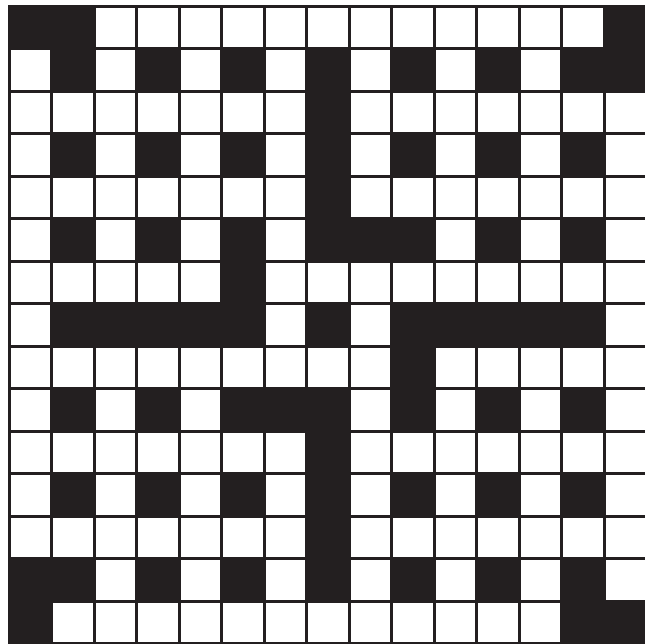# Crossword 16,981 Set by Julius

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 solutions.

They help to waterproof shed Sturgeon ordered (12)

Like a mineral Perthshire town mine left abandoned? (5)

With a trembling voice, sings notes (7)

Blundered about, turning embarrassed (5)

Charles Lawrence's empty laugh (7)

Number One skier drops kilo, yet has added volume (7)

Blair (New Labour), half crackers, how to miss the big picture! (4,8)

Member of famous rock group associated with Airplane? (9)

A week on vacation with a principally rebellious daughter? Tricky (7)

Handy Tube serving Lakeside Co-op (12)

Infuriates five former partners (5)

Using Euro in northern part of France (7)

Old-fashioned, unfeeling, vacuous emperor, perhaps 49 (6,6)

Kiss sex god, initially ignoring serious dryness of the skin (7)

Artist casually greeting fellow artist Jeff (mostly ordinary) (4,3)

Heading to where the wind blows, pull fish up (7)

Dropping an ecstasy tablet, Joe Biden is drunk; it's a DC crime! (6,3)

6 small companies start to export rayon material (7)

Crave English potato variety (7)

Hospital over-exploiting case (7)

International body's board admits European note "indefensible" (9)

Shutdown time for today's satellite viewing? (7)

Administers toxin to revolutionary spy island captured (7)

Physically abuse arsonist, reportedly (7)

Possibly cover Dane's film broadcast (9)

Section of mounted trek can kill old horse specialist (7)

Dickens claims wizard discovered composer (7)

Relating to area regular characters in ZZ Top neatly trimmed? (5)

Solution 16,972

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