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## Shhhh!!

With the September newsletter, we want to include birthday greetings to Mark, from fan club members. If you would like to participate, please send your short message to:

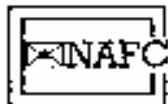
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## HAMILTON



around Carl Hamilton, and his partner, Åke Stålhandske. They are given the assignment to eliminate a group of smugglers based in the Russian tundra. The goods? A one and a half megaton nuclear SS20 missile. A plot twist leads to

a second smuggling case, where the missile is being smuggled from through Sweden, with the order originating in Libya.

'Hamilton' opened in Stockholm the weekend of 30 January 1998, with ticket sales beating out that other box office draw about some ship. <G> Unfortunately, prior work commitments did not allow Mark to attend.

Based on two books in a series of ten by Jan Guillou, the role of Mike Hawkins afforded Mark the opportunity to play a villain. According to an interview in the Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet*, it's a role that does something Mark particularly enjoys. 'I get to play a true bad guy who's only loyalties are to himself. It's a challenge for me.'

The plot centers



Le Monde Entertainment will distribute 'Laserhawk' on a worldwide basis, excluding the United States. It's rumoured that Alliance Communications, the parent company, will pick up the rights for the US. The plot is of a battle across time to save the human race.

The film was shot on location in Sweden, Morocco, and Russia. The language is predominantly English. Recently, an announcement was made that Capella International, a division of Capella Films, has picked up the worldwide rights, excluding Scandinavia and Russia, to 'Hamilton'. And the film has now been dubbed entirely in English. When and how it will be released has not been decided.

Latest information is that

Shot in the summer of 1996, Mark plays a 'messianic figure', the psychiatric patient Bob. Other actors include Jason James Richter, Melissa Gallanos, and Gordon Currie.. Check out their website at [www.mwg.com/hawk/intro.html](http://www.mwg.com/hawk/intro.html)



# Notes from the Editors...

Having spent the better part of the last three weeks nursing family members through the flu, pneumonia (Sue), ear infections and surgery (Suzanne), we hope this newsletter finds you in good health.

We are continuing to make changes with the newsletter. We can't promise **every** issue will contain as many photos as this one does, or always contain an exclusive one. All 3 in the following article are, thanks to EA/Origin.

Check out page 7; one member has sent in her experience meeting Mark. As some members have sent requests for various items, we thought we could start a 'swap' column. Only swapping, no buying/selling, and of course, it must be 'Mark' items. More details are on page 7 as well.

Occasionally even we miss a 'Mark' appearance. This happened on 2 February, when we both missed Mark on Mad-TV. If you happened to tape this skit, please e-mail [MHArchives@aol.com](mailto:MHArchives@aol.com). Thanks!



Wing Commander:Prophecy continues to intrigue computer gameplayers. Going back to the gameplaying emphasis, which made the original Wing Commander games so popular, the mechanics are the best ever.

Prophecy introduces a new main character, Casey, who joins Blair (Mark), Maniac (Tom Wilson), and other crew members on the *TCS Midway*. When a new alien force begins annihilating neighbouring star systems, the *Midway* is drawn into the battle. Ultimately, the *Midway* becomes the only thing that stands between



the enemy and Earth being destroyed. Drawn further and further into the alien-held territory, the game climaxes with a final battle for the alien stronghold.

With over 50 missions in Prophecy, there are seven new Confederation ships, some with articulated engine pod sections. This feature allows for faster



horizontal and vertical movements. Add over 10 new alien ships, and you have an incredibly addictive space combat game, with some spectacular visuals. Available now at software stores, or purchased directly from Electronic Arts at 1.800.245.4525 or on their website at [www.store.ea.com](http://www.store.ea.com)

"Mad TV". The first aired on February 2, 1998. The second, with Mark as a game show host played on February 28, 1998.

The weekend of February



15th featured the "Joker" of the Batman/Superman Adventures hosting a morning of "Valentine's Day Crush" cartoons. Between each program was an introduction featuring "Mr. J" and his main girl "Harley Quin".



"The Black Pearl", with it's rights optioned by Rehme last October, is also in the process of being offered to prospective producers. Available in Trade Paperback (ISBN # 1-56971-274-3) through Dark Horse publishers. Contact them at 1-800-862-0052 or at their website at [www.dhorse.com](http://www.dhorse.com).

## I Met Mark

I met Mark Hamill in person on October 11, 1997 and it was a great experience for me. I was so excited to see him in person! It was a great dream come true for me! He is a very nice, sweet person! He makes me so happy! My birthday was on Oct.5 and this was my late birthday present. This is one of my best birthdays I have ever had!

Roseanna

**Note to members that should have received the March/June '97 newsletter:**

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The information will be forwarded to Sally, the former fan club's head. Please note that neither MHArchives nor I have anything to do with mailing said articles. We are simply sending the information to Sally who has previously stated she will be sending them

## In the Next Issue

### Swap Column:

Several members have expressed interest in a 'swap' column, in order to add to their 'Mark Collection'. We are willing to give this a try.

If you have something you would like to swap, **mail** a brief description of it and state what you would like to swap it for.

Sorry, **no** e-mail requests will be accepted. Send your description + a SASE with 2 first class stamps (or SAE + IRC) to:

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The return envelope will be used to send you any replies to your 'ad'. All further arrangements are between you and the other member(s).

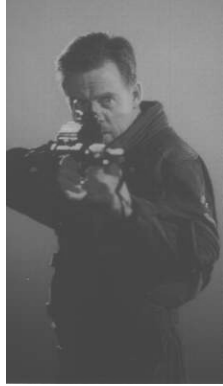
## Trivia Time:

Answer to last issue's question: They were all based on real people.

New question: What do Mark's episode of 'Outer Limits' and 1 episode of 'BRUNO the Kid' have in common?

# 'Mark's Done What?!

Suzanne Askey



These past few months have been busy indeed.... December 17<sup>th</sup> the final installment of the "Wing Commander" Series of CD-ROM games to feature Mark's character Christopher Blair was released. "Wing Commander: Prophecy" is a shift in the series as it relies much more on the combat simulations than on the cinematic content. The Origin website at [www.store.ea.com](http://www.store.ea.com) has more information and some game demos available for download. The "Wing Commander" movie directed by Chris Roberts made its casting announcement; because the story takes place 20 years prior to the WC CD-ROM series, Mark will not be reprising his role of Christopher Blair.

"Hamilton", the Swedish

action drama, premiered theatrically in Stockholm at the end of January to a very successful first weekend capturing 100,000 admissions.

The Learning Channel again featured narration work with the repeat airing of the "Superstructures" series of three programs. "Nuclear Sub", "The Euro-Tunnel" and "Skyscraper" all aired during the month of January.

".Com" continues to air on CNBC and BRAVO occasionally. New programs are slated to air starting in April of 1998. On February 9, a formal announcement was made that the exclusive international rights were sold to Jordexx. The first markets to be targeted will be European news channels and then regional areas of Latin America. More information on the series and on "My Kids" also produced by the Fort Lauderdale based TV Interactive, and hosted by Mark, is on their very informative website at [www.tviweb.com](http://www.tviweb.com).

Asylum Entertainment hosted two on-line chats with Mark, the first on December 22, 1997. The second on February 9th was unique in that it had both audio and video feeds. A very interesting approach; unfortunately Entertainment Asylum was having a great deal of technical difficulties and many fans (myself and HdShroom included) were unable to access it at any point, or stay connected to it, during the 45 minute interview.



Mark was also featured in two skits on the Fox network's



# Blast From the Past... Tina Lebelt and Kristyn Rose

Each newsletter will feature reviews of Mark's past projects, beginning with 1970....

**The Bill Cosby Show -The Poet** first aired 1970- Tina Lebelt

The original source of this article, written by Paula Martin, is OTM Vol.6 No.4, because it's hard to write about something you don't have on tape. This was Mark's very first TV appearance at all. In the first few seconds of the show you can see Mark fighting with someone big and ugly. His first fight - but not the last one. He fights one of the Holmes' High School's resident bullies. A unfair fight - just look at Mark's frame. The character he plays is the type of guy that is not quite a jock, but definitely not a wimp either. Henry and several other students are reading a posted notice asking for original poetry for the school newspaper. Some of the school's jocks start making fun of the mere idea writing poems, and Henry gets ticked off. The bullies laugh and simply pick him up and toss him aside, scattering his books across the hall. About this time, Chet Kincaid (Bill Cosby) comes to the rescue and helps Henry pick up his things, including a poem that someone else must have dropped, for it's not Henry's.

The rest of the episode (in which Mark does not appear) follows Kincaid's efforts to find and

encourage the writer of the poem.

This was Mark's TV debut, and lots of appearances followed 'til today. He has always been grateful to Bill Cosby. "I got paid \$200 for speaking about seven words."

**General Hospital 1970/1971 ABC** "Daytime Alumni" (by Meredith Brown)-Soap Opera Digest, October 11, 1983

In the early 1970's when Jessie Brewer (Emily McLaughlin) was still the heroine of "General Hospital", she played housemother to her niece and nephew. Earlier that year Jessie's widowed brother had died, leaving his two teenagers in her care, Carol Murray (Anne Wyndham) and Kent Murray (Mark Hamill). Carol was a beautiful young girl who didn't quite handle the attention she was receiving from her aunt's boyfriend, Teddy Holmes (John Gabriel). Who did she confide in? Her brother, of course. When Kent first came on the show he was both rebellious and difficult, but as times went on, he straightened out. He turned into a very supportive brother and nephew, although that didn't help matter. When Teddy, the money-hunter, learned that Carol was

coming into a hefty inheritance on her eighteenth birthday, he convinced her to leave town with him, leaving Jessie and Kent behind.

"Mark was a joy and delight, both as a person and as an actor", remembers Emily McLaughlin. "He played a not very patient character; actually, Kent was a very upset teenager in the script. But Mark had tremendous freedom in his work. He had a good imagination, in fact, he often improvised. I'm not at all surprised at his success now."

Daytime TV - May 1973

**Anne Wyndham:** "I met Mark when I was taking classes at Los Angeles City College. He and I did scenes together. The first thing we did was 'Alice In Wonderland'. I was Alice and he was Humpty Dumpty."

**Mark Hamill:** "I worked as a copy boy at Associated Press. I was very disappointed when I discovered that many of the reporters were restricted by the management's point of view, you know, and that shocked me a bit. After I quit that job I went to Hawaii for three months and when I returned to L.A. I landed my job on 'General Hospital'."



## One Episode of "One Day"

- Kristyn Rose

One of the most popular shows on television in the 1970s was a sitcom called "One Day at a Time". Bonnie Franklin starred as a single mother (Ann Romano) of two teenage daughters, portrayed by Mackenzie Phillips (Julie) and Valerie Bertinelli (Barbara). A constant in their lives was the heart-o'-gold maintenance man (Schneider), played by Pat Harrington.



In 1976, audiences met Harvey, Schneider's nephew, who assisted with maintenance in the building. As the title of the episode says, he was "Schneider's Pride and Joy." One look at Harvey and the once-reluctant Barbara hurriedly agreed to a date. The "cute boy" for this one episode? Of course, none other than Mark Hamill.

This young man had a secret: a problem with kleptomania. Oh, how the audience groaned when Harvey carefully slipped Barbara's new tape player into his toolbox. The victims of Harvey's thefts voiced their suspicions, but (quite

predictably) young Harvey denied the accusations. His doting uncle stood by him, forsaking all friendships in the face of his family bond.

Two things about Harvey proved a bit annoying, besides his sticky fingers. Like Uncle Schneider, Harvey was in constant and loud possession of a wad of chewing gum. Plus, he had a grating accent...one of those nasal twangs that Hollywood presses upon such characters. I mean, he's a punk kid, so he must have a Brooklyn accent, right? However, it did accomplish an instant impression of Harvey; other devices would have failed in the 30-minute time.

Given the limitations of one appearance, Mark Hamill pulled off Harvey cleanly and effectively. The audience grasped both the injustice and the humor in the entire situation. He achieved a rapid, complete picture of the character and allowed for a feeling of hope for him, as the show said goodbye to the brief character. Thus is the life



of a sitcom episode.

## Future Watch

Suzanne Askey  
and Sue Depping

ShowTime, is finally out of post-production. No airdate is available at present. Mark takes the role of a detective as well as co-produced the film.

Check out the "Laserhawk" website, [www.mwg.com/hawk/intro.html](http://www.mwg.com/hawk/intro.html) for current information on this project Mark worked on back in the summer of 1996.

Mark has also completed working on an upcoming Disney movie, tentatively titled 'Laputa:



From 'Courage'

Castle in the Sky'. He does the voice of the villain. The protagonist is Anna Paquin.

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A rather mixed bag of mail this time round, running the gamut from queries on how the Hamills have fared with El Niño to career advice, should Mark have need of some. Some e-mails have mentioned various rumours floating around concerning the *Star Wars* prequels. The Hamills have been very fortunate, and their home was not in any danger from mudslides.

'Is Mark involved in any way with the prequels?' Not at this time.

'Will he play \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank) in the prequels?' Nope.

'Do you have any photos of Nathan?' — Griffin?' — Chelsea?' Sorry, no.

A twelve-year-old boy wanted to know if Mark would send him Luke Skywalker's lightsabre, adding that he would give it a good home. When I responded that it was in a safe place now, he wanted to know if Mark would send him one of the Kenner lightsabres. He was

rather disappointed when I replied that Mark has to buy his toys just like the rest of us....

Speaking of toys, I recently got a new one which will allow me, among other things, to do video capturing. In this newsletter, the two pictures from Mad-TV, the one of Mark's character in 'Courage', and the one from the Valentines Day

hosting are the first results. What does this mean for the website? As time, and, more importantly, webspace, permits, I will gradually be adding more 'thumbnails' and their full-size equivalents to the various sections in the 'Photo Album' area, and others in the credits section.

I would also like to thank two west coast members who have kindly sent copies of photos they took when Mark did a 'Black Pearl' signing last October. One has been up on the website, and some will be included in another section.

See you online!