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My review of "Superman Returns": After a brief message catching people up to date, we are treated to a recreation of Krypton exploding and Kal-El's journey through the cosmos as familiar-looking credits roll and John William's majestic music plays... and I am 7 years old again. Then we land on Earth and it's all downhill from there. Kevin Spacey's version of Lex Luthor is equal parts Gene Hackman's egomaniacal genius and the murderous sadist from the comic books. Parker Posey's Kitty Kowalski won't make anyone forget Miss Tessmacher and Luthor's generic thugs can't even begin to hold a candle to Ned Beatty's groveling bumbling Otis. It does make good use of cameos by Noel Neill (Lois Lane from the 1950's TV series) as the dying widow who leaves Lex all her money and Jack Larsen (Jimmy Olsen from the TV show) as Bo the Bartender. The only thing that irked me more than the movie's blatant ripping off of the 1978 original [from line for line dialogue to retooling Luthor's 'real estate' scheme into creating a new continent from crystals pilfered from the Fortress of Solitude] was the addition to the cast of Lois Lane's ugly sickly little bastard. (I don't even care what the kid's name is, all I know is that it doesn't begin with 'L' like it should.) But here's the best part... **SPOILER TIME!!!** His daddy isn't Richard White, Perry's nephew well played by James Madsen, Cyclops from the X-Men movies,... Congratulations, Supes! It's a boy!!! (Keep in mind the preceding sentences were written by a child of divorce who has never coupled and hates other people's kids.) After that, I ceased to care what the hell happened to anybody in this pic but, unfortunately, it looks like a sequel will be inevitable as the movie is expected to do boffo box office this weekend. In summation, this flick is to the original Christopher Reeve movies as Star Wars Episodes 1-3 is to the original trilogy: Infinitely better special effects but lacking the charm and staying power of the original. Final grade = **D** On the plus side, I saw a cool preview for 'Spider-Man 3' before it...