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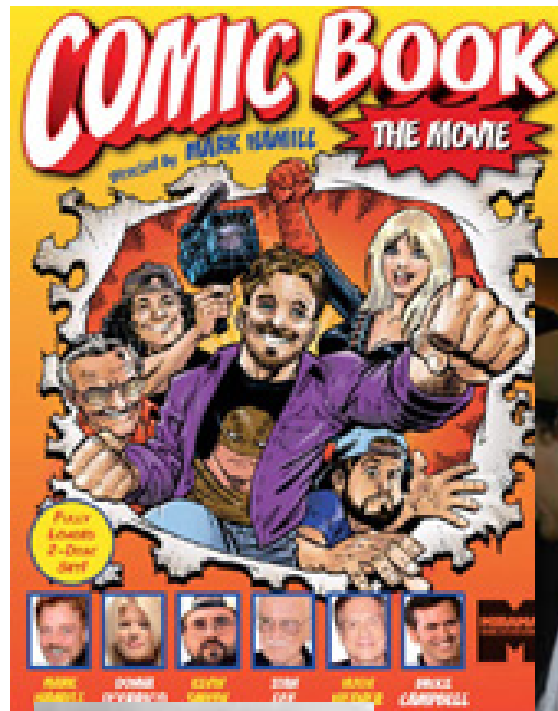
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Comic Book: The Movie

Comic Book: The Movie keeps going strong. It has been nominated in four categories for the 2004 DVD Exclusive Awards. Final ballots are due on Sunday, 30 January 2005, and awards will be presented on Tuesday, 8 February 2005, at the Annenberg Building at the California Science Centre.

Nominations include:

Director of a DVD Premiere Movie— Mark Hamill, 'Comic Book: The Movie'



Book: The Movie'

Live-Action DVD Premiere Movie— 'Comic Book: The Movie', Scott Zakarin, Eric Mittleman



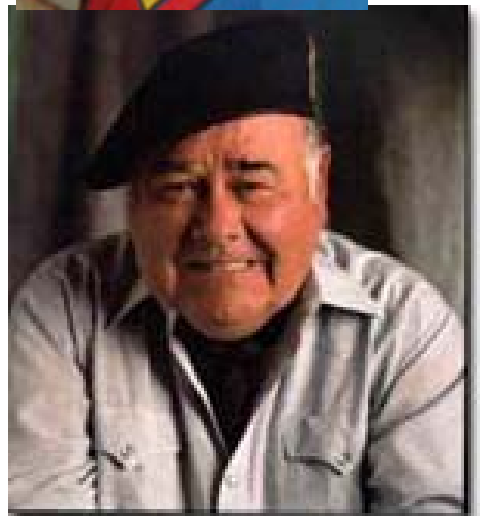
Actor in a DVD Premiere Movie— Mark Hamill, 'Comic Book: The Movie'



Jonathan Winters, 'Comic

Supporting Actor in a DVD Premiere Movie—

Sid Caesar, 'Comic Book: The Movie'



Notes From the Editor

Happy Holidays to all! And apologies for the delay in this issue. I had knee surgery the end of November, and until this week, it has been difficult to spend much time sitting with the knee bent at a 90 degree angle. Things are improving, and the grandpuppy, for one, is very happy about that. She has missed going on our daily search-and-destroy missions, aka walkies. I've missed it as well :) She's been a bit 'lost' since we had to put our dog to sleep in early December.

As has become our custom, the fan club made a donation to Mark's charity of choice in honour of his birthday. We received a letter thanking us for the donation.

If you have recently checked out the general website, you may have noticed a couple of recent additions to the credits and reviews section. Very fortunately we have a fc member take time out from a very busy schedule of school, family and work, and is slowly backtracking.

through and reviewing projects Mark has done that have not been added to either section as yet.

Membership Dues

Time for some input, please.

When we first took over the fan club, we accepted the dues as cash, (international) money or postal order, or personal cheques. I had to stop accepting postal orders. After a recent spate of NSF cheques, I reluctantly have had to stop accepting cheques from first-time members. Not only the time involved with dealing with the situation, but the non-sufficient funds fee the fan club was charged each time

was more than the \$15.00 US annual dues. Additionally, there have been some inquiries as to whether the fan club could accept bank cash transfers. (No, we cannot.)

I am considering setting up a PayPal account for the fan club. Those familiar with PayPal know while there is no fee involved when paying for something, but there is a fee involved when one is the payee. Rather than raising membership dues across the

board, only members wanting to pay via PayPal would pay slightly more, \$18.00 US.

Before I go any further, I would like to know how fc members feel about it. Is this something that you would like to have the option of using come renewal time? Please send responses to:

HdShroom@aol.com, subject PayPal

The Big Red One

The newly restored version of Samuel Fuller's *The Big Red One* continues to generate a lot of interest. Originally released in 1980, the film while good, was not the project Mr Fuller had envisioned. Until his death in 1997, he had hoped to restore the film to how he had wanted it.

With the discovery of over 70,000 feet of 'lost' footage, over 50 minutes have been

restored. This equates to something like 15 added scenes, and a cameo appearance by Samuel Fuller as a news reporter.



Premiering in NYC on 12 November 2004, it has been featured in several film fes-

tivals around the United States. Plans are for it to be released to dvd in 2005.

Did You Catch?

Mark voicing a character in the animated series 'Super Robot Monkey Team Hyper-

force Go!' yet? The show is on ABCFamily on Saturday and Sunday mornings 9.00

am ET. Check your local listings however because it may vary.

Cover of 'Vanity Fair'

Vanity Fair's February 2005 edition will have a group photo of the actors playing the major characters from all six of the Star Wars



films, surrounding George Lucas. For those of us who wish to stay as Episode III spoiler free as possible, VF

is supposed to be putting the prequel trilogy main actors tucked inside the cover. This issue will also feature an in-

terview with George Lucas.



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The Last Word...

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