

September 2026 Slot 2 by Lexi Conner

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Across

- 1 Curvy well-formed nude adult (9)
- 6 Gin mix from Saigon is a cracker! (3)
- 9 Let everyone with a ring marry (7)
- 11 Regret hearing a marsupial cut down (7)
- 12 Interior designer provided shelter for Kimberley runner (3)
- 13 Bush grew here displaying morning flower (7)
- 14 Frighten noisy bird seen in Hong Kong area (7)
- 16 *Lasseter's Last Ride's* author's first draw off a popular entertainment (3)
- 17 Report of a business relationship (7)
- 19 Begrudges when envisages being without sink (6)
- 20 How short was this Vietnamese statesman? (2)
- 21 Vehicle in westbound advance (3)
- 22 Reckless news media need not identify Hindu teacher (5)
- 25 Friend describes receding circuit (3)
- 27 Omit it from mantra (2)
- 28 Iraqi perhaps pursues a little science to identify beetle (6)
- 30 Unorthodox homeopaths shun the cleansing liquid (7)
- 31 Eggs delivered in line as discussed (3)
- 32 Disturbed woman filled unloaded shotgun pointed at wintry figure (7)
- 35 Bet on record accumulation (7)
- 36 Crocodilian can be put off target (3)
- 37 Maori tribe decapitated New Zealander (3)
- 38 Glamorous launch for young ladies' spectacles (7)
- 39 "Born around the early part of night", the poet wrote (1'2)
- 40 Plan to reverse car (9)

Down

- 1 Britain anticipates deluge with entry of Europeans to the country (7)
- 2 Challenge lived up to create an adventurer (9)
- 3 Are old type budding sculptors learning together? (3,5)
- 4 Mark door spilling into development facility (8)
- 5 Blushing, Glenfield disposed of rifle before being in debt (7)
- 6 Court in outside session due to blackout (5)
- 7 Alternately, makes room for aircraft (4)
- 8 Free safe and sound with no fauna could produce unusual character (7)
- 10 Playing card missing when looking for a game (3)
- 15 The whole parcel (3)
- 18 Bite the winner (5)
- 21 Balance or collapse in Olympic Games site (9)
- 23 Effeminate desire to embrace sultanate (8)
- 24 Obstetricians contrived to avoid tents with equal atmospheric pressure (8)
- 25 Move on to mature channel (7)
- 26 Revolutionary film discovered by scientist (7)
- 29 City requires lender to receive German approval (7)
- 30 Grunter showed he'd gone to disseminate (3)
- 31 Candle for the blind? (5)
- 33 Penniless writer disembarked ship exiting the river (4)
- 34 Wonder how rock sounds (3)