Chain Link Offense by Pete Muller

ACROSS

- **1** "___ Song" (Taylor Swift hit from 2007)
- **4** Blues singer Washington inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1993
- **9** Drink that once had a "spokesbunny"
- 13 "____ of these days, maybe your magic won't affect me" (lyric from a 2007 song)
- 14 Minor thing, perhaps
- 15 Something involved in arm-twisting?
- 16 Place to get a grip
- **18** German automaker whose name is derived from the Latin for "listen"
- 19 French place?
- 20 The pyramids, essentially
- 22 French flower
- 23 "The Lord of the Rings" character played by Liv Tyler
- 25 "Funky little" thing in the lyrics of Mott the Hoople's "All the Young Dudes"
- 27 Actress Sobieski with a reduplicative first name
- 29 Bond character who dies in "No Time to Die"
- 30 Ritalin target, for short
- **31** Civil rights org. founded on Lincoln's 100th birthday
- 34 "___Than Zero" (Elvis Costello song that he started playing on "SNL," but then stopped and switched to "Radio Radio")
- 35 Part of an automotive quartet
- 37 Shaving brand that becomes a well-known treaty if you put an "N" in front
- 40 Bring up the rear?
- 41 Enemy fighter in "Top Gun"
- 44 Soak to the bone
- 46 Selena's genre
- 48 By regulation it has 216 stitches
- 51 Dolphin's detecting "device"
- 52 Afire
- 53 Anteater's ant-eating aid
- 55 Rose bowl?
- **56** "___ Surprisingly Good for You" (song from "Evita")
- 58 Operation time?
- 60 Romanov title
- 61 Material for manicurists
- **62** Want-ad initialism
- **63** "I think she was born in an arctic ___" (song lyric from 1980)
- 64 Jeff of the Traveling Wilburys
- 65 Roman title

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One of the long Across entries in this puzzle needs to be replaced by the meta answer, an alternative rock band of the same length, in order for the theme to make sense.

DOWN

- 1 Faces song whose chorus starts "I wish that I knew what I know now, when I was younger"
- 2 Like some grievances
- 3 Signed up for another year, maybe
- 4 Mostly outdated internet connection initialism
- **5** Rapper with a refreshing-sounding name
- 6 Bigwig
- 7 Dollar alternative
- 8 Jerry Moss's trumpet-playing cofounder of A&M Records
- **9** As
- 10 Wail
- 11 The Hang Seng and the Dow, say
- 12 Rolls named for a ruler
- 17 Major "Hamilton" Act II scene
- 21 Jeanne d'Arc, say: Abbr.
- 24 "99 Luftballons" singer
- 26 Baby brook

- 28 Whom the Penguins asked "Will you be mine?"
- 32 "That penguin is so cute!"
- 33 "Evita" character
- **35** Object made of wood or candy
- 36 Barely makes, with "out"
- 37 Pre-election deluge, often
- **38** Elided expression of regret
- 39 Way to not go nuclear
- **41** Unhappy customer's requestee, often
- **42** Where an old woman of rhyme resided
- 43 Down alternative
- **45** Network headquartered in NYC's Black Rock building
- 47 Rock's Bon
- 49 Like some arable soil
- 50 Brightness measure
- **54** Bird whose name sounds like a driving maneuver
- **57** Afore
- 59 Nevada's largest county by area