

Singer Lobo really had a dog named Boo

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Dear Ken: Is the singer named Lobo, who had a hit song called “Me and You and a Dog Named Boo” in the 1970s, still performing?

That would be singer-songwriter Roland Kent LaVoie, aka Lobo, 68, who is semi-retired and living in Florida with his wife. “People don’t know me much or the way I look and that’s OK. To this day, most probably think I’m some group,” he said. Over a four-year period in the early 1970s, Lobo also had hits with his folk-country tunes “I’d Love You To Want Me,” “Where Were You When I Was Falling in Love” and “Don’t Expect Me To Be Your Friend.” As for “Me And You and a Dog Named Boo,” he really had a German shepherd named Boo. Lobo released his last album, “Out of Time,” in 2008.

Dear Ken: Whatever happened to the stars of “Laverne & Shirley”?

Well, Cindy Williams, 64, who played Shirley, will star as Mother Superior in “Nunset Boulevard: The Nunsense Hollywood Bowl Show,” which will go on a multi-city national tour next fall. She was most recently seen on Broadway in “The Drowsy Chaperone,” and the mother of two helped produced the Steve Martin “Father of the Bride” movies. She also just finished the play “The Odd Couple,” opposite Jo Anne Worley, and stars opposite John Heard in the romantic comedy, a film that has yet to be released. Penny Marshall, 69, who played Laverne, just announced she would be publishing her memoir, “My Mother Is Nuts,” next fall with Amazon Publishing. The director of such movie hits as “Big” and “A League of Their Own,” said she will share tales about her childhood and her relationship with her brother, Garry Marshall, who produced “Laverne & Shirley” and “Happy Days.” She likely will discuss her marriage to Rob Reiner and will talk about her battle with lung and brain cancer in 2009. “People have always asked me how I got from the Bronx to Hollywood, so I thought it was time to tell how it all happened. I have had many lives (not in the Shirley MacLaine sense) and you will hear about them all. . . . just don’t expect any recipes . . . I don’t cook,” she wrote in a statement.

Dear Ken: Our family favorite show is “The Closer,” and I have heard it will stop filming this year. We love to pick out who is guilty and watch the whole crew work together. How funny they

are with looks, eye movements and comments between.

The bad news is that “The Closer’s” final season is in progress. The good news is that they plan to shoot some extra episodes, so the last batch of episodes will not hit the air until next summer. The other bit of good news is that TNT plans a spin-off from “The Closer.” Set in Los Angeles, “Major Crimes” will star Mary McDonnell, who currently plays Capt. Raydor opposite Kyra Sedgwick’s Deputy Police Chief Brenda Leigh Johnson on “The Closer.” It will also star Tony Dennison, G.W. Bailey, Corey Reynolds, Ray Cruz and Michael Paul Chan. The new show will debut once “The Closer” closes.

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