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## Eisenberg cast in new Batman/Superman movie

From social media king to comic book villain!

**Jesse Eisenberg**, who played Facebook's **Mark Zuckerberg** in "The Social Network," has been chosen to portray villainous Lex Luthor in the Superman-Batman movie. Warner Bros. also announced Friday that **Jeremy Irons** is now on board the project to play Alfred, the butler of Batman/Bruce Wayne.

The untitled film uniting the DC Comics superheroes is in preproduction in Michigan. It is scheduled to shoot at Pontiac's Michigan Motion Picture Studios as well as other locations in the state.

The casting news comes on the heels of recent sightings and online photos of **Henry Cavill** in metro Detroit. The British actor, who played Superman in "Man of Steel" and will reprise his role in the new movie, was at a Ferndale hot spot last weekend, Imperial, known for its L.A. street-style tacos.

"A few people got really excited and came up to him, and he was really friendly and gracious," Imperial bartender Mike Sears said this week.

**Ben Affleck** will play Batman in the upcoming movie. Director **Zack Snyder** of "Man of Steel" is directing.

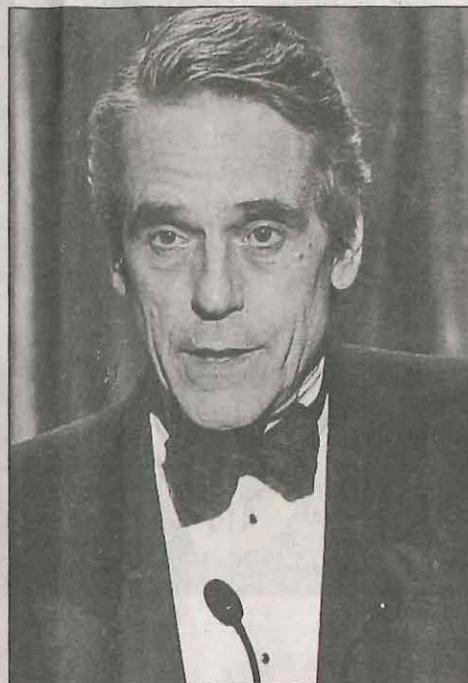
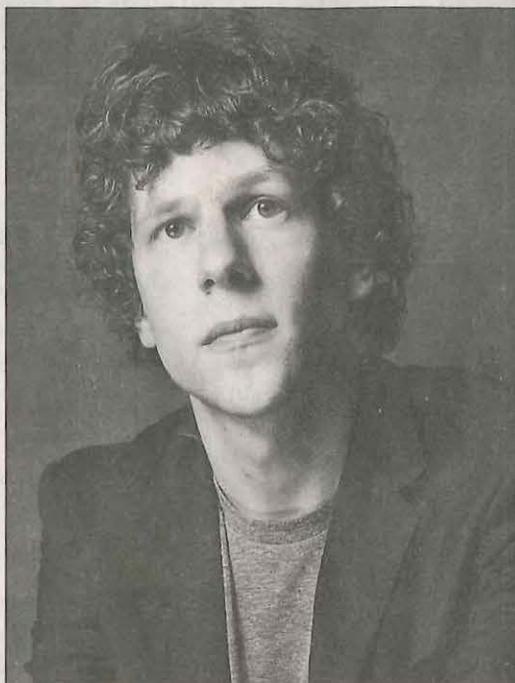
In a statement on the casting, Snyder said, "What's great about Lex is that he exists beyond the confines of the stereotypical nefarious villain. He's a complicated and sophisticated character whose intellect, wealth and prominence position him as one of the few mortals able to challenge the incredible might of Superman. Having Jesse in the role allows us to explore that interesting dynamic, and also take the character in some new and unexpected directions."

Eisenberg spent time in western Michigan for the making of 2011's "30 Minutes or Less," in which he played a Grand Rapids pizza delivery boy forced into bank robbery.

In November, Eisenberg was in Detroit to participate in workshops with the Matrix Teen Company of the Matrix Theatre Company. The event was hosted by **Justin Bartha** of "The Hangover" movies, who grew up in West Bloomfield.

Two weeks ago, Warner Bros. announced that production on the Superman-Batman movie has been pushed from the first quarter of 2014 to the second quarter, with an expected 2016 release.

**Teen's tune gets Kohl's exposure**  
Shoppers at metro Detroit Kohl's stores



Jesse Eisenberg, left, has been tapped to play Lex Luthor in the new Superman-Batman movie and Jeremy Irons has been cast as Alfred the butler. AP, LEFT, AND GETTY IMAGES, RIGHT

might hear a local voice on their weekend shopping excursion.

Beginning today, the song "Screw Valentine's Day" will begin playing in the nationwide chain's stores.

Rochester Hills teen singer-songwriter **Olivia Millerschin** penned the song; it's a track on her spring debut "Yes. No. Maybe So."

On Thursday, Millerschin plans to launch a Pledge Music campaign to fund a five-song album due in April.

The money raised will go toward production of the album, a spring-summer tour, and she plans to donate some to charity.

### 'Back to the Future' on stage

Director **Robert Zemeckis** is literally going back into the past for his next project — a stage musical of "Back to the Future."

Producers said Thursday night that a show adapted from the sci-fi comedy franchise starring **Michael J. Fox** will open in London's West End in 2015, the 30th anniversary of the film. A Broadway run is a possibility if the new musical flies as well as the film's specially equipped DeLorean.

The new musical will have a book by Zemeckis, **Bob Gale** and **Jamie Lloyd**, and new music and lyrics by composer **Alan Silvestri** and songwriter and record producer **Glen Ballard**. Lloyd also will direct.

The producers of the "Back to the Future" musical will include **Steven Spielberg's** Amblin Entertainment, **Colin Ingram**, Universal Stage Productions, **Donovan Mannato** and CJ E&M.

### Cop gets in Bieber trouble

A South Florida officer is under investigation for attempting to take a photograph of **Justin Bieber** while he was in custody on DUI

and other charges.

Miami Beach Police Sgt. **Bobby Hernandez** confirmed Friday that a female officer is being investigated for possible conduct unbecoming an officer. Punishments can range from a verbal reprimand to termination. The officer's name wasn't released.

Bieber was arrested Jan. 23 during what police describe as an illegal street drag race. In addition to driving under the influence, the 19-year-old pop singer was charged with resisting arrest and having an invalid driver's license. He has pleaded not guilty.

Police say the officer attempted to photograph Bieber while he was in a temporary holding cell, and a higher-ranking officer intervened to stop the attempt.

### Miley finalizes tour plans

**Miley Cyrus** wants you to concentrate on her voice — not her twerking — when she launches her tour next month.

"Ren and Stimpy" creator **John Kricfalvi** and contemporary artist **Ben Jones** have agreed to play during the 38 shows as Cyrus prioritizes singing over dance routines.

"When it's such a visual show, I'm not going to get up there and dance because I've got to sing live," Cyrus said in an interview Thursday. "So it's like to have things that people watch other than me ... not about me trying to keep up with choreography."

The 21-year-old performer spoke at a rehearsal studio two days after performing — and spanking — **Madonna** at her "MTV plugged" concert this week. Her North American tour kicks off Feb. 14 in Vancouver.

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