

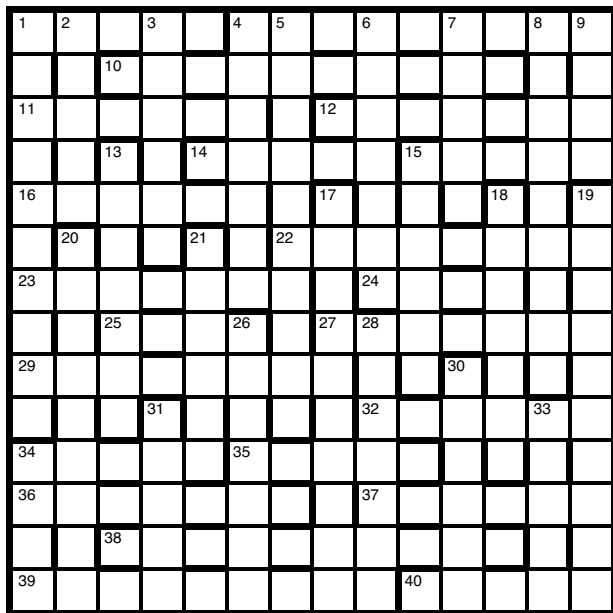
'31D' is a line thrice uttered by the victim of '37A/34D/9D' where his 14A grew. Remaining unclued lights give his name and how he was addressed by his son (two words) and the name of his son's tragic friend.

Across

- 1 Rave over wrestling tournament (5)
- 4 Wolf conquering war god frightens away (6,3)
- 10 Autoclaved plastic with small cavities (10)
- 11 Doctor came in as Uncle Sam's sickly (6)
- 12 Tess's husband or French activist poet (7)
- 15 Snarl from grey dullard (5)
- 16 Fare on tinware for forty (6)
- 22 Maybe saboteur had sabotaged earlier (8)
- 23 Cynical type sermon at no time enthralled (7)
- 24 Fish is eaten (4)
- 25 Authentic Brazilian sugar (4)
- 27 Anglers cross about wayfarers (7)
- 29 OK musical (8)
- 32 Rascal Oundle refused once (6)
- 34 Sound of kittens some women tamed (5)
- 35 Some colibri outside French commune (5)
- 38 Fruit of quality and honey beside (10)
- 39 Dr Ali and I, besotted with art, like Merc's logo (9)
- 40 Dashing chap lecturer ordered about (5)

Down

- 1 Cosmetic enhancement of Tempe? (6,4)
- 2 Antenatal procedure Omani developed (5)
- 4 Female Amerinds talked about cane sugar (7)
- 5 Odd pair of cruciverbalists master unsound puzzles (10)
- 6 Roisterers hawkers head off (7)
- 7 Wise men always aboard ship (5)
- 8 Measurer of eelworm *FT* splashes (9)
- 13 Silver shrub leafy on the outside (7)
- 15 Good painter, one cherished by monarch: Sutherland? (6)
- 17 Swimming after Romeo girl makes dry land (5,5)
- 19 Arbor housing Bornean ape and French sandpiper (6,4)
- 20 Hostess wearing new ring (9)
- 21 Bathroom's not too tight for great musician (6)
- 26 Lout bishop that's dead tried to influence (7)
- 28 Grandchild upset fruit drink (7)
- 30 Old nose-band in museum lacking part (6)
- 33 Awful papa bounds about (5)



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