

A Better Future

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Across

- 1. It's as good (?) as a mile, some say (2 wds)
- 6. Sched placeholders, initially
- 10. "Smooth Operator" chanteuse
- 14. Piano part
- 15. Zamboni milieu
- 16. A deadly sin
- 17. Happy song syllables (2 wds)
- 18. Short 500-mile race?
- 19. Miner's quest
- 20. *Renowned 1963 speech by 54-across (4 wds)
- 23. How-__ (instruction lists)
- 24. Advertising award
- 25. Brewer in Milwaukee (but not in MLB)

Down

- 29. Sounds of hesitation
- 30. Brita competitor
- 32. "Be Strong Now" James __ from Smashing Pumpkins
- 33. Hotel option
- 36. Actor Cheadle of "Hotel Rwanda"
- 37. On an even footing in France
- 38. *Gospel song often sung by 54-across and his supporters (3 wds)
- 41. NAACP founder Wells and namesakes
- 42. Sound of amazement
- 43. Repeat verbatim
- 44. Lower limb
- 45. U.S. version of Ltd.
- 46. Young bear

- 47. "Don't __ on me" [Political slogan]
- 49. Zone or region
- 51. Diner dessert
- 54. Social visionary honored on the 3rd Monday of January [First.MI.Last]
- 57. Assistant
- 60. Lends a hand
- 61. Brief opening remarks?
- 63. Yemen's capital
- 64. W. African country west of Benin
- 65. Be in the driver's seat
- 66. Garage sale notice (2 wds)
- 67. Cabinet dept. since 1977
- 68. Gets laundry ready, say

Down

- 1. Fitting
- 2. Deserve
- 3. State bordering British Columbia
- 4. Casa rooms
- 5. Czech or Pole
- 6. __ and tribulations
- 7. Spot for an Indian woman?
- 8. Brezhnev's successor
- 9. Island in the Hebrides
- 10. City of the infamous Bloody Sunday at Edmund Pettus Bridge
- 11. 12 meses
- 12. Movie format after VHS
- 13. Cyclops had one
- 21. Organizational level
- 22. Loan fig.
- 26. Intolerant person
- 27. "Fool me once, _ on you"
- 28. Folk story

- 29. Hagen with 3 Tonys
- 31. Not fair, in a way
- 33. Passover meal
- 34. Utility bill number
- 35. 3-letter Christian symbol
- 36. Homer Simpson's interjection
- 37. Green prefix
- 38. Shrivell up
- 39. 3x = real estate mantra
- 40. Massage
- 45. FLOTUS McKinley
- 46. Movie morals arbiter
- 48. Church conclusions?
- 50. Mountain crest
- 51. Spotted horse
- 52. Lay to rest
- 53. White heron
- 55. Utility bill number
- 56. "Sealed with a __"
- 57. Small battery size
- 58. Some wallet cards
- 59. Agnes __ (Lamb of God)
- 62. Surgeons' spots, briefly