

Glen Campbell releases final studio album

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Dear Ken: What's the latest on pop-country star Glen Campbell?

You probably know that last June he announced that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Campbell, 75, whose career began more than 60 years ago as a 15-year-old guitar picker, has sold millions of records including such songs as "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston" and "Rhinstone Cowboy." He is currently on his farewell tour which will go at least through the end of June. The Delight, Ark., native will receive a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award on this year's show on Feb. 12. He says, "I have been blessed, I really have. I really have, I figured it out that I'm not that bright, but God gave me a break." Last fall he released his final studio album, "Ghost on the Canvas," which is loosely based on his life. On the video of the album's title track, Campbell can be seen performing with three of his children: Ashley, Shannon and Cal. To watch, go to www.glencampbellmusic.com.

Dear Ken: There is a great character actor named Jay C. Flippen, whom you see in all kinds of movies from the 1950s and 1960s. Somewhere along the way, he lost a leg. Can you tell me what happened and when did he die?

The Little Rock, Ark., native noticed a sore on his right leg in 1964 while making "Cat Ballou" and tried home remedies. Unfortunately, gangrene set in. "The doctor told me I could stay in the hospital and be a parsnip, or I could lose my leg. So I lost my leg," he told the press. The raspy-voiced actor continued acting from a wheelchair until his death in 1971 at age 71 during surgery from an aneurysm caused by a swollen artery. The co-star of the 1962-63 TV series "Ensign O'Toole" appeared in such film as "Winchester '73," "The Lemon Drop Kid," "Flying Leathernecks," "Bend of the River," "Oklahoma!" "The Killing," "Hellfighters" and "Wild River."

Dear Ken: Whatever happened to the child star of the movie "Matilda"?

That's Mara Wilson, 24, who graduated in 2009 from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. She is now a playwright who has seen at least two of her plays performed in NYC. In an interview three years ago, she said, "I really don't think I fit the stereotype of a former child actor. If anything, I fit more of the stereotype of the former high school drama nerd. I don't want to be forever riding on the accomplishments of my 6-year-old self." As for an adult acting career, she said, "I've thought about it. In film, you're so scrutinized. I think I might like to try film again just as an experiment, but I know that I could never do the mainstream thing again."

Dear Ken: Where is Cathy Baker, the girl on "Hee Haw" who always said "that's all" at the end of each program?

Baker, 65, who grew up in Edinburg, Texas, lives in Orange, Va., and works at her husband's law office where she specializes in title insurance. She and her husband have two grown sons. In her spare time she paints, works with stained glass and does various arts and crafts projects. She returned to Nashville last fall to tape "Country's Family Reunion Salute to the Kornfield" with Roy Clark, Buck Trent, Buddy Alan (Owens), Don Harron, Charlie Farquharson, Lulu Roman, Charlie McCoy, Victoria Hallman, Gordie Tapp, Mike Snider, Barbi Benton, Roni Stoneman, Gunilla Hutton and The Nashville Edition. The program aired on RFD-TV in January.

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