

SIX BY SONDHEIM- SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

In last issue's puzzle, some answers were modified in ways inspired by the six songs featured in the HBO documentary. To wit:

1. Something's Coming – a letter in each answer is changed to COMING. FLED --> COMINGLED; WELL --> WELCOMING
2. Opening Doors – Each entry is replaced by a sort of door associated with it. SUBMARINE --> HATCH; FENCE --> GATE
3. Send in the Clowns – a synonym for "clown" is inserted into each answer. DISS --> DISCARDS; MORE --> MANTICORE
4. I'm Still Here – Answers are anagrammed with only letters IM remaining still. CLAIMED --> DECIMAL; SIMMER --> MIMERS
5. Being Alive – Answers are replaced with a "living" exemplar. SNOWMAN --> FROSTY; PUPPET --> PINOCCHIO
6. Sunday – Answers get a tan. KING --> TANKING; GENT --> TANGENT

Deriving characters from clues per instructions indicates the reason these songs were chosen: "Each is VI-tal".

Clue Notes

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

Across 1. DOPE* in BUSTS 12. NEON+ATE 13. IS NOW MANipulating

14. MA(RITA)L 15. FA(R)CES 16. CLAN* 18. PUP+PET 19. UPSUR*(-gence)

24. C+L(AIM)ED 26. (-g)OATS 28. N+IN ON 29. TOO DRUNK* holding E 33. double definition 34. yeS I'M MERcilessly 36. SOBERED*

37. MANIA*+L 38. THEN DIP* 39. F+LED

Down 1. double def. 2. sUbVeRt AnY 3. D+IS+S 4. H in SPICY* 6. CAINE reversed 7. BUM IS NEAR* 8. A LATIN I* 9. double def.

10. C+TO PURR* 11. STEP(PE)S 14. MO+R+E 17. TUBBY DUO I* 20. KIN+G 21. SLI(MMI)NG 22. D in CON MEN* 23. G+ENT

25. A(-u)T(-o)EROT(-i)C* 27. SO+MALI 30. D+DDAY* 31. e(TS)e+Q 32. CRATE* 35. initial letters

1	B	2	U	S	3	D	E	4	P	O	5	T	S	6	E	7	H	8	I	9	W
	U	V	10	C	I	11	S	H	12	N	E	O	N	A	T	E					
13	F	R	O	S	T	Y	14	M	A	R	I	T	A	L							
15	F	A	R	C	E	S	A	R	16	N	A	C	L	C							
17	B	Y	R	A	18	P	I	N	O	C	C	H	I	O							
19	U	S	U	R	P	C	T	O	20	T	21	S	22	C	A	M					
	Y	23	T	P	24	D	E	25	C	I	M	A	L	O	N	I					
26	O	A	T	S	S	A	C	27	S	28	N	I	N	O	N						
29	U	N	30	D	31	E	R	T	O	O	K	M	D	32	T	G					
	T	33	G	A	T	E	E	R	34	M	I	M	E	R	35	S					
36	B	E	D	S	O	R	E	37	A	N	I	M	A	L							
38	I	N	D	E	P	T	H	L	G	N	N	C	I								
	D	T	Y	Q	39	C	O	M	I	N	G	L	E	D							