

MYSTERY SONG - SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

The "mystery song" providing the inspiration for last issue's puzzle was "Sooner or Later" from the detective film *Dick Tracy*. Two performers' names could be found in 28 Across: MADONNA or (Breathless) MAHONEY, depending on how the crossing clues were interpreted (see notes below). In every instance of the letter "I" in the grid, the crossing letter needed to be replaced with the string "man" to form a new crossing entry, as suggested by the lyric "I always get my man". Finally, using those crossing letters to order the first letters of the affected clues reveals that the song evidences (despite Breathless's moniker) SEXY ASPIRATIONS.

Clue Notes

(* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone)

Across 1. toOK A Picture 5. THERESA* 10. (-b)UDAPE(-s)T* 11. (-w)INTER* 12. G(ABA)ET reversed 13. STEFANO* 16. L+THIN COOL* 18. double definition 19. SUB rev. +K 21. "reads" 22. (-g)ESSO 24. TOPER rev. 25. (-a)BOUT 30. AP+E+X 31. LUCK* holding A 33. RE(-v)EL 35. double def. 36. withoUT A Historic 37. MOM turned upside down 39. SENSED SIN* 41. ATROCIT(-y)* 42. FIRST* holding E 44. EAT UP* 45. double def. 46. T+ET+RODE 47. (-c)RAYON

Down 1. LOUIE* with T 2. AD+A+PT 3. yET Again 4. RULE, E.G.* 5.

raIn FOrest 6. I NOTE* with LA 7. staTE TExtIng 8. NOISE OR* 9. "seam stew" 14. SH + RISK, changing the S to either N or E (directions all) 15. DUEL ON* 17. I MOAN rev. 20. S+POUT 23. S(UP)ERB 24. (-t)RAC(IS)T(-s) 25. BR containing Y(mca) or A(ce) (two kinds of "clubs")+ON 26. BEAR ACT* 27. CALL THE* 29. D or H (the alphabet or "alphabet"'s fourth letter)+AUNT+ED 32. DALI*+NG 34. TINSEL* 37. W+EYED* 38. J+OUR 40. C (X times X in Roman numerals)+AGE 43. "four"

1	O	K	2	A	P	3	I	4	R	5	I	6	E	A	7	T	8	E	R	9	S
10	U	P	D	A	T	E	N	11	N	E	R	T	E								
12	T	E	A	B	A	G	13	F	A	14	S	T	O	15	N	E					
16	L	O	17	I	N	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	O	M							
18	I	E	T	A	19	B	U	20	S	I	R	E	I	D	S						
22	E	23	S	S	O	24	R	E	P	O	I	25	B	O	U	T					
26	C	U	27	H	28	M	A	29	D	O	N	E	N	A	N	L	O				
30	A	P	E	I	31	C	A	U	32	L	K	33	R	E	E	34	L				
35	B	E	L	L	36	I	U	T	A	H	O	37	W	O	I						
	A	R	L	38	J	39	S	N	40	I	D	E	N	E	S	S					
41	R	I	C	O	T	T	A	42	I	43	F	E	S	T							
	E	44	T	A	U	P	E	G	45	N	O	O	D	L	E						
46	T	E	T	R	O	D	E	G	47	R	A	Y	O	N							