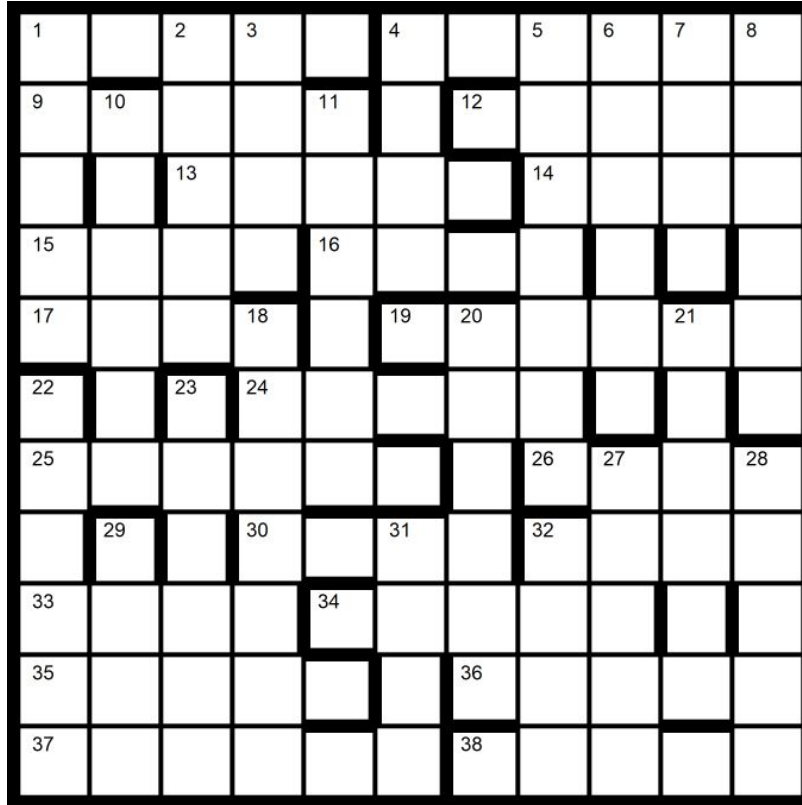


Starring... Paskie! by Hale

It's Paskie's birthday, and in a desperate bid for attention, he's forced himself into this puzzle.

Before entry, five down answers must be amended to feature Paskie. (The enumerations for all down clues are withheld.) The locations of these amendments work together in an appropriate manner to pinpoint what you deserve for solving the puzzle.



Across

1. Vague note alongside pen (5)
4. Gypsy's temple conceals organization (6)
9. Covering a room with gold (5)
12. Mark goes wild with love for Indian dish (5)
13. Unable to move right after *Indiana Race* finale (5)
14. One in standard couple (4)
15. Land mass is extremely large (4)
16. Eliot, a real emperor (4)
17. Appeases, discarding duplicates and copies (4)
19. Seafood dish is making a comeback, entertaining party (6)
24. Ex-president televised after veto (5)
25. Cruise ship's first true spin (6)
26. Spheres or cubes in the middle section (4)
30. Objection—scratching head is appropriate (4)
32. Chlorine absorbing oxygen and a source of energy (4)
33. Guarantee lots of consummate kisses, initially (4)
34. Latin American missing his alarm (5)
35. Lead-free dinner is superior (5)
36. Spanish appetizers: pasta, bananas (5)
37. Boil or melt wine (6)
38. Raptor, at one point, holds candle for Dutch artist (5)

Down

1. A fight inevitably starts in Massachusetts criminal group
2. Beam is within prism, I learned
3. Pitch, to National League outsiders
4. Winter athletes upset re kiss
5. Scott's first musical performance lacks heart—no vocal range
6. Wagon carrying uranium leads to a serious injury
7. Send out faulty item
8. Ingram scrambles to edge
10. Russia's capital? Heavens—infiltrating it is most dangerous
11. Sell hound again?
18. Breathing apparatus made of tin or nickel, missing left half
20. Effective company man
21. Dead on the battlefield, having eaten recalled, dark brown sausage
22. Shelter a stray—extremely fat in the middle
23. Second half of final, about Richard I, is not as easy
27. Baseball team is inexperienced, legends said
28. This could be plentiful after first sign of snow!
29. Operation featured in that guy's dream
31. Deal playing cards to start, keeping a ten in front
32. Every other part of Chicago is so long