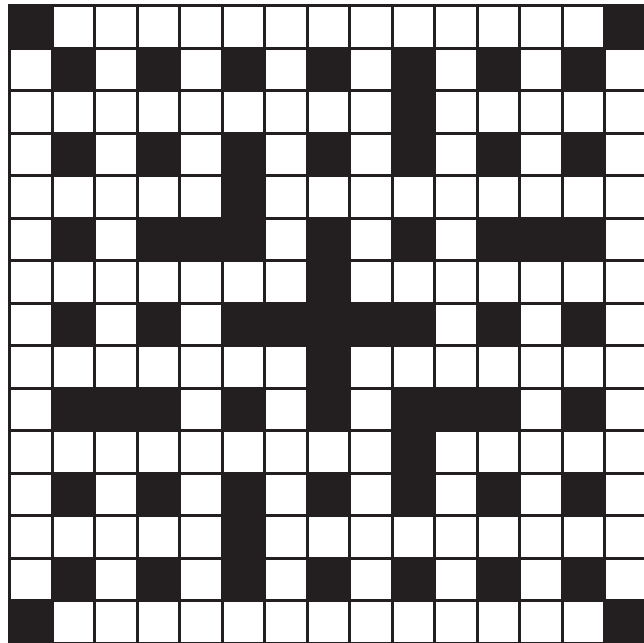


Crossword 17,070 Set by Julius

RANDOM ALPHABETICAL

Solve the clues and fit the answers into the grid. Each letter of the alphabet appears at least once at the beginning of the grid entries.

- Get faint sense former partner detested going round the States (4,9)
 Absorbing, loving cocktail containing French wine (9)
 Not upset getting pierced by aluminium claw? (5)
 Run round slope drained tender (5)
 Senna could be this flawless, lapping Nürburgring's tail-ender (5)
 Airships heading back across Southern Nile and Zambia carrying PPE (9)
 After extra time, Hearts substitute served up rooibos (4,3)
 Explosive content of meeting I legitimately setup (9)
 I hear Spooner searched for a broad location by the river (9)
 Alien language - language found in Kent, oddly (7)
 50, I am taken on by Leeds side without restrictions (9)
Stern supporting the German "dead-tree issue" (7)
 Sticky butties (and Jim's cashew nuts!) (3,10)
 Vote cast, only hope it can be recorded and heard! (9)
- American soldier wearing Military Cross? That's terrific! (5)
 Large Australian bird, rook, tree-dweller (5)
 Bet that chap will shortly protest furiously (5,4)
 Sports car touring - it's a bit of a lark (5)
 Young residents of stable yard Salinger groomed (9)
 Bland alternative to a wink Yankee occasionally ignored? (7)
 Very old lake adjoining Georgia river (5)
 Lexicon on Suez set out no-go area (9,4)
 A strange person, strangely old-fashioned left alone, strangely (3,4)
 Female movie director, single, regularly into cocaine (7)
 Release Republican held by fixed charge (3,4)
 Smoother treatment for 60s musical hits on theradio? (4,3)
 Rough son freed from liquefied ground, filthy (5,3,5)
 Extra-special social customs (5)



Solution 17,069

B	R	A	I	N	S	T	O	R	M		D	O	W	N
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Solution 17,059

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Jotter pad