Political Players
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ACROSS
1. See 98-Across
12. Nook reading, perhaps
16. Poker declaration
18. Set (on)
19. Friend of Stitch, in animation
20. President Richard Nixon, 2008
22. Prefix with -plasm
23. "It ___ right!"
24. New Mexico resort town
25. Brit’s "buddy"
27. President Jack Stanton, 1998
28. Poker declaration
29. Eat like a rat
30. "A Chorus Line" song
31. Perspectives
32. "Stop talking!"
33. With 69-Across, President Dave Kovic, 1993
34. Certain spread
35. Link letters
36. Big shoe size
37. Rose
38. Yearn (for)
39. Material often in sports clothing
42. Prefix with -plasm
43. "Right away, Mammy"
44. Certain spread
45. Your Law
46. Certain spread
47. Friend of 1-Down
48. "Kick it ___ notch"
49. President Richard Nixon, 2008
50. "It's okay!"
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54. President George W. Bush, 2008
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DOWN
1. Stereotypical poodle name
2. Bobby and others
3. Bread with aloo gobi
4. Force
5. Set (on)
6. Attach, as a corsage
7. Teen sensation?
8. 62-Across, for one
9. ___ Aviv
10. Moonstruck
11. Author Calvino
12. Event depicted in many of this puzzle’s theme movies
13. President Andrew Shepherd, 1995
14. High in the Andes?
15. Guitar
16. He collaborated with Kiki on "Don't Go Breaking My Heart"
17. "That feels great..."
18. 555, to Flavius
19. Write quickly
20. Palais denizen
21. Kendrick of "ParaNorman"
22. Alternative to AIM
23. "No prob!"
24. President Richard Nixon, 1995
25. Erase, as data
26. Like a lad, perhaps
27. Lawn starter
28. "Soze, "Usual Suspects" villain
29. Impression clearly
30. Hit and run
31. Botanist’s study
32. French course
33. Actor Darren of "Glee"
34. Poetic time
35. Rice-___
36. RR intersection
37. Property claims
38. Ltr. contents
39. Like some cereals
40. Friend of 1-Down
41. One pill, perhaps
42. Soon
43. "Is it just ____ ...
44. Part of MOMA’s address
45. Bear, in Bolivia
46. 2011 animated comedy about a domesticated macaw
47. "That feels good..."

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