

Across

1. Start of a word chain

6. Step 2 in the chain

11. Brew milieu

14. Prefix with linear

15. To-the-max prefix

16. The basics, initially

17. Worry

18. 1986 Indy 500
winner Bobby

19. Spanish pronoun

20. Fay of "King Kong"

21. Step 3 in the chain

22. Soldier material?

23. Gizmo

25. Stick in one's craw

26. Watch

27. Something to pick?

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30. Texts for eds.

31. Step 7 in the chain

33. Put out

34. NBC sportscaster

36. Musical direction

37. Step 9 in the chain

38. They may hang in the
balance: Abbr.

41. Go "shooby-doo," or
just "shoo"

42. Mouth, slangily

44. Certain asst.

45. Ear part

48. Kinetoscope inventor

49. A.F.L. merger partner

50. Step 5 in the chain

52. Clears

53. The Cowboys of the
N.C.A.A.

54. Maddier than mad

55. "___ die for!"

56. L.B.J.'s successor

57. Showed to the foyer

58. Critic

59. Record's end?

60. Step 6 in the chain

61. End of the word
chain

Down

1. Darkened

2. Judges, at times

3. Book sizes

4. Remain at home

5. ___ for tat

6. Gang land

7. Norwegian king of
A.D. 1000

8. ___ Pendragon, King
Arthur's father

9. Highly skilled

10. Sentry's "Stop!"

11. Step 4 in the chain

12. Bearish

13. Step 8 in the chain

21. Mycobacterium, e.g.

24. Renege

26. Ones getting soaked?

28. "Go back!" on a PC

29. Put one's foot down?

32. Tabby's mate

33. Comment after a
failure, perhaps

34. Annual celebration,
for short

35. Cluckhead

36. Step 11 in the chain

38. Gets bounced by

39. It has a police record

40. Like some input

41. Quakes

43. Merely suggest

44. Step 10 in the chain

45. Decent-sized
diamond

46. Former Boston
Symphony conductor

47. It's a dyeing art

50. Cat's warning

51. Surrealist Magritte

55. Returns letters?

