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Joan Van Ark of 'Knots' wins literacy award for portrayal



Joan Van Ark

Speaking of the Ewings, where's J.R. now? J.R.'s real-life counterpart, Larry Hagman, recently finished directing "The Landlord," an episode of NBC's *In the Heat of the Night*, starring Carroll O'Connor.

Atlls Howard (*Iran: Days of Crisis*) is set to star in the new NBC thriller *Til Death Us Do Part*. Howard will play real-life hotshot prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi (known for putting away Charles Manson), who's intent on convicting a con man of a double murder. Co-starring in the film are Rebecca Jenkins, Embeth Davidiz and John Schuck.

Bugliosi received his law degree in 1964 from UCLA. Of the 106 felony cases he tried in eight years as an L.A. prosecutor, he lost only one. He is also the author of the best seller *Helter Skelter* and *And the Sea Will Tell*, which was made into a TV miniseries last season.

Joan Van Ark of *Knots Landing* was presented with the Star in Literacy Award by the Literacy Volunteers of America on Oct. 1. Van Ark was recognized for her performance as Valene Ewing, who helps an illiterate waitress learn to read this season on the series. *Knots Landing* airs Thursdays on CBS.

Who played Queen Nefertiti on-screen?

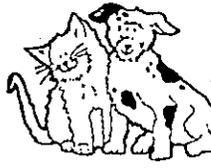
By Steven Alan McGraw

Questions:

1. Identify the actress who played Queen Nefertiti in 1956's *The Ten Commandments*.
2. Name the actor chosen to play Charles Manson in the TV-movie version of *Helter Skelter*.
3. In this film, George C. Scott plays an aging thief and con man who agrees to teach all his tricks to a young apprentice. Name the movie and the actor who played the aspiring crook.
4. Name the actress elected to the Greek parliament.
5. Identify the actor who played George Peppard's father in *How the West Was Won*.

Answers:

1. Anne Baxter
2. Steve Railsback
3. The movie was *The Firm* and the younger star was Michael Sarrazin
4. Melina Mercouri
5. James Stewart



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