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Actor Antonio Sabato Jr. returned to the world of TV soap opera after *Celebrity Circus*.

Q What is actor Antonio Sabato Jr. doing these days?
—Darlene Cook, Stevin, Texas

Since winning TV's *Celebrity Circus*, the actor has thrown himself into reprising the role of Jagger Gates on the *General Hospital* nighttime spin-off *Night Shift*, which airs on SOAPnet. "It's good to be back home, seeing some good people I used to work with and bringing this character back to life," says Sabato, who was born in Rome and got his acting break in America on *General Hospital* from 1992 to 1995. He obviously likes reuniting hood-gone-good Jagger, but his favorite all-time role, he says, is that of being a real-life single father to his two children, son Jack and daughter Mina. "They're everything to me."

Q Does Ellen DeGeneres ever talk about the 'Eggy incident' she's still involved with?
—Jennifer Trucker, Granite Falls, Minn.

The daytime talk-show host, 50, has put "Eggygate," last year's heated custody dispute over her little muscled puppy, behind her. An immensely committed animal lover and vegetarian, she invested earlier this year in Halo, an all-natural pet care company. As she says on the company's website: "One of the things I really believe in is that if you're going to have pets you should treat them like you'd treat yourself. I don't mean you should treat them to new shoes or a fancy car—[I'm] talking about the basics: a nice bed, fun toys and good food."

Q Ellen DeGeneres crusades for animals.
—Cover photo by David Mudd

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Q I really enjoyed Richard Karn on *Home Improvement*. What is he doing now?
—Robin Roberts, Rossmore, Calif.

Karn has taken over as the new host for the second season of the Game Show Network's *Bingo America*. After booking *Family Feud*, Karn, 52, says he wasn't looking for another game show, but when the call came, he knew this one was a natural fit. "Bingo first came into my life with my in-laws and I went along for the ride," says Karn, who feels his job is to help the show's contestants have a good time and keep the ball rolling. He adds: "There is a lot of money to be made playing bingo."

Q Country singers seem to show a lot of respect for our military troops. I'm just curious—have any of today's country singers actually served in the armed forces?
—Eva Jean, Gary, Ind.

Several of today's country stars served under the Stars and Stripes. George Strait spent four years in the U.S. Army. *American Idol* finalist Josh Gracin was a Marine, and another former *Idol* competitor, Phil Seay, sailed with the Navy. Newcomer Stephen Cochran and Keji Thomas were a Marine and an Army Ranger, respectively. And the *Great 08* (07's) newest inductee, Craig Morgan, who served 10 years in the Army, started getting serious about singing and writing when he served in Korea. "I always wrote about the stuff that I missed back home," says Morgan, who also was deployed for Operation Desert Storm. "Music was something that I leaned on."

Q Country singer Craig Morgan served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army.
—Just Released

It's no surprise Ashton Shepherd wrote everything on *Sound So Good*, her new CD, before turning 21. "I started singing as soon as I could talk," the 23-year-old recalls. Growing up in Leroy, Ala., she entered talent competitions from the age of 8. Years later, one of those contests put her in front of a record producer who invited her to Nashville, Tenn., to record some of her songs. "I've always dreamed of this role," she says, "and think people will feel the realness in my songs."

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