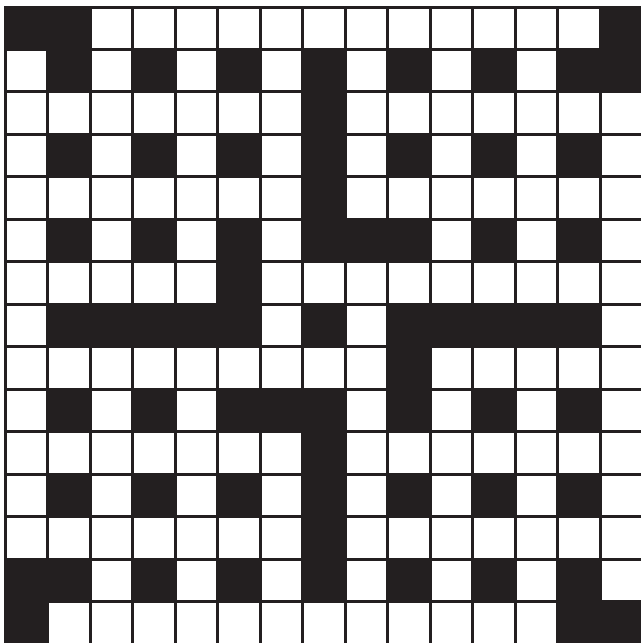# Crossword 16,538 Set by Julius

RANDOM ALPHABETICAL: Solve the clues and fit the answers into the grid. Each letter of the alphabet appears at least once as the first letter of the answers

More expensive spin doctor Eric taking over Independent (7)

Wood item to burn on the fire: 10¥ (about) (7)

Tense, excited, squiffy (7)

Julius is depressed without a student to inspire (5)

Having been drinking, bishop left – had a leak (5)

See here: behold United touring Asian capital short of time (4,3)

In Australia, Walker (former US president) greeting King & Queen(4,5)

An element of nickel, oxygen, bismuth, uranium casing (7)

One casually drawn to support remix of Kanye West's second classic song? (6,6)

Joint warning – of course – to tease (4,3)

Old city in Provence succeeded in being stuck up s**t creek? (7)

Whenever Japanese comic film screens opening scenes of yakuza terror (7)

Some feel a raspberry upside-down cake could be one of hers (4,3)

Girl, American dad leave son in Pacific islands (9)

Prize Open? No, the other way round! (6,3)

In Scotland, punch English Victor – saved by the sound of the bell! (7)

Hot rod crashed, finishing off Nosey Parker? (7)

Nelson, Ohio unfortunately has a traitor in its midst (7)

Trace item of underwear Nigel stripped off (7)

Socialist university vote presented in a new light (5)

Female vicar dusted off poker (4,4,4)

Visiting Ware to dance a Charleston here (4,8)

Patient chap's recent struggles seeking workplace? (3,6)

A modicum of froideur as I asperse a continental bloc (7)

Spot that lady's instruments (7)

With which I observe nonsense? (2,3)

Question Rutter's ears, skipping beats in common time! (7,5)

Putting down sodium, finish off household pest (7)

Solution 16,537

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Solution 16,526

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