

Clint's bounty hunter killed with his boots on

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Dear Ken: What was Clint Eastwood's first appearance in a western?

Eastwood, 81, who co-starred in the TV western "Rawhide" from 1959 to 1965, made his debut as a cowboy playing Tom, a ranch hand in "Star in the Dust," which was released in June 1956. For the role he didn't even receive a screen credit.

Two months later, he co-starred as a U.S. Cavalry lieutenant in "The First Traveling Saleslady" and received his first screen kiss from Carol Channing. Two years later he co-starred in "Ambush at Cimarron Pass." It was while on break from "Rawhide" in 1964 that he made his fourth film western, "A Fistful of Dollars," which turned him into an international star. This first in a series of three spaghetti westerns that the actor made with director Sergio Leone was not released in the United States until 1967. While making "Fistful," Eastwood wore the same boots he wore while playing Rowdy Yates on "Rawhide."

Dear Ken: What happened to Frank Sutton, who played Sgt. Carter on "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C."?

Sutton, who was born in Clarksville, Tenn., died of a heart attack in 1974 at age 50. The World War II veteran, who was involved in 14 assault landings in the Pacific, appeared in lots of TV show as well as such movies as "Marty," "The Satan Bug" and "Town Without Pity." His parents worked for years in the composing room at "The Tennessean." Sutton was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville.

Dear Ken: Are the guys in Steely Dan still performing?

You better believe it. Steely Dan masterminds Walter Becker, 61, and Donald Fagen, 63, began a summer tour July 2 in Seattle that will conclude Nov. 5 in New Zealand. One of the stops will be in Nashville at The Woods at Fontanel on Aug. 19. Among their greatest hits are "Do It Again," "Reelin' in the Years," "Rikki Don't Lose That Number" and "Peg."

Dear Ken: Tell me what you can about Elle Fanning, who plays Alice in the movie "Super 8."

Fanning, 13, an eighth grader, was born in Conyers, Ga., and is the younger sister of Dakota

Fanning. She made her first movie, "I Am Sam," at 11 months of age. Her other film credits include "Daddy Day Care," "Because of Winn-Dixie," "Phoebe in Wonderland," "Somewhere" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." Later this year she co-stars in "Twixt Now and Sunrise" and "We Bought a Zoo." Her TV credits include "Criminal Minds," "House, M.D.," "C.S.I.: New York" and the miniseries "Taken."

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