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Comic Book: The Movie

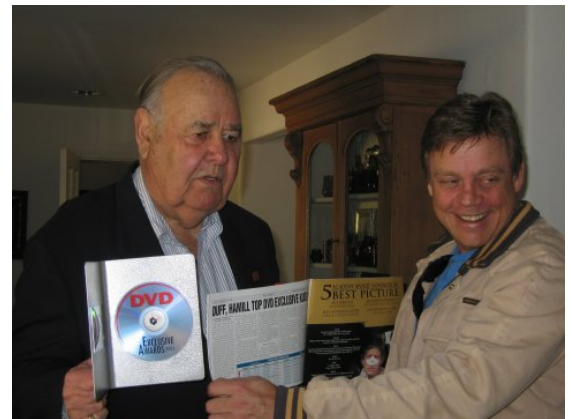
nual event was held on 8 February 2005 at the California Science Centre in Los Angeles.

Mark won for Producer of a Live-Action DVD Premiere Movie. 'The DVD format is just so perfect for this kind of project,' he said when

talking about *Comic Book: The Movie*.

Sid Caesar and Jonathan Winters tied for Supporting Actor in a DVD Premiere Movie. They taped their acceptance

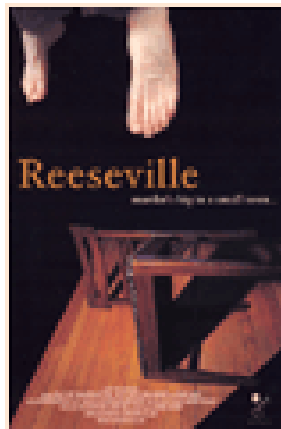
speeches. Mark had the pleasure of presenting Jonathan Winters his award later that month.



Congratulations, Mark!

Comic Book: The Movie was nominated in four categories at the 2004 DVD Exclusive Awards. The fifth an-

Mark also shared in the acceptance for the *Star Wars Trilogy's* Best Overall DVD Classic Film Award.



Reeseville

Starring: Majandra Delfino

Brad Hunt
Misy Crider
Mark Hamill

Written & directed by Christian J. Otjen

A Pied Peppers Production

Release date: 2002

It's about two families – Myers and Buchanan. Both are living in Reeseville. And it's about Zeek Oakman (Mark).

Years ago, David Myers' mother had died while giving birth to his son because the nurse went to the Buchanan family.

They had paid her, telling her to ignore the critical condition of Mrs. Myers.

The present. The sheriff of Reeseville, Jason Buchanan, finds the dead body of John Myers. It looks like a typical suicide by hanging himself. But he called the local coroner, Zeek, the

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Notes From the Editor

Apologies for the lateness of this issue. I was in NY for a short family visit over the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, a family emergency necessitated my staying there until 15th April. All is well now, and I had a brilliant road trip back with my older son. He had planned a long weekend visit.

Update on the PayPal 'survey'. I have had 2 responses, one in favour and one against using it. I would like more member feedback on this before I make a final decision..

I am considering setting up

a PayPal account for the fan club. Those of you familiar with PayPal know there is no fee involved when paying for goods or services, but there is a fee involved when one is the payee. Rather than raising membership dues for everyone, only the members wanting to pay via PayPal would pay more, \$18.00 US vs the current \$15.00 US.

For those who send cash, this would be a safer way to pay the dues. In addition to the overall risk, apparently if an envelope has not been sent 'registered', customs

officials do occasionally open them, and if there is cash, confiscate it. This did occur recently.

So, please let me know how fc members feel about using PayPal. Is this something you would like to have the option of using come renewal time? Please send responses to:

HdShroom@aol.com, subject PayPal

or mail to:
IMHFC-PayPal
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US

Did You Catch?/Future Watch

Mark was a guest at Creation Entertainment's Grand Slam XIII: The Sci-Fi Event, 11-13 March 2005, in Pasadena CA.



5 May 2005 is the release date for *The Big Red One: Special Edition*. Approximately 50 minutes have been added to the original film, including new scenes as well as extending some scenes in the original film. There are also a num-

ber of extras, including some alternate scenes, the 1980 promo reel and theatrical trailer, and commentary by the Reconstruction producer, Richard Schickel. The Reconstruction version is as close as we will get to the version Samuel Fuller had wanted *The Big Red One* to be.



Mark will be in Silver Spring, Maryland on 28 April 2005, for a special screening of '*The Big Red One-Reconstructed*'. The screening honours PFC Lee Marvin, US Marine Corps, and will be held on the anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp.

Listen for Mark doing a voice-over in an upcoming Disney animated film.

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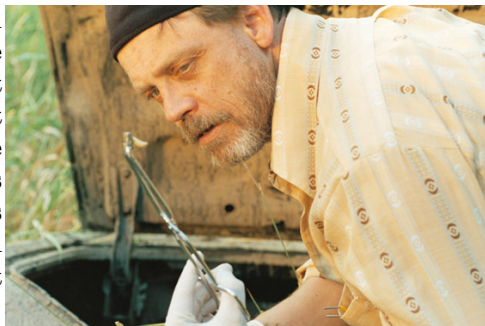
brother of Judith Oakman Myers, David's mother. While the sheriff decides that it is suicide, Zeek still has some doubts. (There're some more family connections. But these everyone should find out while watching the movie.) The crime scene proves it: John Myers doesn't wear boots, but there's mud on the stool he had been standing on, and the stool isn't lying on the floor.

Zeek concentrates on the dead body to secure the proofs when David Myers appeared. He had arrived the other day and hadn't been informed of the suicide of his father. It leads into an argument with the sheriff. Then Zeek spotted further bruises on the victim's neck he must have gotten before he died. It gives him another bit of proof that it was murder and not suicide. Zeek got all his knowledge just from books, so he suggests getting another opinion. But the sheriff disagreed which left Zeek quite frustrated.

In the meantime, David Myers met Jason's sister, Iris Buchanan. She lives with her brother in their parents' house. They vanished years ago. Her friend thinks that David would be a good match for Iris since there aren't many attractive men in town. She goes to David's father's house to meet him and realizes that he's a bit strange, and yet she's attracted to him, though her brother tells her to stay away from David. He also gives the warning to David to stay away from his sister. But they meet again and David learned that Jason had beaten his former girlfriend to death and bringing the dead body away after learning that she got pregnant.

Then David finds in a mud hole near his house a wrecked car with a dead body in-

side. You never learn who that dead body is but Jason is acting very suspect again.



All is running out of control when Jason learned from David that David had spent a night with his sister, Iris, and her friend is waiting for him. He has a crush on her but some sexual problems. So when she joked about it he strangles her and brings her back to her own home where Iris finds the dead body. The reason that David already has a criminal record which her brother had told her and that he thinks that he is involved with the death of their parents because the nurse had come to them first back then from his own mother who had died. Now Iris is really thinking that David had murdered her girlfriend. She runs back home to tell Jason.

Jason's plans seem to have worked but he had overseen a small detail. Iris' friend had told her that she wanted to try one last time to seduce Jason and to give him one last chance before she wants to look for someone else. She had shown Iris the negligees she would wear. And one of it was now hanging in her room. She knows now that her friend must have been here and since she has just come from David it could be only Jason who had murdered her. She tries not to show it her brother.

Then David calls her to tell her that Zeek had found out that the second bruise on the neck

had been caused by a flashlight used by the police. Iris doesn't tell her brother who had called which made him suspiciously. Together they drive back to the house of Iris' friend. When Iris comes out again without mentioning the dead body, Jason now knows that his sister must know everything and decides to kill her too. He hits her to leave her unconscious to drive with her to David Myers. Jason wants to force him to strangle himself first before killing his sister.

The situation seems to be hopeless. Iris isn't as strong as her brother and can't actually do anything. But somehow Zeek had watched all and shoots first the robe David was already hanging on and when Jason wanted to use his own weapon against his sister



Zeek shoots him.

Iris and David leave Reeseville but then they decide to come back and ask Zeek to start refurbishing the house David had gotten from his father. Iris told David that she's pregnant.

The last scene of the movie is as Zeek checks his answering machine while cuddling with his tomcat called Watson.

Reeseville was released on DVD 14 February 2005, in the UK. Region 2 only. In the US, it is still being shown at film festivals and in short runs.





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