

## Marvel-ous Projections

### Studio to release 'Cap,' 'Avengers' by 2011

Literally minutes after official word came in of "Iron Man" soaring to nearly \$100 million dollars on its opening weekend, Marvel Studios announced formal intentions to adapt more of its vaunted character library—though it looks as though the studio will be skipping summer 2009 in favor of developing more tent-pole properties in the years following.



#### The First Avenger: Captain America

Expect Cap to start tossing his shield on May 6, 2011, but look for clues to the supersoldier program and Cap's history in both "Iron Man" (did you catch Cap's shield in the flick?) and "Incredible Hulk" as well as the other upcoming Marvel films.

**Iron Man II** Potentially subtitled "Duh" after the original hoovered box office revenue, Tony Stark will re-armor up in time for an April 30, 2010 release. Still left to explore from comics continuity: alcoholism, War Machine and how fast he can get the suit off after a Taco Bell binge.

**Ant-Man** Edgar Wright ("Shaun of the Dead") is still tapped to write and direct the adventures of Earth's mightiest mite; Wright has said his screenplay features both Hank Pym and Scott Lang. Release date TBA.

**Thor** Marvel is currently searching for a new director for the adaptation of the Norse God who wields Mjolnir; tentatively scheduled for a June 4, 2010 release.

**The Avengers** The granddaddy of all jam movies, Marvel's heavy-hitting cast of heroes—Thor, Hulk, Iron Man and Cap—will assemble in July 2011. "Iron Man" director Jon Favreau has voiced his support of the project, and has said that Marvel wants to do it with each franchise's actors intact. • **THE WIZARD STAFF**

# 'Battlestar' Rewinds

'Caprica' nabs a pilot, Eric Stoltz to star in fall prequel



Fans of the Sci-Fi Channel's "Battlestar: Galactica" that are bemoaning its premature end—it lasted

a bright and brilliant four seasons, with the last 10 episodes coming in 2009—have something to look forward to.

The network has greenlit a pilot for "Caprica," a prequel that's set to feature Joseph Adama (Esai Morales), father of Edward James Olmos' William Adama, as he opposes the increasing reliance on cybernetic life forms (or Cylons). The Adamas will find their adversaries in the Graystones, who perpetuate the belief that robots are for the betterment of mankind. (Whoops.)

Described by producers as a "science-fiction family saga," "Caprica's" series potential hinges on the performance of the two-hour pilot episode, which is expected to air sometime in the fall.

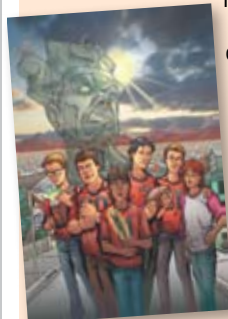
Adding some extra star power to the proposed prequel show is Eric Stoltz.

The "Pulp Fiction" actor will play Daniel Graystone, a rich computer engineer who, after a tragedy in his family, uses science to forever change the future of Caprica—creating what will become the first truly human-looking Cylons. Reportedly, Alessandra Toressan ("Malcolm in the Middle") will play the inventor's daughter, who is killed and becomes the

physical basis for the look of her inventor father's first cybernetic life form. • **THE WIZARD STAFF**



## 'FOXWOOD FALCONS' OPTIONED Indie comic tapped for film



Indiana Jones, meet the Goonies.

That's how writer Darren Sanchez describes his *Foxwood Falcons* from After Hours Press. Now, a deal has been struck for a feature film adaptation.

Tapestry Films has optioned *Falcons*—about a 13-year-old with access to his father's collection of magical relics who enlists friends to combat an ancient evil—with intentions to shop it around major studios. Tapestry's previous efforts

include "Point Break," "Pay It Forward" and "Wedding Crashers."

"It's an all-ages adventure book," Sanchez said. "The same people who enjoyed Harry Potter, 'Karate Kid' or 'The Sandlot' would like this. As a kid, I loved movies like that. I think this story has that kind of vibe and that kind of heart."

*Falcons* will be collected into a trade paperback, with art by Mathew Tow, in the fall; a prose novel release is also in the works. • **THE WIZARD STAFF**

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