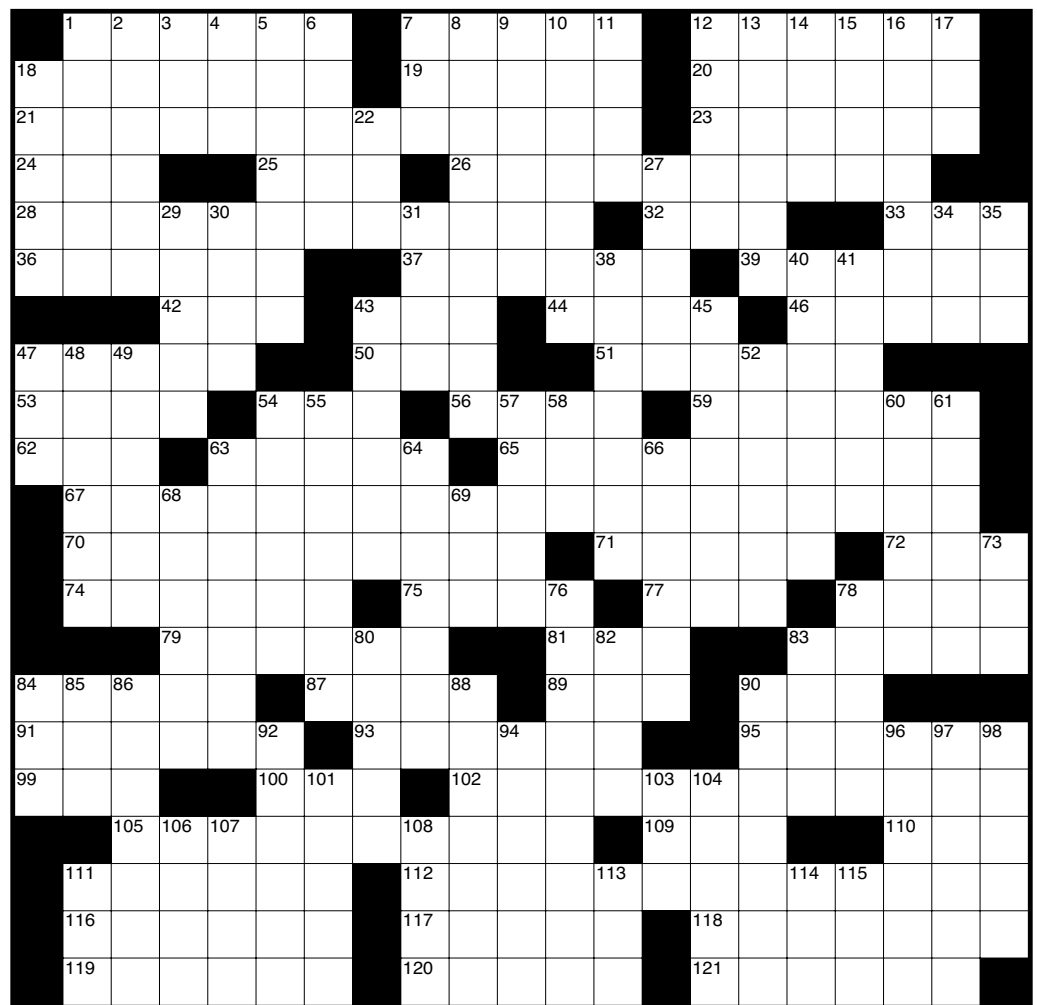


My Explosive Career

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ACROSS

- 1 Tennessee Williams's Maggie
- 7 Slogs
- 12 Past, to Picasso
- 18 Proportionately
- 19 They are driven
- 20 California institute where Fritz Perls taught Gestalt
- 21 War lover's justification?
- 23 Sound of nuclear destruction?
- 24 Serena Smash
- 25 *Hombre's* home: abbr.
- 26 Nuclear attraction?
- 28 Arms buildup?
- 32 Win ___ nose
- 33 She who's shorn
- 36 Like Mitty's "life"
- 37 Female praying figure
- 39 Reagan and Sinatra
- 42 Rock producer Brian
- 43 Craft crammed with critters
- 44 Fly like an eagle
- 46 Comics sections, old-style
- 47 Roast host
- 50 Loopy Louis
- 51 Pipe down, Navy-style
- 53 Blue hue
- 54 ___ rat (slangy toddler)
- 56 Mr. Edison: abbr.
- 59 Iron-rich Minnesota range
- 62 Decorative vessel
- 63 Put ___ (sail)
- 65 With 70 Across, the trouble with fallout?
- 67 Riposte to a bomb advocate?
- 70 See 65 Across
- 71 Cranky conditions
- 72 Triennia parts: abbr.
- 74 Ukase
- 75 Slangy followers
- 77 The way, to Beijing
- 78 Really smell
- 79 That Stephen King feeling
- 81 59 Across truckful
- 83 Singer Pendergrass
- 84 Stands up to
- 87 Name for a farm dog
- 89 ___-de-lance
- 90 What XX means, sex-wise: abbr.
- 91 Overactor
- 93 Start of a carol title
- 95 Kind of
- 99 Ear assault
- 100 Gassy prefix
- 102 Only place where nuclear issues are black and white?
- 105 With 111 Across, the theme of this puzzle
- 109 "___, then B ..."
- 110 ___ Alamos
- 111 See 105 Across
- 112 Bird's-eye view of World War III?
- 116 Spain and Portugal
- 117 Without ___ in the world
- 118 Needle-shaped



- 119 Items of real worth
- 120 Rhyme or reason
- 121 Record again

DOWN

- 1 Lozenge
- 2 Class in household skills
- 3 Before, once
- 4 Tech preceder
- 5 "___ cast away stones" (Ecclesiastes)
- 6 "I can ___ hint"
- 7 Pei or wan preceder
- 8 Do better at selling
- 9 Home of Odysseus
- 10 Unknots
- 11 Planes for VIPs
- 12 Full of vim and vinegar
- 13 Catcher under a grate
- 14 Out of danger
- 15 ___ Romeo
- 16 Knock away, as a pass
- 17 Thunder Bay's prov.
- 18 Acad. tests
- 22 Second tel. line
- 27 Pound ___ (do a cop's job)
- 29 Too soon to make good kindling
- 30 Actor Auberjonois
- 31 Actor Calhoun
- 34 Old Faithful's state: abbr.
- 35 Govern ending
- 38 50-50 propositions
- 40 British upper-crusters

- 41 ___ public
- 43 Actress Beverly D' ___
- 45 Black Sea country
- 47 Old French coin, or new European currency
- 48 Countless
- 49 "___ just agree to disagree"
- 52 Attended
- 54 He probably has shingles
- 55 Loan sharks
- 57 Hilton or Sheraton alternative
- 58 Part of a caveman's name, in the comics
- 60 Kept afloat
- 61 Accustomed (to)
- 63 "Hath not ___ a thorn, Plantagenet?" (*Henry VI: Part I*)
- 64 Regarded highly
- 66 Earthly goal of a Jules Verne expedition
- 68 Scented bag
- 69 That guy's
- 73 People watch it on Fourth of July night
- 76 Mollifiers
- 78 Chart anew
- 80 Chicago hub
- 82 1963 John Wayne film, *Donovan's* ___
- 83 House cover when painting or fumigating

- 84 Gave Gerber's
- 85 Friend of François
- 86 Scams
- 88 Rodents in the family
- 90 Pay for in a big way
- 92 ___ in (make money in a big way)
- 94 Flight navigation syst.
- 96 Knock one's socks off
- 97 Silly as ___
- 98 "___ have no bananas"
- 101 Lanchester and Maxwell
- 103 Carnival city
- 104 Forsyth's *The Dogs* ___
- 106 Usually nicer rds.
- 107 Glazed finish for fabrics
- 108 Arts degs.
- 111 Woody's *Husbands and Wives* co-star
- 113 Actress Sandra
- 114 Trifecta, for one
- 115 History chapter, perhaps

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