

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

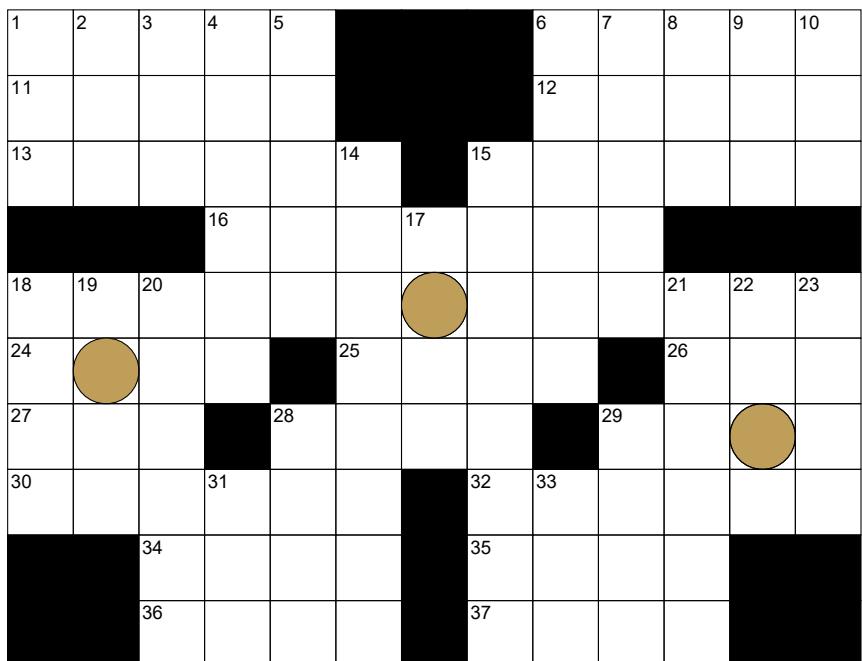
2 Legendary Laila

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"