

# States of Beings

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Succumb to age, as a roof
- 4. Result of having a cow?
- 8. Animal symbol of Scotland
- 12. Saint-Louis, par exemple
- 13. Lotion ingredient
- 14. Give a hand
- 15. Spot for wiping
- 16. Hawaiian nut actually native to Australia
- 18. Utah's official state crustacean
- 20. "Are not!" response
- 21. Lowest card in many games
- 24. Board that reads, in part, "good bye"
- 28. Pulitzer-winning poet Armantrout
- 29. Illinois' official state mushroom
- 34. Meaning of the Italian "tutti"
- 35. Deft
- 36. Guanaco relative
- 39. Hurdle for an advanced degree
- 43. D.C.'s official state mammal
- 47. Serpentine
- 49. "\_\_\_ to Joy"
- 50. Like games on one's own field
- 51. Letters on a touch-tone phone's zero
- 52. Goose flying formation
- 53. Opposite of 50-Across
- 54. Horses with black points
- 55. Where this clue is, among the Acrosses

**DOWN**

- 1. "The Lion King" cub
- 2. Unwelcome morning-routine participant

- 3. "Capisce?"
- 4. Emerged
- 5. Wailed word
- 6. Ness, for example
- 7. White-faced feeling
- 8. Red-faced feeling
- 9. Possible bento box component
- 10. "Baby Cobra" comedian Wong
- 11. A-C measure?
- 17. Tried successfully
- 19. High time?
- 22. Stanford's Big Game rival
- 23. Unagi, at a sushi restaurant
- 25. Staple craft brewing variety, for short
- 26. Quantity of wine for Omar Khayyam
- 27. "100 Years ... 100 Movies" org.
- 29. Sadie Hawkins dance attendee
- 30. Green-faced, maybe
- 31. Habitat of a particular red tide?
- 32. Croci, for example
- 33. Recent presidential campaign slogan "Feel the \_\_\_"
- 37. "Anora" Oscar winner Madison
- 38. Birthday figure
- 40. Atop
- 41. Burdened
- 42. The Lone Ranger's Silver, for example
- 44. Eponymous shape for a beloved ugly fish
- 45. Onetime Strahan talk-show co-host
- 46. \_\_\_ dokey
- 47. Syllable from the chorus of "Kiss the Girl"
- 48. Right this minute



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