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everything from saketini recipes to shots with sexually themed names (such as a "Blowjob" and the classic "Sex on the Beach") you'll be able to find anything that you're looking for.

I hate it when I walk out of a bar and I can't figure out what went into that new cocktail that I just tried. This is why today I am going to go over the best websites and other resources for recipe seekers.

There are too many websites to count that claim to give you information about spirits and cocktails. The best one, of course, is www.twenty-1plus.com (OK, so that was a shameful plug, granted, but I gotta get the shots in wherever I can, pardon the pun).

The first website I would like to cover is called "Bar None Drinks" and is by far my favorite for finding new cocktails. Think of this site as a Google search for cocktails. It is constantly growing, thanks in part to a large number of new recipes being entered by site-goers on a regular basis. You can find this website at www.barnonedrinks.com.

Next up is "Webtender," a virtual database filled with more than 6,000 cocktail recipes. You can search by anything, from name to glass type making it super easy to use when you are trying to figure out what kind of shot you want to have at your next house party. Another awesome aspect of this website is the "In My Bar" section, which allows you to tell the website what you have in your kitchen, everything from hard alcohol to beef bouillon, and it pulls up all of the possible cocktails you can create. You can find this website at www.webtender.com.

For those of us who have a great love of not getting our information from the Internet, there are literally thousands of books available on the subject of bartending and mixology. With books dedicated to

A printed resource I would like to inform you of is called "Mr. Boston: Official Bartender's Guide." This book has been published since 1935 and has been an invaluable resource to more bartenders nationwide, if not worldwide, than any other book that I have ever heard of. You can pick up a copy at Barnes & Nobles for around \$15.

Another resource is a book called "The Bartender's Bible: 1001 Mixed Drinks and Everything You Need to Know to Set Up Your Own Bar" by Gary Regan. This book is a fantastic source for preparing mixed drinks, as well as a number of bartending basics for professionals and amateurs alike.

If you can't figure out what was in that mystery drink using these resources, you are out of luck. Of course, you could always call the restaurant or bar and just ask. Most bartenders will be happy to tell you the secrets to their concoctions. Salud!

Disclaimer: We at *The Clackamas Print* do not encourage drinking to excess or underage drinking of any kind. Remember to drink responsibly.



Thor: This flop was legendary

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Odin's beard was "Thor" a film.

rarely have I been so excited one of my childhood favorites to life on the big screen and I was thoroughly disappointed by the result.

In three different worlds, Earth, Asgard and a planet called Jotunheim, Marvel Comics' "Thor" succeeds in being a visually pleasing movie. The plot line was adequate but the dialogue was adequate but something was left out. Could it be perhaps talent? Kenneth Branagh's "Thor" is a tale of the fabled Norse gods and goddesses including Thor, Odin, Sif and the mischievous wizard Loki. When Chris Hemsworth ignores his father's command to stay in Asgard and travel to Jotunheim, he inadvertently starts a war with the ice giant world. This of course is the favorite son to Midgard and his godlike abilities.

Upon landing in Midgard, Thor is almost immediately struck by fate in the form of physicist Jane Foster's (Natalie Portman) van. Odin falls into a coma and since the next in line is currently banished, his youngest son Loki (Tom Hiddleston) is handed the keys to the kingdom.

Any time a title is bestowed upon someone without anyone else being asked what they think (like, I don't know, Odin's wife: the queen and mother of both Thor and Loki), or if this person is a traitor to his race, this can only lead to bad choices, losing friends and of course Loki's favorite hobby: genocide.

The story is a tale of learning that you can't be an arrogant jerk and still expect to be the leader of a civilization, although I am sure there are countless "leaders" now and throughout history that would disagree with that statement. Almost like a coming of age story, only for an immortal.

The imagery was beautiful, and that is about the only nice thing I can honestly say about Hollywood screwing up one of my childhood favorites. At least they pronounced the hammer's name (Mjolnir) correctly, for the most part.

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At least it was better than Thor's earlier incarnation found in the Bill Bixby film "The Incredible Hulk Returns."

In the end, I would not suggest wasting the extra money to see this film in 3D, if you must watch the movie in theaters just go to a 2D screening; it's not worth your cash.

Thor (R)

May 6 | 114 mins.

Genre: Action

Cast: Chris Hemsworths, Anthony Hopkins and Natalie Portman.

Summary: Thor, god of thunder, is banished to earth by his father while his evil brother usurps Thor's birthright.

Rating:

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