

Across

1. *Start of a word chain*

6. Scheduled mtgs.

11. *Step 7 in the chain*

14. Reply said with a wink

15. Jazz pianist Chick

16. Modern rock genre

17. Composed

18. Glue

19. Show

20. Intense dislikes

22. *Step 2 in the chain*

24. Negotiator with G.M.

25. Short time

26. PGA part

27. *Step 3 in the chain*

30. *Step 5 in the chain*

33. Alter, in a way

34. Grp. devoted to finding life on other planets

35. Fingers

39. Groove-billed cuckoo

40. Charles Gibson's outfit

43. In vitro items

44. Grunt's accessory

46. Hopped off

47. Brad's ex, familiarly

48. *Step 8 in the chain*

51. *Step 4 in the chain*

52. Spicy cuisine

55. "___ du lieber!"

56. Show set in Vegas

58. *Step 9 in the chain*

60. Everest guides, often

64. Unproven ability

65. Approves

67. Rocky, as the Florida Keys

68. Modern: Ger.

69. Annoying sort

70. Gillette shavers

71. *Step 6 in the chain*

72. Militant-turned-academic Bill

73. *End of the word chain*

Down

1. Deep cut

2. Beatles' meter maid

3. Gray matter?: Abbr.

4. Provoke

5. Where to start playing an LP

6. First-rate

7. Common radio fare

8. Move forward

9. "Star of the American road" sloganeer

10. Recites

11. Sweethearts

12. Mideast leaders

13. Bridge authority Charles

21. Uncool sort

23. "Toodles!"

25. Popeye favorite

27. Spiced tea

28. Rip apart

29. Skip past

31. Band that did the 1986 album "Skylarking"

32. M.I.T. part: Abbr.

34. Kind of palm

36. Magic charm

37. Unceasingly

38. Went under

41. Ivy Leaguer

42. Spelling book reader?

45. Indian's home

49. Sycophant

50. Foothold facilitator

51. Send, in a way

52. 1545 council site

53. Book of prophecies

54. Intensify, slangily

57. Glacial ice formation

59. Astronomical sighting

60. Latvia et al., once: Abbr.

61. Cuzco's country

62. Way out there

63. Network: Abbr.

66. "___ out!" (ump's call)

