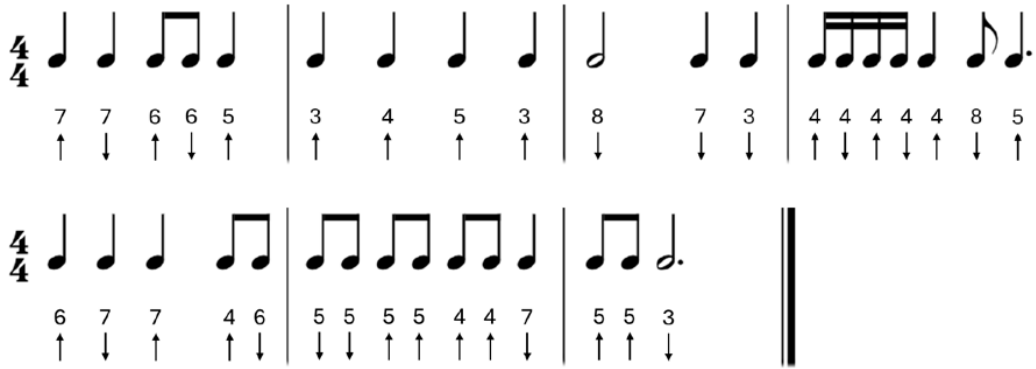


Orville Peck Puzzle Solutions:

Location: Kalahari Down, or is it Up?



Measure	Addition/Subtraction via up/down arrows	Total Shift	NEW SONG shifted
1	+ 7 - 7 + 6 - 6 + 5	= +5	N + 5 = S
2	+ 3 + 4 + 5 + 3	= +15	E + 15 = T
3	- 8 - 7 - 3	= -18	W - 18 = E
4	+ 4 - 4 + 4 - 4 + 4 - 8 + 5	= +1	S + 1 = T
5	+ 6 - 7 + 7 + 4 - 6	= +4	O + 4 = S
6	- 5 - 5 + 5 + 5 + 4 + 4 - 7	= +1	N + 1 = O
7	+ 5 + 5 - 3	= +7	G + 7 = N

Solution: **STETSON**

1. curse of the blackened eye:

Using lower case letters, i's and j's, being dotted, represent Morse code dots, t's and f's, being crossed, represent Morse code dashes. These are highlighted in the answers below:

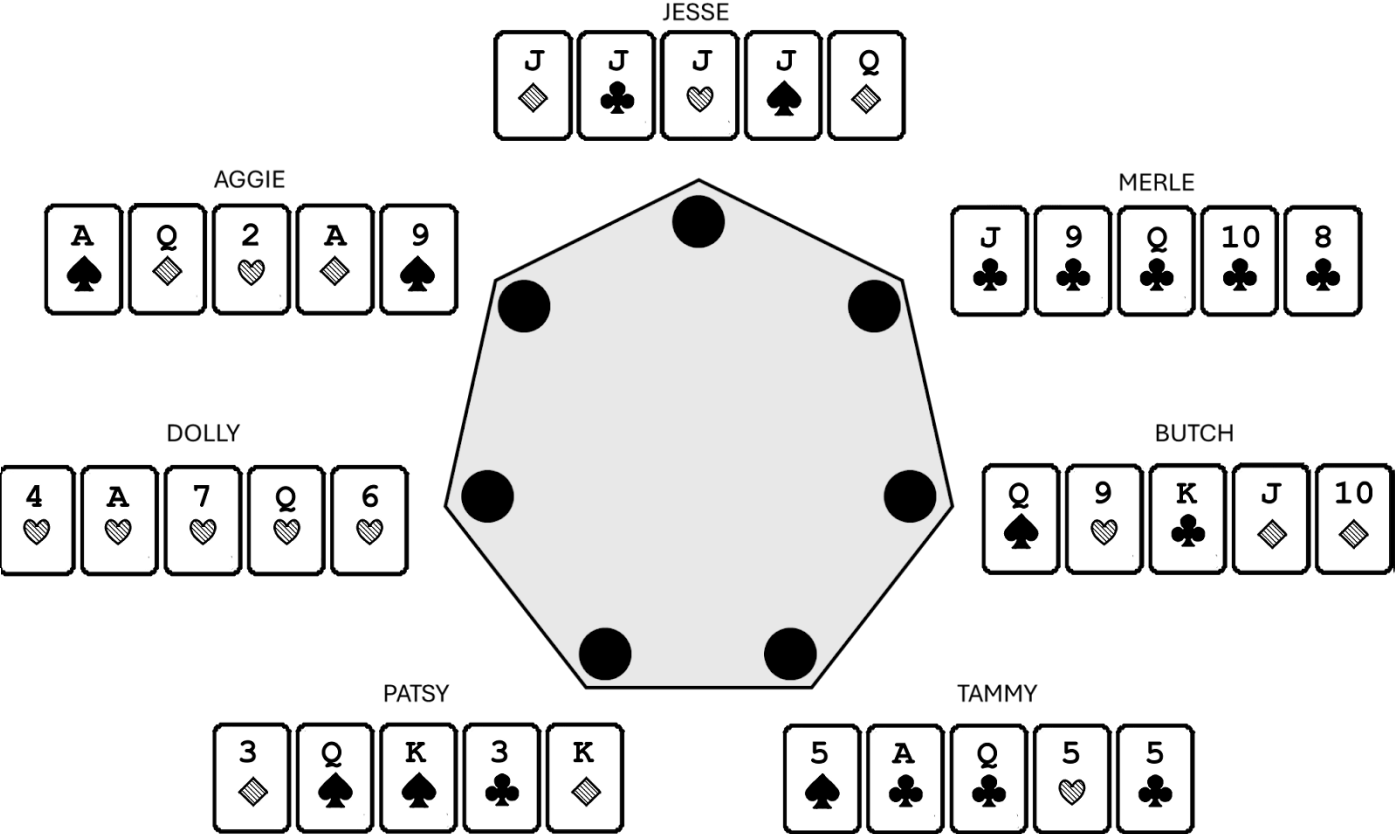
instrument played around the fire – not prohibit dimaggio	b a n j o	= .	E	9
somewhere to raise bovine livestock is a jumble of metalcraft	c a t t l e f a r m	= ---	O	5
what a ranch hand depends on for that early morning jolt, newly brewed	f r e s h c o f f e e	= ---	O	2
cowboy porridge often made from dried corn – or sand paper grades	g r i t s	= ..	A	12
shenanigans, horseplay – not to be confused with an elevated curse!	h i j i n k s	= ...	S	15
a heist with help from within – or an interior profession	i n s i d e j o b	= ...	S	3
something the outlaws might do if caught – not an herb served in prison	j a i l t i m e	=	F	6
discard cargo to lighten the load – not the male child of a pier	j e t t i s o n	=	P	10
alliterative calisthenics – or leaping nicholsons	j u m p i n g j a c k s	= ...	S	4
both a state and a river – not a beatnik's wife	m i s s i s i p p i	=	H	8
location of little house sounds a bit like worship	p r a i r i e	= ..	I	13
solid place where horses are kept	s t a b l e	= -	T	7
it follow tracks or a bride	t r a i n	= ..	N	14
take me hooooome, country rooooooads is mixed up sewing trivia	w e s t v i r g i n i a	=	B	1
a musical breeze, which is moved around whilst winding	w h i s t l i n g w i n d	=	L	11

These letters are then placed in the order indicated by the numbers

Solution: **BOSS OF THE PLAINS**

2. Queen of the Rodeo









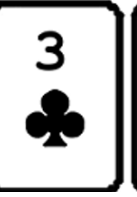
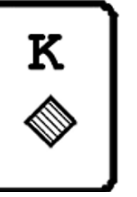


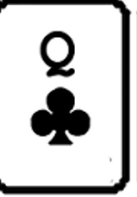

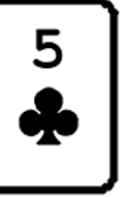


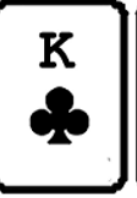
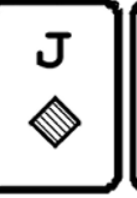
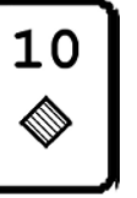






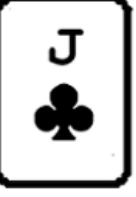
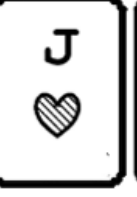

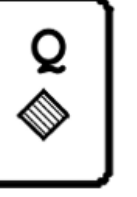
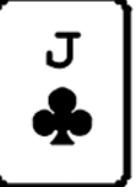

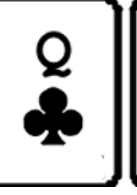
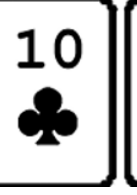
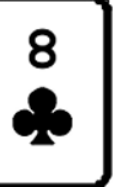
Interim solution check:



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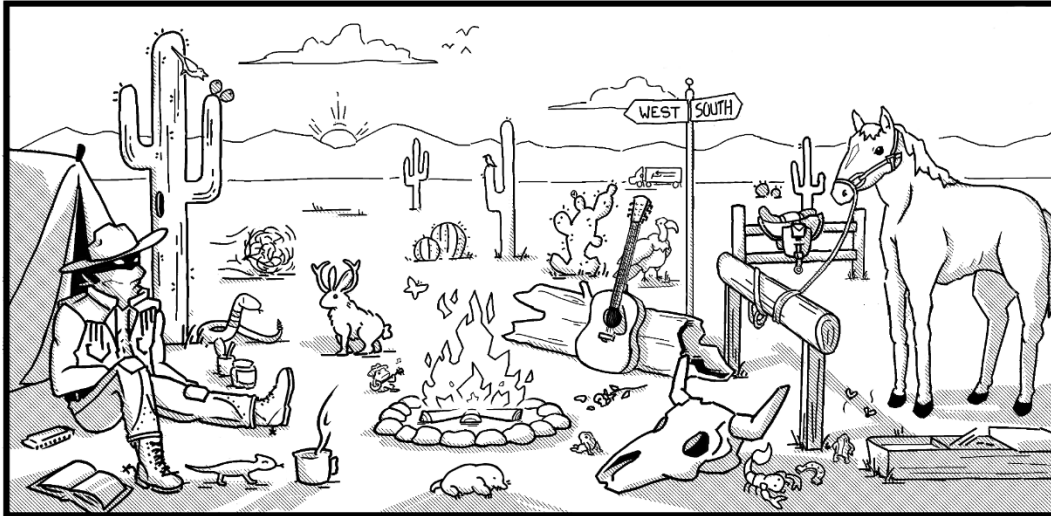
FULL SOLUTION:

Order the poker hands from worst to best (“increasing” “value”) then take the position of the queen in each hand to extract the corresponding letter from the players’ names. (For example, in PATSY’s hand, the queen is in the second position, so take the second letter from PATSY’s name which is A.)

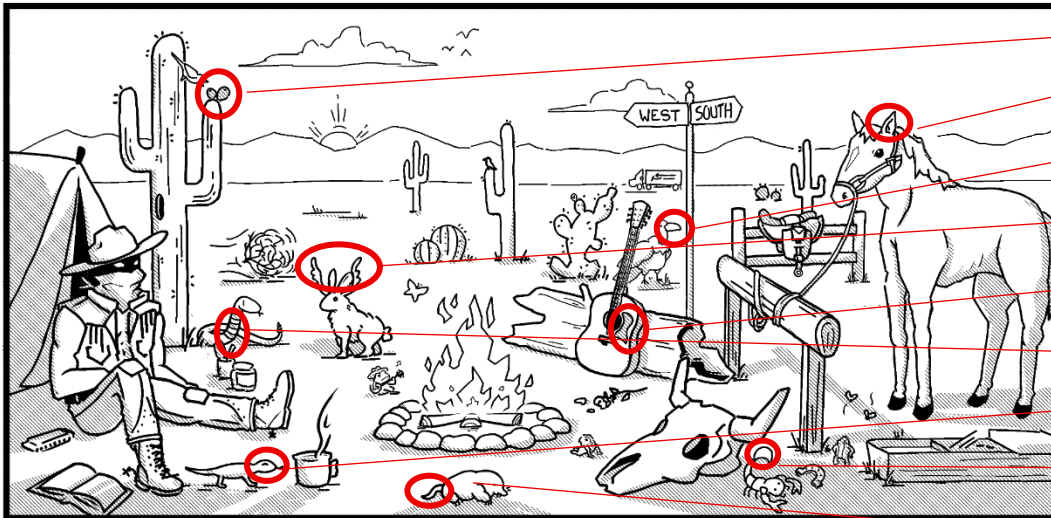
AGGIE	1 pair	    
PATSY	2 pair	    
TAMMY	3 of a kind	    
BUTCH	Straight	    
DOLLY	Flush	    
JESSE	4 of a kind	    
MERLE	Straight flush	    

Solution: **GAMBLER**

3. Winds Change



The nine changes are circled in the bottom picture. Their labels are shown at right each in terms of a PART on/of a WHOLE



FRUITS on CACTUS

EAR on HORSE

BEAK on BIRD

ANTLERS on JACKALOPE

PICKGUARD on GUITAR

STRIPES on SNAKE

HEAD on LIZARD

STINGER on SCORPION

TAIL on MOLE

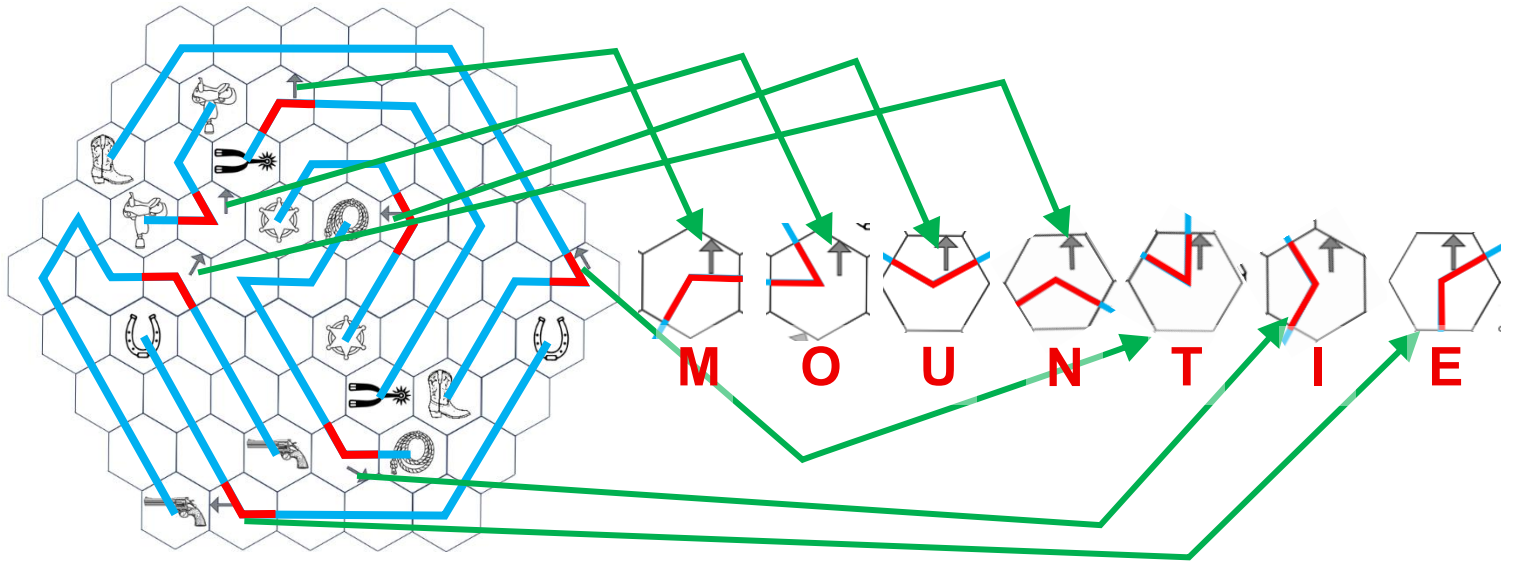
When these are filled into the grid (part on whole) in alphabetical order by the first letter in the part, you get:

A	N	T	L	E	R	S		
J	A	C	K	A	L	O	P	E
B	E	A	K					
B	I	R	D					
E	A	R						
H	O	R	S	E				
F	R	U	I	T	S			
C	A	C	T	U	S			
H	E	A	D					
L	I	Z	A	R	D			
P	I	C	K	G	U	A	R	D
G	U	I	T	A	R			
S	T	I	N	G	E	R		
S	C	O	R	P	I	O	N	
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S	N	A	K	E				
T	A	I	L					
M	O	L	E					

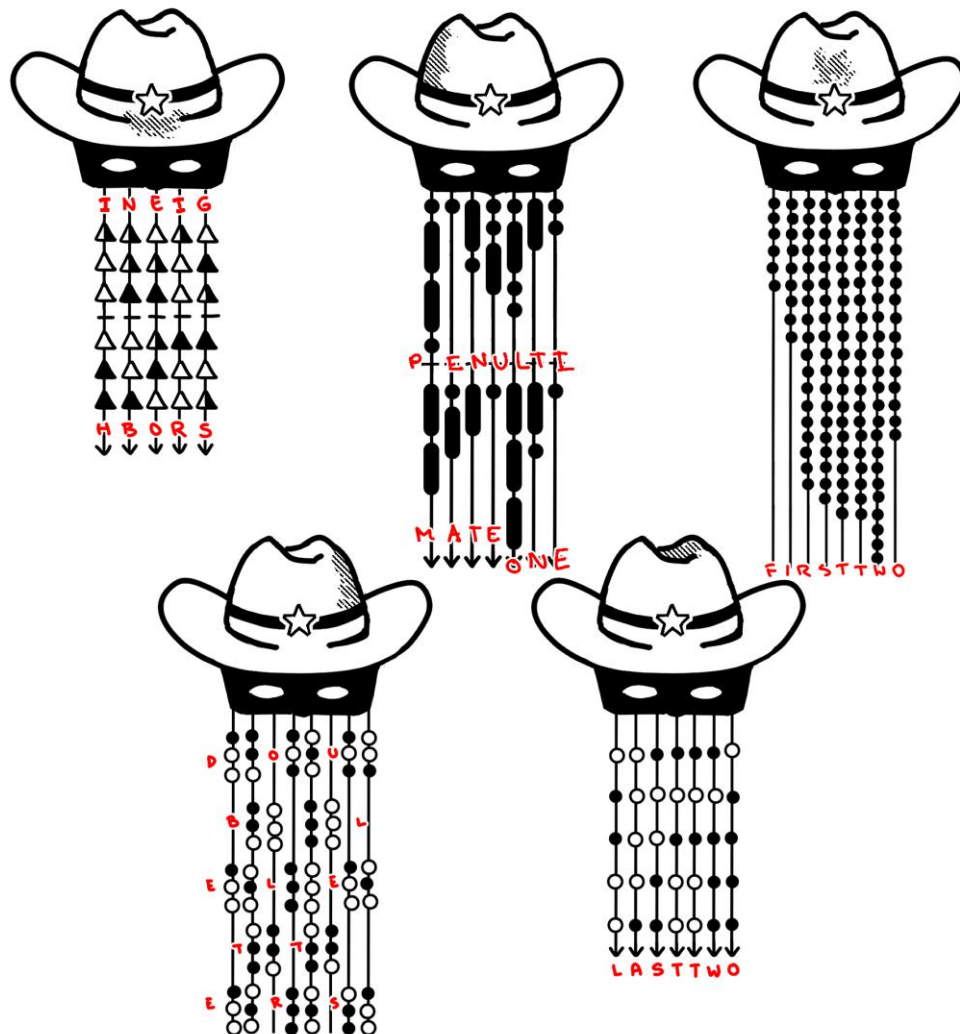
Note that some letters in the grid are partnered off with the same letter. These have been highlighted in the grid at left. When these are read (top to bottom, left to right), the solution is **BULL RIDER**

4. Hexy Mountain

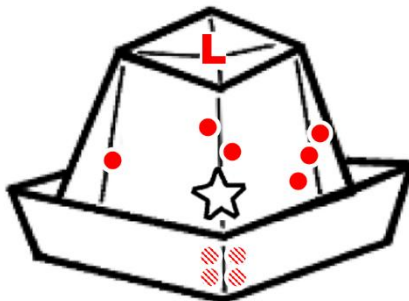
The paths that connect matching items is shown in blue below. The segments that pass through hexes containing arrows are highlighted in red. These segments are extracted from the grid (reading left to right, top to bottom – as one might read a page) and rotated to cause all the arrows to “turn up”-ward. The flag in Orville’s hand hints that semaphore code is being used. These semaphore symbols spell out the solution: MOUNTIE



Meta: This Masquerade



Shaded locations on each hat indicate area of folded hat with corresponding puzzle number:



I NEIGHBORS - (#4 (Hexy Mountains) Answer: MOUNTIE)
 PENULTIMATE ONE - (Puzzle #1 (curse of the blackened i) Answer: BOSS OF THE PLAINS)
 FIRST TWO - (#2 (Queens of the Rodeo) Answer: **GAMBLER**)
 DOUBLE LETTERS - (#3 (Winds Change) Answer: BULL RIDER)
 LAST TWO: (Location (Kalahari Down) Answer: STETSON)
 Solution: **TEN GALLON**

Bonus: No Glory in the West

Each category corresponds to a cardinal direction.

(**N** = notable hat, **E** = eleven letter name, **S** = sings, **W** = wears a mask)

Names in overlapping categories move on the diagonal.

Each path should spell out a letter.

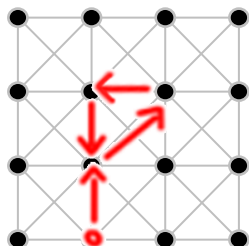
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Gandalf – N

Cat in the Hat – NE

Spider Man – W

Aretha Franklin – S



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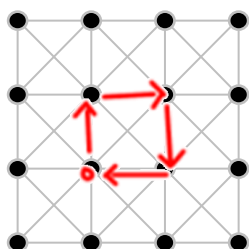
2:

Abraham Lincoln – N

Muhammad Ali – E

Bob Dylan – S

Batman – W



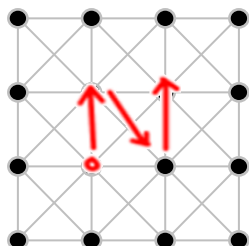
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3:

Mario – N

Dolly Parton – SE

Indiana Jones – N



= N

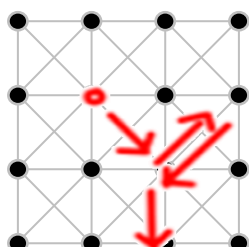
4:

Taylor Swift – SE

Jack Sparrow – NE

Phantom of the Opera – SW

Elvis Presley – S



= Y

Solution: **PONY**