



**A US Election special. Time will tell which of two valid solutions is correct.**

*Solutions to clues marked \* may contain multiple words; only the total length is provided.*

**Across**

- 1 Flying NASA gal is a bit of a dish! (7)
- 5 Alarmed, he docks in the wrong place (7)
- 9 Sort the young people elect at primaries (4)
- 10 Hotshot racer has wings clipped (3)
- 12 Worker leaves buck to run away with sweetheart (5)
- 13 Railway is in some trouble (5)
- 14 Sounds like the City of Brotherly Love, girl! (5)

- 15 Extract one or zero (3)
- 16 Grain found in tonic or nightcap (4)
- 17 Bonus no longer part of share of trade (5)
- 20 Remove content group after organisation (6)
- 22 E.g. Bezos' market, around ten? (4)
- 23 In credit - or not? (3)
- 24 Two return proud after loss of Puerto Rico (3)
- 25 Even tailbone is succulent (4)
- 26 Back lots before base - ran to it! (5)
- 27 Organise half of imprudent side to reveal US election winner (5)
- 30 Natural style in organza frock (4)
- 31 Bill, 50, did not inhale prize (3)
- 33 First court of law (3)
- 35,48d Leave vessel empty in skillet (4,2)
- 37 Friend at home? They'll be away for a while (6)
- 38 Heckle part of phone company beforehand? 27a's probably paid for a few pairs. (5)
- 40 Chamber inside atom bomb (4)
- 41 Pull, turn, eviscerate (3)
- 42 You'll find this in Wright County - part of how Ankeny follows letter from IRS (5)
- 43 Measure tax collectors with rulers (5)
- 45 What you might get if you invest in 27a's government? (5)
- 46 Nation at heart of crusade (3)
- 48 Trees love Caribbean music played backwards (4)
- 49 Swinging left and right around point? 27a's supporters claim 39 does this a lot. (7)
- 50 He was 42 - and she was nearly 45! (7)

**Down**

- 1,3 Down garments helpful when climbing (3,4)
- 2 Confused OAP tweets to vegetable (5,6)

- 3 See 1
- 4 Consumed by rugby player, we hear (3)
- 5 Mythical creature with head of sparrow, body of rhino and tail of ox (6)
- 6/47 General losing Suriname, macho type (2,3)
- 7 Shorten scale and reverse axes to protect growth (5)
- 8 Anger after record about motorway cartel (6)
- 11 Hearty shellfish (6)
- 12 Losing one could lead to a charged situation? (8)
- 13 Without station, without model, without queen (5)
- 14 Release Perry, a society man (9)
- 15 Drink, friend, and blossom (3)
- 18 27a addressing supporters put traitor with a bit of Boris? Crazy! \* (11)
- 19 Notices Democrat in centre of fiasco (3)
- 21 Tunes part of lyre quietly during state emergency (8)
- 27 27a doesn't want them influencing the vote! (6)
- 28 Who wants four more years of Trump? \* (5)
- 29 Hire one to travel around Belgium (3)
- 32 Sheep get-up (3)
- 34 Why part of plan or occasion's turned upside-down (6)
- 36 Debauched gathering around state penitentiary (6)
- 39 27a's opponent? Half-baked bum president losing Florida, Georgia, Alabama etc. (5)
- 44 Wise men imagine losing Indiana and seat (4)
- 46 School in serious condition (3)
- 47 See 6
- 48 See 35 Across

*Solution available at <https://urs.tl/xwd>*