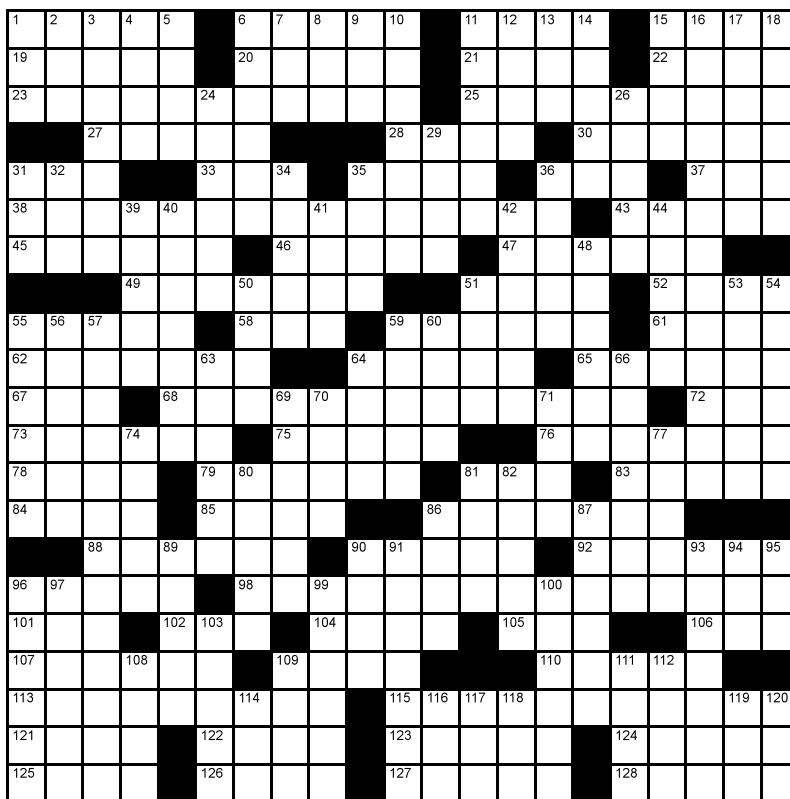


"3...2...1...Happy New Year!" by Matt Gaffney

Across

- 1 "Star Wars" director
- 6 Morality
- 11 Michael of "Juno"
- 15 Greek letters
- 19 Appliance brand
- 20 Joe ___ (ad liar of the 1980s)
- 21 Still competing
- 22 Plot of land
- 23 Rangers and Smokey the Bear, e.g.?
- 25 Particle-accelerating machine
- 27 Third rock from the sun
- 28 "Take ___ Train" (Duke Ellington hit)
- 30 Missing
- 31 Peter Pan rival
- 33 Late poker great Ungar
- 35 Suffix with museum or party
- 36 Chinese food additive
- 37 We, in Wiesbaden
- 38 30-second Lennon/Ono TV spot?
- 43 Spiky plant
- 45 Buffett or Beatty
- 46 When major operations start
- 47 Not rejecting outright
- 49 Emphasizing phrase
- 51 Love lines?
- 52 Roadies move them
- 55 Site of the Burj Al Arab hotel
- 58 Branch
- 59 Soccer star Chastain
- 61 Ending for "gesund"
- 62 Lawlessness
- 64 Take over
- 65 Good look
- 67 Hi-___ graphics
- 68 "That guy can guess anyone's ATM code!"
- 72 Anger
- 73 Battle
- 75 Yoga position
- 76 Agence France-Presse rival
- 78 "New to you," really
- 79 Ways
- 81 Scribble
- 83 Floods with light
- 84 Favorites
- 85 Roughly
- 86 High military rank
- 88 Congressman Kucinich
- 90 Police man?
- 92 Hit a restaurant
- 96 Judge Judy wears one on her robe
- 98 Massive military establishment?
- 101 Time
- 102 Primus bassist Claypool
- 104 Succulent plant
- 105 Woman in a habit
- 106 Burns on film
- 107 Slang
- 109 Got 100% on
- 110 Synagogue: var.
- 113 It flies over London



- 115 What they do in Times Square on Dec. 31st -- and the theme of this puzzle
- 121 Fine, as cheese
- 122 Fixate one's eyes on
- 123 Willies-inducing
- 124 Bridget portrayal
- 125 Lawman Eliot
- 126 Washington Senators great Eddie
- 127 Uncovered
- 128 Cosmetics giant Elizabeth
- 24 " ___ of Those Nights" (Partridge Family song)
- 26 Baby doc
- 29 Attention-seeking shouts
- 31 Talk non-stop
- 32 Deadly 2009 Atlantic hurricane
- 34 Beneath
- 35 Bothersome buzzer
- 36 Kind of bike
- 39 Brother
- 40 Post-nuclear series
- 41 Lambert of "Idol"
- 42 Dean of thrillers
- 44 Salt Lake resident, e.g.
- 48 He went to another country
- 50 Is worth it
- 51 Big ___ (David Ortiz)
- 53 State capital on the Missouri River
- 54 Pressure
- 55 Climb quickly, as stairs
- 56 Discomfort
- 57 The life and times of a bicycle attachment?
- 59 Signing cash
- 60 Stadium divisions
- 63 Muppets creator Jim
- 64 Name
- 66 Give props to
- 69 Actress with a "Charmed" life
- 70 Sport with chukkers
- 71 Graphic or industrial follower
- 74 Ford flop
- 77 "The Black Swan" author Nassim Nicholas ___
- 80 Gets the fat off
- 81 Emma's creator
- 82 Liver or lungs
- 86 "8 ___" (Brittany Murphy movie)
- 87 Upper thigh
- 89 Stocking material
- 90 Only
- 91 Walked (upon)
- 93 Bay city
- 94 Take advantage of
- 95 Perfect woman?
- 96 ___ Blair of the San Antonio Spurs
- 97 Self-descriptive food
- 99 Sport or strait
- 100 Blew hard
- 103 "Have fun!"
- 108 Odin and Woden
- 109 Where knees tear
- 111 Wife and sister (!) of Zeus
- 112 Prefix meaning "extremely good"
- 114 In the past
- 116 Belfast-born actor
- 117 Mork's planet
- 118 Clown's "weapon"
- 119 Meade beat him at Gettysburg
- 120 "Underworld" director Wiseman

Down

- 1 Once around the track
- 2 Ethan's ex
- 3 Look after
- 4 "My Way" composer
- 5 Cape Town's nat.
- 6 Pizza slice, often
- 7 Nashville sch.
- 8 "Ben-___"
- 9 Suffix with rational
- 10 Ownership
- 11 Illinois city named for an Ancient Roman
- 12 She sometimes sings in Gaelic
- 13 Wrestler ___ Flair
- 14 AAA book
- 15 Football team or some points they score, for short
- 16 "I'm only writing dramas from now on!"
- 17 Not what you'd expect
- 18 Nissan model