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**ACROSS**

1 1969 hit for Neil Diamond
6 Big dipper?
9 Event at a convention center
13 Southern bread
17 Risk maker
19 What a plastic bag might come with, nowadays
20 Comics mutant
21 Specks of dust
22 Ad label in red and white
24 What Santa does before Christmas
26 They do dos
27 Tempe sch.
28 Invites out for
29 [Let it stand]
30 Pop singer Ora
31 Heats
33 Béte noire
34 Italian pal
35 Burning
40 Some of the American heartland
44 Belief in Buddhism and Hinduism
45 Certain make-your-own-entree station
47 With 86-Across, fixation problem suggested by this puzzle’s theme
48 One hanging around the yard
50 Statement that may precede “Wish me luck!”
51 Per __
52 Arc on a musical score
53 Go back (on)
55 British ending
56 Conventional
59 Deal with
60 Suffix with block
61 China’s Zhou __
62 Hound
64 Some bolt holders
67 Arroz __ cubana (Cuban-style rice)
70 Demerit
72 Once-ubiquitous electronics outlets
77 A hot one can burn you
78 Stars in western movies, e.g.
80 “That’s my foot!!”
81 Son of George and Jane Jetson
82 Verbal concession
84 Start to pay attention
86 See 47-Across
87 Sea that Jesus is said to have walked on
88 Beloved members of the family
89 Having a fix
90 South American barbecue
91 Rather eccentric
94 D.C. types
95 It fits a big frame, for short
97 1990s Nickelodeon show about a preteen boy
98 Former Saudi king
102 Peninsula with seven countries
106 Hosp. area
107 What torcedores can skillfully do
109 Hierarchical systems, so to speak
110 It may spit venom
112 News items often written in advance
113 Beget
114 Nasdaq, e.g.: Abbr.
115 Things that can bounce
116 Bone connected to the wrist
117 Founding member of the U.N. Security Council, for short
118 Humanities dept.
119 Like the entire 290-page Georges Perec novel “A Void,” curiously enough

**DOWN**

1 Bygone kings
2 Attended
3 Nail polish brand
4 Who said “No good movie is too long. No bad movie is short enough”
5 Dos más uno
6 Worth mentioning
7 Subsidiary of CVS Health
8 Races in place
9 Ken Griffey Jr. or Ichiro Suzuki
10 Short winter days?
11 Alan who directed “All the President’s Men”
12 Any nonzero number raised to the power of zero
13 Florida county named for a president
14 Los Angeles’s __ College of Art and Design
15 Where talk is cheap?
16 This: Sp.
17 Way to run someone out of town, idiomatically
18 Heavy defeat
19 QB-protecting group, for short
20 Cousin of cream cheese
21 Not outstanding
22 Aware
23 German city on the Weser
24 Try to see if anyone is home, maybe
25 Ad label in red and white
26 Like the entire 290-page Georges Perec novel “A Void,” curiously enough
27 Spanish girlfriend
28 Things once tossed in the Trevi Fountain
29 It stops at Union and Penn Stations
30 Understand
31 Agnus __ (prayers)
32 Banned aid!
33 Lead-in to Aid
34 “Auld Lang ___”
35 Little piggy
36 Sullivan who taught Helen Keller
37 Temper
38 Enlist again
39 Early king of Athens, in Greek myth
40 Gambler’s alternative to Las Vegas, NV, or Atlantic City, NJ
41 One with special I.T. privileges
42 Throwing away
43 Pond critter
44 Latin version of the Bible
45 Doesn’t give a hoot, colloquially
46 Applebee’s competitor
47 Kitchen gadgets
48 System of government
49 ___ dog
50 Loading areas
51 Championship
52 Texas A&M athlete
53 Ratchet (up)
54 Add oil and vinegar to, say
55 Legal cover?
56 Plugging away
57 Bit of chemistry
58 Testing stage
59 Command to a dog
60 Buckeyes’ sch.

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