



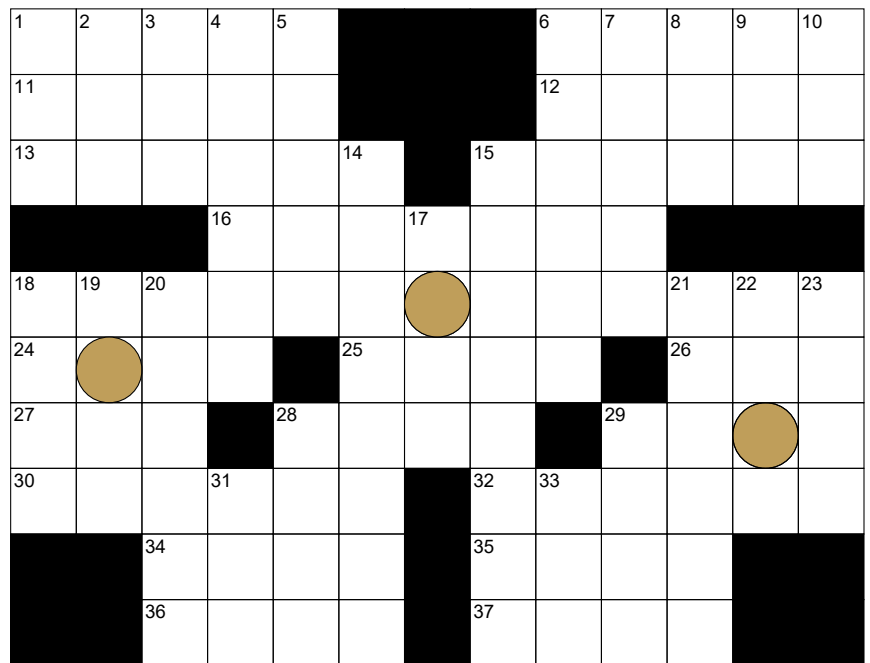
September 29, 2025 - "Change of Scenery" - Carina da Rosa, edited by Sally Hoelscher

ACROSS

- 1 Pacific country known as an "underwater Serengeti"
- 6 Something to flash before a flash?
- 11 C'mon, you know you wanna snooze it
- 12 Name that's said over 20 times in "Home Alone" (often in exasperation)
- 13 Those born on September 29, astrologically
- 15 Ground to a halt
- 16 "So, so down, 1000 percent!"
- 18 Italian water feature with an impressive coin collection (visitors throw in more than 3000 euros a day)
- 24 "Make _____ noise!"
- 25 Nights before big days
- 26 Civil rights leader _____ B. Wells
- 27 Crank it up!
- 28 _____ Prize, math honor won by Masaki Kashiwara in 2025
- 29 Coifs sported by Jimi Hendrix and Diana Ross, for short
- 30 "You copy?"
- 32 Sign up
- 34 Clump of fluff
- 35 Beheld (like embarrassing baby photos my mom insists on hanging up)
- 36 They hog the spotlight
- 37 What Oscar nominees have in the bag?

DOWN

- 1 Pay or pen follower
- 2 Legendary Laila
- 3 Pinky and The Brain's lair
- 4 Roll up
- 5 Fifth taste (and a quality of my chocolate miso/yema wedding cake)
- 6 Yarn bundles (I'm always open to knitting pattern suggestions, just saying...)
- 7 "It's fate. We're _____ to be!"
- 8 They're total drips
- 9 Cap, to Gen Z
- 10 What good vacations eventually do ...*le sigh*
- 14 Sure things (well, as "sure" as anything can be...)
- 15 Totally out to lunch
- 17 Amore (throw a coin in 18-Across for romance ... traditionally this is the second wish)
- 18 Bygone sovereign sometimes spelled with a "cz"
- 19 Location of 18-Across (throw a coin in for a return trip here ... traditionally this is the first wish)
- 20 Someone who feels their way through things?
- 21 Broadcasting, like dirty laundry
- 22 Vows exchanged at the altar (throw a coin in 18-Across for wedding bells ... traditionally this is the third wish)
- 23 Condé _____
- 28 Radio switch
- 29 Pooch parasite found in "off leash"
- 31 Lipa whose first name means 17-Down in Albanian
- 33 "Something old, something _____, something borrowed, something blue"



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