

Seriously (Solution and Explanations)

1	T	2	A	3	L	V	4	E	5	O	L	6	A	7	R	8	P	E	9	R
10	H	I	E	L	A	N	11	S	O	I	R	E	E							
12	U	N	13	M	E	L	T	E	D	14	N	E	W	T						
15	L	I	N	O	E	H	16	G	A	G	A	K	U							
17	E	18	X	A	C	T	E	19	R	I	M	S	A	N						
22	E	M	M	E	S	H	O	23	S	I	E	G	E							
24	T	A	25	I	N	26	T	O	27	Y	E	S	K	E	D					
	E	S	M	E	E	28	P	A	L	S	29	I	E	30	D					
31	S	U	B	32	A	C	T	L	33	F	34	E	R	S	E					
35	I	B	I	S	36	H	A	I	R	T	A	I	L							
37	A	L	B	I	N	O	38	S	A	S	T	R	A							
39	N	I	E	40	F	O	R	T	U	N	E	D	Y							

Extra letters in down clues gave 'Letter two across clues'. Those letters said 'Turn on, tune in and drop out'. Timothy Leary's words'. Solvers needed to turn on (in LION and ALBINO), put TUNE into FORD and RED and drop OUT from POUTER and ROUTING. TIMOTHY LEARY was to be highlighted.

Across: 2 T: (OVERALL + (w)A(s))* , 8 U: (drop OUT from POUTER) (t)R(ou)PE* , 10 R: HIE + (c)LAN, 11 N: SEE round RIO rev, 12 O: (MN D(ioxide) ELUTE)*, 14 N: WENT*, 15 T:(turn ON in LION) NOIL rev, 16 U: GAG + AKU, 17 N: EX + ACT + ER, 22 E: E + MMES + H(anded), 23 I: IS rev EG + E, 24 N: 'TAINT, 27 A: YE + Ked after S(pitting), 28 N: PALED round S(inus) I(nfection), 31 D: SUB + ACT, 34 D: (J)ERSE(Y), 35 R: hidden rev, 36 O: H + AIR + TAIL, 37 P: (turn ON in ALBION) (e)A(r)L(y)B(r)l(t)O + N, 38 O: ARTS AS rev, 39 U: (i)N(t)l(m)E, 40 T: (TUNE in to FORD) OF rev + RD.

Down: 1 L: UL[L] in THE, 3 E: LE[E] + M(arketed) N(utritious) A, 4 T: [T]EAL + E, 5 T: TO THE PHON(e)*, 6 E: DO[E] in ASIA*, 7 R: (drop OUT from ROUTING) G[R]UNRIOT less OUT* , 8 T: REPEA[T]S*, 9 W: (TUNE in to RED) DRE[W]*, 13 O: (fertilis)E + O (c)C(r)E + [O]NE, 18 A: [A]X + MAS(s), 19 C: [C]OSTLY AIR*, 20 R: MORTISES Less O(ffset)*, 21 O: A + [O]GEE, 22 S: ASSENT + I.E.*, 25 S: [S]IM + BIBLE less L, 26 C: [C]ON rev after TECH, 29 L: IRA + [L]ET rev, 30 U: D[U]E + LAY, 32 E: SA[E] rev + IF, 33 S: FR + A + U[S].