

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA: RAZOR

season's *Pegasus* and *Resurrection Ship*), and at one point they talk about what she did to one of her commanding officers, who turned out to be Belzen. At first, you think it's a joke, but then in *Razor* we're given that back story and actually get to see what happened to him.

"Funnily enough, it was somewhat of a demasculinizing role, and by that I mean because chaos breaks out almost immediately you don't get a good sense of what this person is all about. He always seems to be in a submissive role to Cain and, ultimately, when he decides to stand up for what he believes to be the right thing, something happens to him. As a commander, I feel you've got to have a certain strength, and I don't know if that was entirely realized with Belzen."

In *Razor*, the *Pegasus* is undergoing a much-needed overhaul at the Scorpion Fleet Shipyards when the Cylons carry out their surprise attack on the Twelve Colonies of Kobol. As commander of one of the last surviving Battlestars, Cain decides to go on the offensive and attack what at first appears to be a small Cylon communications relay, but, in fact, turns out to be a large staging area. Despite being outgunned, Cain orders Belzen to launch all Viper squadrons. He urges Cain to reconsider and order a retreat. The admiral considers this to be an act of insubordination. She asks Belzen for his sidearm and shoots him in the head in front of her entire command crew. What went through Bacic's mind when filming that scene?



Bacic will star alongside Chris Judge in *Stargate*



The troubled Admiral Cain

time, lets a scene unfold and doesn't force it. As far as the writing on *Galactica*, there's a more serious tone to it. It doesn't have a lot of bells and whistles, if you know what I mean. The basic story is rooted in reality. It wasn't about a possible alien race or some weird outer space phenomenon, but rather real-life situations as well as relationships, etc. and I like that."

At the time of this interview, Bacic had just finished up the end of a long day's work on the set of another Vancouver-based TV show, *Flash Gordon*. He plays the recurring role of Prince Barin, leader of the Verdans, one of the many tribes living on the alternate universe world of Mongo and under the rule of Ming (John Rolston), who controls

"When she asked for the gun, my first thought was, 'Hey, enough with the self-sacrificing. Don't be an idiot, shoot her.' I'm just kidding," jokes the actor. "My character was loyal to a fault, personally as well as professionally, and as a result of Belzen's loyalty to Cain, he doesn't even consider his own life. He's more concerned with the safety of his crew and is aware of the admiral's recent erratic behaviour. However, because of the loss of his world and entire family, there's a lot less for him to live for, and fight for. That said, if my character's children were still alive, then he definitely wouldn't have gone down without a fight.

"Overall, I quite enjoyed playing Belzen. What I like about *Galactica* is that it's more about the characters than the visual effects or things of that nature. You become invested in the characters, and I think that's why it has done so well. All the people I worked with are very talented, including, of course, Michelle Forbes. I respect her as an actress and I like the fact that she takes her



Bacic as Barin in *Flash Gordon*