CROSSWORD
No. 15,739 Set by JULIUS

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

VP introduces himself as protector of united Democrats. Cheek! (9)
10-0 upset for no. 54 in the table (5)
Last Scottish caveman evicted - good! (5)
One in boat, unknown quantity in German eight, special chap (9)
Make nuts hurt, enclosed in these? (12)
Boycott oil producer? (7)
Fanatics consumed by craze; a lot suffer (7)
Local network turned up to support 24hrs. at Le Figaro newspaper (7)
Weapon used to deal with The Mob? (4,3)
Spooner’s streetwalker married one likely to get shot (7)
Iraq surge used German ship (6-6)
Editor takes on staff to bring about change (5)
Spanish chap picked up by limo; glad I helped (7)
Where smiling lady’s heart-breaking true love is shattered? (3,6)
Master revised tutorial; he could cost you an arm and a leg! (9)
Food store got hot stuffing for Oscar; it’s a pleasure! (7)

Art genre new to Musee D’Orsay (7)
Fish sauce “unfinished, lacking attention to detail” (7)
Illness prevents train operators from starting on time (7)
Jack’s vintage condiment (3,4)
Page in the first book in Jonson’s work (7)
Short-tempered, Ed abandoned shivering, naked courtesan (12)
Neo-liberal’s touchy-feely communication style (7)
Brown left, following impairment to vision (5)
Most enthusiastic to hear about Florida island home (7)
Records wastage from leg muscles calculated “of the second degree” (7)
Throw key fob away, locking in little woman for the lulz (2,3,2,1,4)
Soft, gentle Louisiana music-maker (7)

Solution 15,738

APITALST BASRA
AHENVHUTD
NERVEESTRAIN
ILLROTTA
CENTIMETREMENU
KIGSEA
DIARISTMIRACLE
IGBUTA
SHELACDIPLAM
MEOXIC
CITOINAACCURATE
SILLELL
SUBWOOFERATLAS
ACEPTEO
LOTTOROTTERDAM