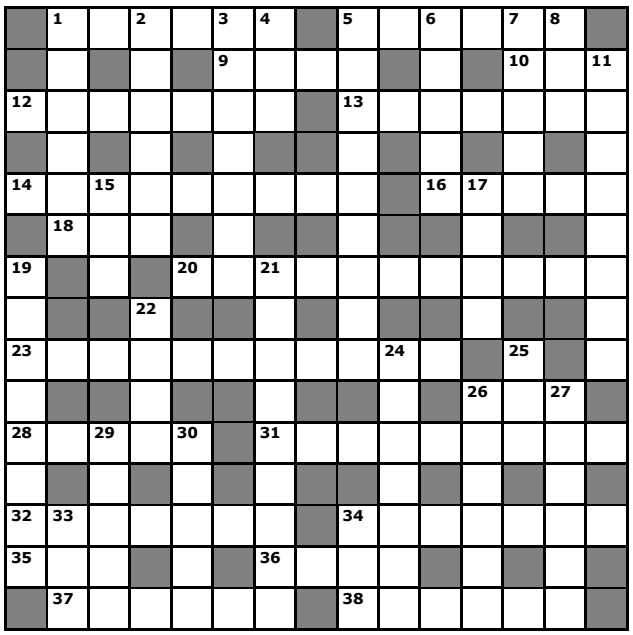
November 2026 Slot 2 by Lexi Conner



Across

1 Retiring over mistake supplying alcoholic beverage (6)

5 Why cover most of disk with spirit? (6)

9 Senorita isn't upset, rejected by Sydney's local folk (4)

10 This man's greetings (3)

12 Prepared to get joint pain fixed by doctor (7)

13 Pressing moment (7)

14 Fruit from female factories? (9)

16 Heath emerged in the morning from the USA (5)

18 Consume skinned meats (3)

20 One reversed diagram in pen-produced shorthand (11)

23 Dork sits nervously outside meeting with utilitarians (11)

26 Toss incomplete part of an organ (3)

28 Organiser lost rain-bedevilled beasts (5)

31 Just like Dad to knock back sweetener for vegetable (9)

32 Sauce for a pie and a person who's made it (7)

34 Buries scattered bones including tibia and metatarsal primarily (7)

35 The spring that helps make Christmas parties (3)

36 Bob right away reveals a habit (4)

37 Mark on paper to put in top of the line tipple (6)

38 Bottle opener provided with hot drink (6)

Down

1 Impose upon others with cake (6)

2 Expect constituents resolving to save (6)

3 Perform a second time among green activists (2-5)

4 Letter from Israel discarded at today's review (3)

5 Wood panelling exposes damaged icons in Buddhist temples (9)

6 Release the children! (5)

7 Drill called for device used to start vehicle (5)

8 Swagger off, braying about passive principle (3)

11 Control yourself, boyfriend anticipates working! (6,2)

15 Empty talk may be something wonderful! (3)

17 Way back or ahead to avoid middle section (4)

19 Fosters bears (8)

21 More open not to begin referring to outgoing individual (9)

22 Fever causes public relations fallout in European capital (4)

24 Footwear for an instructor (7)

25 38 can be tipped over extracted tooth (3)

26 The French continue to produce still water (6)

27 Lively toddler ably coping with a deficiency (6)

29 Country eliminated the urethral disorder (5)

30 Flight from a disturbing commotion (5)

33 Cap revised for 22-reducing medication (1,1,1)

34 Go out and return with a forsaken babe (3)