A Radical Idea

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ACROSS

1 With 18-Down, potentially sarcastic applause
5 Make braids
10 Thing showed off when inviting guests to the gun show
15 "Thunderstruck" band
19 Bagels, topologically
20 Performing cowboy's prop
21 "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" musical
22 Musical Gang leader?
23 "Dagnabbit!"
24 Ready to duel
25 Backbiting
26 Kournikova of tennis
27 Natalie Merchant's '90s alt-rock band
31 Nicholas Brothers' art form
32 It can come after A, B, AB, or O: abbr.
33 Aid in driving or kicking
34 With 37-Across, longtime Foreigner frontman
35 Opportunities for singles?
37 See 34-Across
39 Where some singers stand
42 Relieve, as fears
44 Green New Deal legislator, familiarly
46 Project whose only permanent member was Trent Reznor, until Atticus Ross joined in 2016
49 Wetland
51 Figure (out)
52 AFL merger partner
53 Only
54 Classic country song about getting "another day older and deeper in debt"
56 Tried not to get blown off course?
59 "This minute!"
60 Wee
61 Accessory that can seem to molt
62 Provost's colleague
64 Initialism seen at many banks
66 Bravo TV franchise about sellers of expensive properties
73 Common evergreen
74 "I feel seen by that meme"
75 "___ It" (Weird Al Yankovic's first US top-20 pop single)
76 Place in the overhead compartment
77 Scrawl quickly
80 Backless sofas
82 Organization for rural high school students
84 Raison d'___
86 Animal on the flag of Michigan
87 Pulitzer-winning novelist James with a long stint as The Nation's film critic
90 All rational and irrational numbers, mathematically
91 Debut feature by Francois Truffaut, whose title comes from a French idiom meaning "to raise hell"
95 Word in 4 of the 15 most populous US cities' names
96 Film in which they sometimes actually do talk about Bruno, it turns out
97 Shoelace tips
99 Helps with the party planning, in a way
103 Flower that vanilla comes from
104 Tiny bit
105 1990s AOL freebies
107 Top prize at the Barcelona Olympics
108 Bit of the "valley" in chapter 2 of "The Great Gatsby"
109 Operation to perform on six entries in this puzzle
116 Thailand, formerly
118 Some dark dramas, informally
119 Vivacity
120 Landfill output
121 Animated designer Mode
122 Magic lamp dweller
123 Mario's dinosaur pal
124 Vegan protein option
125 Alien-seeking org.
126 Bedded down
127 Bogged down
128 Slip 'N Slide requirement

DOWN

1 Like bull, in fake comedy Russian dialect
2 Repair shop's courtesy car
3 Jenna of "Wednesday"
4 Any of a trio traditionally offered by 122-Across
5 Cessna product
6 Pantry kin
7 YouTube video type that gives the tingles: init.
8 "Understood"
9 "Sesame Street" target audience (not that older people can't enjoy it, obviously)
10 Unsatisfying response to a complex question
11 Terrible Russian
12 ___ Field (Shea Stadium successor)
13 Jazzy James
14 "In God We Trust, All Others ___" (Jean Shepherd book that inspired "A Christmas Story")
15 Alias-preceding letters
16 2011 Steven Soderbergh medical disaster film with an all-star cast
17 Ninja Turtle wearing purple
18 See 1-Across
28 Like the very best effort
29 Ethical norms
30 Leave speechless
36 Sheepish comments?
38 Wed for status, not for love, perhaps
40 "Alas..."
41 Moo ___ pork
42 Kapoor of "Slumdog Millionaire"
43 Word coined in a Prohibition-era contest to describe a person who flouts restrictions on drinking
45 Yogurt brand whose name comes from the Turkish for shepherd
47 ___ Pop (duo who performed the electropop banger "I Love It")
48 Put in stitches
49 Visitor to a cardiologist's office since the light was on, in a classic groaner of a joke
50 Honda subcompact, for example
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55 Nothingburger
56 Element central to "The Wizard of Oz" (in multiple ways)
57 Users of Final Cut Pro
58 Prefix with respect or repair
62 Dippin' ___ (alleged ice cream of the alleged future)
63 A Massachusetts state symbol
65 Exams that use a rotating X-ray tube
67 1986 Gary Oldman title role, opposite Chloe Webb's Nancy
68 Piddlingly inconsequential
69 Student's second chance
70 "___ have to do..."
71 Entre ___ (just between you and me)
72 Presidential monogram between WJC and BHO
77 Sister publication to Ebony
78 The opposition, or a 2000 Red Hot Chili Peppers hit
79 Incisive
81 Loretta Lynn, e.g.
83 Addams Family's daily transportation choice
85 Carve with acid
87 Aquarium coating
88 Fitness center chain that started in Venice Beach
89 A must for making manchego
92 Many a child in Dickens
93 "Happy ___" (Adam Pally hangout sitcom)
94 Matching towels, shower curtain, soapdish, etc.
98 Criticize unmercifully
100 Belief system central to a New Orleans museum
101 Geometry class assignments
102 "Amen to that!"
103 Desert rest spots
106 R2D2 or C-3PO
110 Yuletide tune
111 Make a Waffle House visit
112 Beginning of fall?
113 Je ne sais ___ (undefinable aura)
114 1980 Olympic hockey silver medalists
115 Name on many retirement accounts
117 Half of a rhyming cocktail