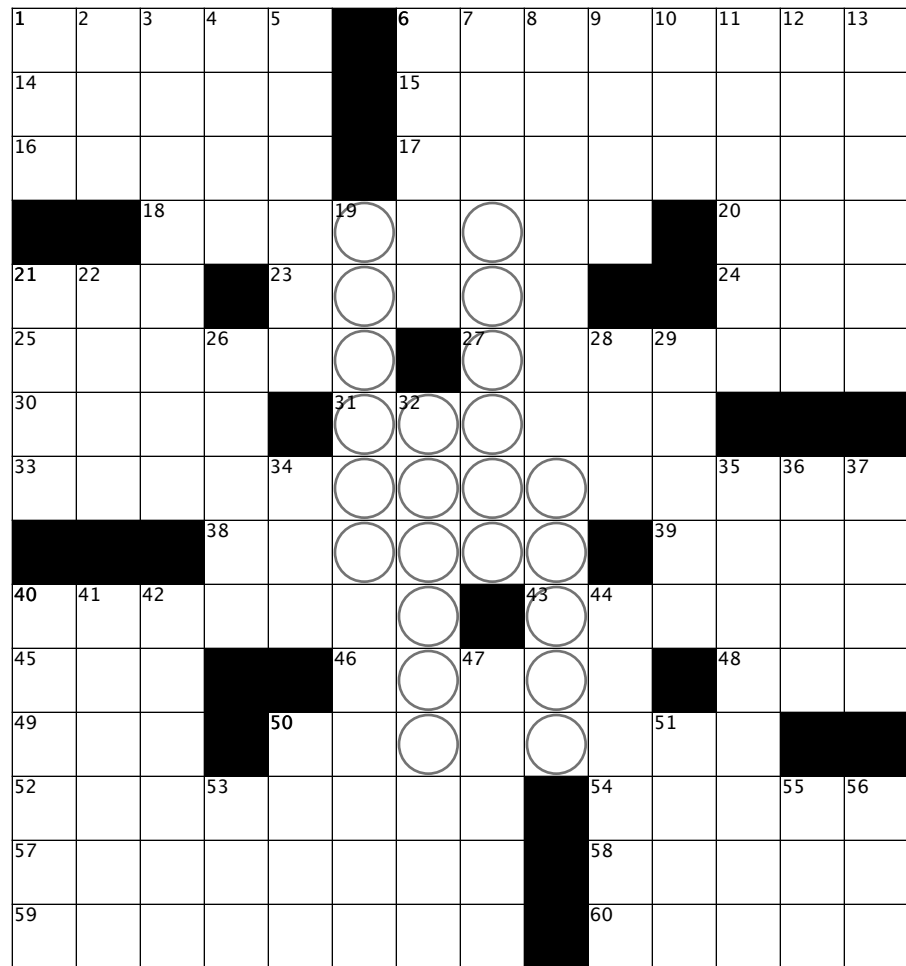


# Close Quarters

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## ACROSS

1. Language whence the word "robot"
6. Mechanisms that release spent shells
14. Tight-knit group
15. "I wanna have a quick peek"
16. One might use poles in a descent
17. Exposed as a rank amateur, say
18. Sweats
20. \_\_\_ shot
21. "The L Word" aier
23. Tuscan cathedral city
24. "So \_\_\_ heard ..."
25. Source of "Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!"
27. \_\_\_-in (like some solaria)
30. Puzzle inventor Rubik
31. "Voilà!"
33. Feature of some hotel suites, represented by this puzzle's circled letters



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38. John Hancock, famously
39. Dip at a barre
40. Mollusks whose name derives from the ancient Greek for "sailor"
43. Mad props in the studio
45. Author Patchett
46. Conversation-\_\_\_ (record scratch moment)
48. [Purr ... purr ... purr]
49. Dictator Amin
50. Applying peer pressure to
52. Most fertile, in a way
54. Poet Nash
57. "BREAK THE \_\_\_" (text over a Paper cover featuring Kim Kardashian's impeccable champagne aim)
58. Lock
59. Couldn't not
60. Sleep on it?
9. Nashville awards show, familiarly
10. \_\_\_ Aviv
11. Egyptian god of the dead
12. Get out of a grave situation?
13. Appeared
19. Pelé or Serena Williams, e.g. (as of 5/23/21, anyway)
21. \_\_\_ butter (new tat application)
22. Gnus' crew?
26. Fowl pole?
28. Lilt
29. Boston T party?
32. Furnishings that might include a home's biggest table
34. "The Godfather: Part \_\_\_"
35. Shrub containing several toxic compounds
36. Kunis of "Black Swan"
37. Fam chill time
40. Final \_\_\_ the coffin
41. Words from one crying foul
42. Eastern Catholic
44. Lingos
47. "Samesies"
50. Word on an Irish euro
51. "Puss in Boots" villain
53. Part of SML: Abbr.
55. "C'\_\_\_ la guerre"
56. "Snowden" org. (just watched this--pretty good!)

## DOWN

1. IV units
2. Drummer Starkey
3. Town a.k.a. "The Birthplace of Recorded Sound"
4. Friend group
5. Joan of Arc's crime
6. Send
7. Airbreathing propulsion system
8. Color of a 23-carat gem worn by Elizabeth Taylor at her fifth wedding