Edie Falco next portrays a misbehaving goddess

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Dear Ken: Edie Falco is great on “Nurse Jackie” and was superb as Carmela on “The Sopranos.” Has she made many movies?

Falco, 49, who was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., got her big break in the 1994 Woody Allen film “Bullets Over Broadway.” She has appeared in about 30 films including “Cop Land,” “A Price Above Rubies,” “Judy Berlin,” “Random Hearts,” “Sunshine State,” “Family of the Year,” “The Quiet” and “3 Backyards.” She next stars as Artemis in “Gods Behaving Badly,” about a young couple who run into a group of Greek gods living in the Big Apple.

Dear Ken: Didn’t Bing Crosby narrate a cartoon years ago about the headless horseman? What was the title and is it on DVD?

Crosby narrated the first segment of a 1949 Disney animated feature titled “The Adventures of Ichabod and Mister Toad.” The first part was based on Washington Irving’s “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” and the second part, narrated by Basil Rathbone, was based on Kenneth Grahame’s “The Wind in the Willows.” It has been released on DVD.

Dear Ken: What happened to the young actors who played Judy and Penny on “Lost in

Space”?

Marta Kristen, 67, portrayed Judy in the 1965-1968 sci-fi TV series. She was born Birgit Annalisa Rusanen in Oslo, Norway, to a Finnish mother and German soldier father, who was killed during World War II. In 1949, she was adopted by an American couple in Detroit, Mich., and renamed Marta. After “Lost in Space,” Kristen appeared on TV shows and commercials and remains active in theater on the West Coast. She lives in Santa Monica, Calif., with her attorney husband and their two “rescue” dogs and is helping raise her granddaughter and makes occasional convention appearances. Angela Cartwright, 60, who was born in England, was a child actress who starred as the daughter of Danny Thomas in “Make Room for Daddy” on TV and played Brigitta von Trapp in “The Sound of Music.” She has two children, pursues photography, art and fashion and lives in Los Angeles. Check out her official Web site: angela-cartwright.com.

Dear Ken: Who recorded the hit song “The Monster Mash”? Is he still alive?

Massachusetts native Bobby “Boris” Pickett co-wrote and had a No. 1 hit with “The Monster Mash” exactly 50 years ago this week in 1962. Remarkably, the song returned to the charts in 1970 and 1973, thus selling a million copies in two different decades. He died in 2007 at age 69 of leukemia. The man who did the Monster Mash (“It was a graveyard smash”) was dubbed “the Guy Lombardo of Halloween.”

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