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## ROBERT TOWNSEND PROVIDED ICE THEATER PATRONS A SPECTACULAR EVENING



Cong. Danny Davis, Robert Townsend, Tressa Thomas, Lisa Starks (brown), Louis Carr, Donzell Starks and Cook County Commissioner Robert Steele take photos after interview session.



Robert Townsend on stage illuminating and educating the audience about his career and growing up in the community.

ICE theaters held the re-opening of its Westside theater located in the North Lawndale Community. The ICE Lawndale 10 theater is located at 3330 W. Roosevelt Road at Homan Ave. Many who attended, left the event elated after meeting with Robert Townsend who returned to Chicago to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his film The Five Heartbeats and the re-opening on

Friday, April 22, Easter holiday weekend. ICE Theaters payed tribute to Townsend by screening The Five Heartbeats and honoring him with an award during a special interview by B.E.T. executive and former Lawndale resident Louis Carr. "I am proud to be a part of this celebration," stated Townsend. A press conference was held before Townsell, VIPs, and guests went into one of the 10 theaters and was

interviewed on stage by Carr.

"Donzell and Alisa Starks owners of the theater were trailblazers when they opened the country's first African-American owned movie theater chain nearly 15 years ago. By building their ICE Theaters in our communities, they made huge contributions to the revitalization of both the Lawndale and Chatham neighborhoods.

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## FORMER ILLINOIS 5TH DISTRICT SENATOR RICKEY HENDON MEETS WITH PASTORS



Former Illinois Senator of the 5th District Rickey R. Hendon met with a group of pastors at Ruby's Restaurant, formerly Edna's, as a consultant with ComEd as a client, now retired as State Senator. In attendance also was Congressman Danny Davis and Comed representatives. Hendon was informing the pastors and attendees about Comed's new digital Smart Meters. A smart meter is an advanced digital electric meter that places key usage data at your fingertips.

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## Green Screen Adventures Keeps Children Interested in Writing

Nicholas Short



Green Screen Adventures producer Gail Sikevitz,



Cast of Green Screen Adventures with Bryce Walker, fifth grader from Kellman Elementary in background whose written work was chosen to be performed on the show



Staff of Green Screen Adventures Cicely, Jessica, Gail, Aaron, Katy, and Liz,

In March 2007, WCIU-TV debuted Green Screen Adventures, a show that takes the stories, reports, essays and poems of elementary school students and features them on television. The show uses story theatre, game shows, sketch comedy, and other formats to teach children that writing can be a powerful tool.

Using green screen technology, Green Screen Adventures selects the written work of students in second through eighth grade and brings it to life with the help of a production crew, writers, actors and a great deal of commitment. Students can submit their stories on the website at greenscreenadventures.tv. Work that is chosen may appear on the website or the program.

Since the show's premiere, the work of more than 1,500 students has appeared in 250 episodes.

The show, created by its producer Gail Sikevitz, was designed to motivate children to write, communicate with each other,

resolve conflicts through words, express themselves, and use their imaginations. The show reflects issues that are relevant to its young viewers, such as friendship, bullying, and school.

Actors on the show tape each episode in a green screen studio at the headquarters of WCIU-TV and Weigel Broadcasting Co. on 26 N. Halsted St. They use colorful costumes, props and handmade puppets made from food and household objects to enhance the stories.

Sikevitz said that the show's mission is "to encourage children to continue writing and realize that their words have value beyond a classroom assignment." Writing, according to her, can lead to great things and the show helps children realize their potential. "It's about realizing that, when you write, you can have an impact on the world," she said.

Sikevitz added that another

reason the show was created was to "help children develop a strong sense of self and build self-esteem." Seeing their written works on television, she said, instills a sense of pride. "When children see their stories on the show's website or the program...it's inspiring to them," she added.

She wishes that there were more programs on television to help elementary school students preserve their enthusiasm for learning. "You see children in kindergarten and first grade, and they're so excited about school. Then you see far too many of them becoming disenchanted," she said. Sikevitz adds that the decision to drop out doesn't begin in high school, but is a process that begins years earlier, which is why children need something that will maintain their interest in education. She expressed gratitude to Weigel Broadcasting Co. for making such a tremendous commitment to the community and giving Green Screen Adventures the opportunity to make

education engaging for kids.

The show has received much praise from children, parents, and teachers. Zhané, a fourth grader, said, "I will continue to write books. I know that my little body can do such big things." Lynn Downing, a special education teacher, said, "My daughter LOVES your show! It's one of the few that I allow (and encourage) her to watch. I especially appreciate your episodes that include American Sign Language (ASL) and/or Spanish. Your show makes big dreams and ideas achievable and is a terrific way to introduce lessons on: imagination, prediction, comparison, plot, descriptors, story boarding and many other writing techniques and concepts."

Bryce Walker, a fifth grade student whose written work was chosen by the show, visited the studio with his mother to see a taping of the episode that will feature his work. When asked how he felt

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Ten Years has past since the New Millenium scare of the year 2000, a time of uncertainty. In 1999, we began by thanking God for making the newsletter possible. Much has happened since October of 1999 when we first published the North Lawndale Community News more than eleven years ago. Many have contributed, supported, volunteered, written, taken photos, done research, and/or completed our workshops. We have helped many and many have helped us. Health is essential to a good life. Education is necessary for the pursuit of happiness in an economy driven society.

In 2001, our focus targeted the "Revival of the Family". In 2002, we targeted "Wholistic Wellness". In 2003, we targeted "Education and Training". In 2004, the North Lawndale Community News focused on helping our community acquire a better quality of life through higher levels of reading and responsible wealth creation. In 2005, it was Technology, Business Development, and Employment. In 2006, the primary focus for SHS/ NCLN was Health, Education, and Welfare. In 2007, the primary focus for SHS/ NCLN was People and Education. In 2008, the primary focus for was the Church, Financial Literacy, and Technology. In 2009, the primary focus for SHS/NLCN was HEALTH & THE ECONOMY. In 2010, our primary focus was to live and reflect on our previous years of focus, as we progress to a better quality of life.

So many things remain a high priority in our life. As we struggle to enjoy life, many have neglected the necessary choices that preserve and extend a healthy and abundant, spirit, mind, and body. So along with health, there is education (knowing) and the need to have the resources to act upon the knowledge for a better quality of life.

The North Lawndale newspaper was and is created to help fulfill the mission of Strategic Human Services. That mission is to provide information on resources and events that improved the lifestyle of individuals and families. This is our primary objective under that are all of the sub-objectives that help to reach the primary objective. There is a saying that if your're not sure where your're going, your're liable to end up someplace else- and not even know it.

Even though tough times are among us setting positive objectives and staying committed to them will be the focus of our news for this 2011 year.

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**ICE from front page**

The couple continues to set an excellent example for young people that dreams can come true with lots of hard work."

The Five Heartbeats is Townsend's homage to such R&B male singing groups of the '60s as the Temptations, The Dells, and The Whispers. The film became a beloved, iconic neighborhood box office success among African-American baby boomers. "I think the reason The Five Heartbeats holds a special place for so many people is because it takes them back to their youth," explains Townsend. "It reminds them of a time when music told a story."

For more than three decades, Townsend, raised in Lawndale, has been a mainstay in film and television, starting with his first film role (a bit part) in Cooley High, the story of a group of Chicago inner city, African-American high school students. His career ignited in 1984 when he appeared opposite Denzel Washington in A Soldier's Story. Some of his other

works include: Hollywood Shuffle, Meteor Man, The Mighty Quinn, Book of Love, Little Richard Story (directed), B.A.P.S (directed) among many others. Townsend has led an exceptional career ranging from actor, comedian, writer, director, and producer to his most recent position as president and CEO of the Black Family Channel.

He has been busy creating new media in the Internet with an award-winning web series Diary of a Single Mom starring Monica Calhoun (The Best Man, Love And Basketball), Valery Ortiz (South of Nowhere), Janice Lynde (Letters To Dad), Richard Roundtree (Shaft, Se7en), Leon (The Five Heartbeats, Little Richard) and Billy Dee Williams (Star Wars, Brian's Song), which all can be seen online at www.pic.tv.

Townsend's latest film, The Discarded Boys, starring Loretta Devine (For Colored Girls, Crash), Michael Clark Duncan (The Green Mile, The Whole Nine Yards), and Vivica Fox (Independence Day, Kill Bill) will be the opening night film at the American Black Film Festival on July 6 in

Miami.

The net proceeds from "An Evening with Robert Townsend" will be donated to the Robert Townsend Foundation, which was set up to encourage, inspire, and motivate new artists to soar. Townsend conducts master classes throughout the country teaching writing, directing, acting, and filmmaking.

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Townsend's The Five Heartbeats is among several events planned by Inner City Entertainment to commemorate the re-opening of ICE Lawndale Theaters and honor African-American achievements in the film industry. On Thursday, April 21, ICE Lawndale Theaters showed old school throwback film favorites and offer \$1 specials at the concession stand. NLCN asked would there be future specials like the throwback film favorites and Mrs. Starks said "yes."

"In these tough economic times, we are very fortunate and grateful to our customers to have been entertaining and educating Chicago audiences for nearly 15 years. We are especially proud of Robert Townsend's contributions to the film industry, which is



Tracey Worthy, Robert Townsend, and Kim Jackson after interview session. Townsend spent an generous amount of time taking photos and mingling with guests during the evening before showing his movie the Five Heartbeats.



Ice Theater provided refreshments while guests like Lolita and her friend took photos with Townsend.

why we chose to honor him," states Alisa Starks, president, Inner City Entertainment.

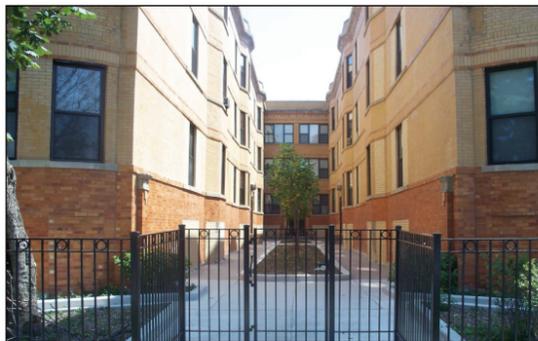
By exhibiting current, classic and independent films, Inner City Entertainment aims to empower the community by showcasing the talents of African Americans both in front of and behind the camera. Inner City Entertainment is the first African-American company in the history of film exhibition to own and operate a first-run movie theater chain. Tickets for events are available at the ICE Lawndale Theaters box office on April 21. ICE Lawndale 10 is located at 3330 W. Roosevelt Road at Homan Ave. Theaters open daily starting at 12 noon.



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**Green from front page**



Pirates Scott and Brendon let Bryce Walker see some of the props created for the show based on Bryce's submission.



Bryce Walker in one of WCIU's production studios while his submission of Green Screen Adventures was being filmed.

about the experience, he said, "it feels good." He added, "I never thought I would be here." Walker, who writes two times a week, likes to write poems and narrative stories. A student from Kellman Corporate Community Elementary, he said that the show has inspired him to continue writing.

The Green Screen team includes Producer Gail Sikevitz; Web and Associate Producer Liz O'Neill; Story Coordinator Katy Daso; and Senior Writer, Actor and Puppeteer Jessica Carleton.

GSA is directed by Chris Faulkner and edited by Aaron Covich. Norman Shapiro, president of Weigel Broadcasting Co., is the program's Executive Producer.

The show appears on WCIU every Saturday at 7 a.m.; on MeTV every Sunday from 7am until 10am; on MeToo weekdays at 7 a.m.; and on ThisTV every Saturday at 9 a.m.

# LANE CHANGE: Now that bin Laden is Dead When Does U.S. Stop Killing?

A Commentary by Travles R. Lane

I guess Rashard Mendenhall thought he was tweeting to a God-fearing, Christian-centered America that respected life and the rule of law when he twittered his criticism of the nationwide celebrations that accompanied the death of Osama bin Laden. I think now, the Pittsburgh Steelers running back knows better.

I give Mendenhall credit for having the courage to say publicly that something just did not seem right about the televised gatherings of euphoric celebrations over the killing of bin Laden by U.S. Navy Seals last week. He had enough faith in his own personal convictions to challenge all the national gloating about the ruthless assassination of another human being. And his questioning of the 9/11 narrative that has consequently inflicted so much death around the world since the Twin Towers fell, is simply the exercise of healthy skepticism that any secure democracy should welcome rather than vilify as unpatriotic.

What Mendenhall, who starred at the University of Illinois before joining the NFL, apparently did not understand is that his complaint cuts across the grain of a primary feature of the American

character that built this country into the world's lone remaining superpower. The foundation of our ability to celebrate killing rests on our national history as a violent and bloodthirsty people.

By the time that American bullet pierced his skull, we had endured a 10-year lust for bin Laden's blood, and by God, finally getting to taste it demanded we bellow our triumph to all who would hear it.

Completely ignoring the irony of how much we decried similar celebrations by our enemies, the hoo-raing and chest-thumping on display around the country last week was about more than the single act of killing bin Laden. We were also sending the message that there is no limit to our endurance in our pursuit of the destruction of those who oppose us. The United States enjoys in the words of President Obama, "a good day in America" when she visits death upon her enemies.

Let me pause a moment here to clarify myself regarding Osama bin Laden. The man got what was coming to him. He earned it the hard way, and that is the way it was delivered. Point blank.

But when I first got word he had

been killed, I had no "yes!" moment of victory. Instead my thoughts went back to that dark day in September 10 years ago as I watched the Twin Towers collapse on the evening news while sitting beside my then nearly two-year-old son. I felt so sad for the world that day and for my son, too, as I held him in my lap and contemplated how he might someday have to fight in a war that would surely follow the horrific attacks in New York and on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Watching to World Trade Center towers smolder and fall that day, I knew from that moment on our bloodlust would go viral, and killing would consume our national priority in a holy war that will not end with bin Laden's death, a war which may eventually consume all our futures.

And now that we have given to bin Laden the martyrdom he truly craved, I remain worried for the future possibility of my now 11-year-old son and other American children his age who

may be called on to continue a war that has no foreseeable end.

So, as Mendenhall has responded to the firestorm of condemnation for his twitter remarks and issued a statement seeking to placate the bloodthirsty mob, I just have one question for those who are calling him an unpatriotic terrorist sympathizer for daring to question all the hanging party gloating going on behind the death of our latest collective bogeyman.

Now that we have killed the killer, when do we stop the killing?

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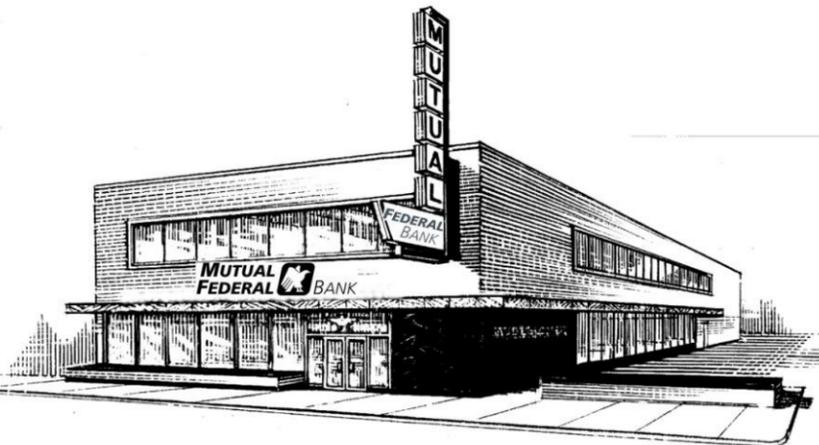
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## AT THE FLICKS

By David Schultz, film critic



**SOMETHING BORROWED (\*\*1/2)** Based on the best seller, "Something Borrowed" tends to be a bit tedious and over wrought for a romantic comedy that still has its moments because of its cast

This movie sort of gets the jump on the other forthcoming "chick flick", "Bridesmaids" because its deals with a friendship that is also put to the test,

Best friends since childhood, Rachel (Ginnifer Goodwin) plays surprised when entering a private club for her 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday party held in her honor with friends led by aggressive "attention addict" Darcy (Kate Hudson) who has a knack for "winning" her way from Rachel who always yields to her every whim.

Revealed at the party, Darcy is also engaged to be married in two months to Dex (Colin Egglesfield), a handsome and thoughtful guy and fellow law student that Rachel first met six years ago while attending law school.

Literally, Dex becomes "the one that got away" for Rachel that Darcy moved in on with no foul outcry from Rachel who later begins to feel some regret from the flashback scenes.

The trouble isn't so much from the guilt felt from Rachel having sex with her best friend's fiancé. It's how overwrought Rachel allows her sacrifice for their friendship; makes her a martyr of her own doing.

Denying herself any real source of happiness in life because of her dedication to Darcy.

Of course, it sound a bit ridiculous, but not uncommon, because love and friendship can make people be impractical in their reasoning.

Making matters worse, Dex later reveals how he recently cheated on Darcy with their mutual friend, Claire (Ashley Williams) who was initially trying to get close to Rachel's male friend and "voice of reason", Ethan (John Krasinski) who pretending to be gay to keep Claire at bay while attracting the interest from a burly suitor.

More important, Ethan guesses Rachel's "secret" but can't get her to agree to tell Darcy. Even after she learns about Dex's own personal indiscretion. Neither side is willing to "do the right thing". Until there is a riff and a revelation that leads into multi-confessions from the core of the film's cast.

In particular, Rachel admits to her regret to allow Darcy to swoop in to take Dex from her and confess their true love from their initial meeting to the present. While out of left field, but not totally unexpected; s Ethan admits to his true feelings for Rachel

An amusing film with some sobering moments, "Something Borrowed" seems to suddenly shift gears in rushing a bit through its finale of dialogue points

of reflections and revelations between the confessions that feels like the movie saved the best for last that could have come sooner.

**PG-13; 112min. A Warner Bros Pictures Release – Presented at selected theaters THE BEAVER (\*\*1/2)** "While everything may not be okay; You do not have to be alone"

"The Beaver" is about personal loss in different forms. A slightly depressing movie with a small ray of optimistic hope that centers around Walter Black, a one time successful toy company boss who has crumbled into a hopelessly depressed, zombie-like individual.

Unable to attend to corporate affairs; Walter's mental illness has even broken down his family. His oldest, teenage son, Porter (Anton Yelchin) hates his father out of fear that he might be compared to him through some of his personal ticks that he post notes individually on his bedroom wall.

The youngest son, Henry (Riley Thomas Stewart) tries to make himself feel invisible to the abuse he receives at school. While Walter's wife, Meredith (Jodie Foster) who also does double duty as the film's director) only wants back the man she married and the way it used to be between them. But Meredith reaches her breaking point wanting a separation by having Walter move out of their home

Drinking heavily while watching TV with the puppet on his hand; Walter contemplates committing suicide by unsuccessfully trying to hang himself on the shower rod with the stuffed toy.

Walter hears the beaver hand puppet speak to him with a cockney accent as he stumbles and falls unconscious with the TV falling on top of him.

Walter awakens and begins to talk to himself through the puppet that together comes to agreement that the beaver would help him start over again to save his life. So Walter begins by picking up his son from school that Meredith discovers upon her arrival.

Naturally, Meredith is stunned by the appearance of her husband talking through a hand puppet. Still the beaver convinces a skeptical Meredith that he is a "prescription puppet" that is part of her husband's therapy that she thinks his doctor approved, But unknown to her, Walter has not seen his doctor in over a year.

While most of his family begins to adapt to Walter's radical therapy; His teenage son, Porter who doesn't approve how easily his mother allows him back into the house. At school, Peter is a brazen outcast with a blossoming underground enterprise --writing other students' school papers as if the individual wrote it

This leads to an unlikely client; when Porter is suddenly approached by Norah (Jennifer Lawrence), the popular cheerleader and school valedictorian who wants him to write her speech.

Clearly Porter knows he's a social misfit meeting with someone considered out of his league. And yet, because of the speech that he needs to compose with her assistance. They begin to share some time together that eventually taps into her former talent as a "graffiti tagger" that harbors her own personal grief-- the tragic passing of her brother from a drug overdose.

Eventually, each character finds their own source of redemption and clarity to their situation. As father

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## ON VIDEO

Compiled and reviewed by David Schultz

**THE GREEN HORNET (\*\*1/2)** Revamping the 1950's radio serial from its brief yet iconic 70's TV series into a big screen action comedy buddy movie with alternative spins on the character images being polar opposite of the usual hero/sidekick traditions.

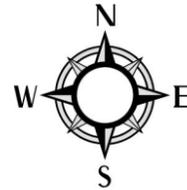
Co scripter and star Seth Rogen re-energizes the Brit Reid character as a non ambitious, dim witted playboy whose ill equip to fully comprehend his newspaper magnate father's (Tom Wilkinson) sudden death and carry on his legacy.

Until a cup of java leads Brit to his late father's servant Kato (Jay Chou in the Bruce Lee role who happens to be a skilled martial artist and gifted mechanic/inventor that inspires Brit to team as crime fighters acting like criminal to get close to local drug lord, Christoph Waltz out to control the entire city with help from a corrupted ambitious D.A. (David Harbour) seeking a political career who was behind Brit's father's death



Doing the direct opposite of who represents dumb and smart in these blockbuster superhero action adventure movies is a novel approach that could have been sharper and tongue in cheek. An ambitious cinematic effort that has its entertaining moments built around the abstract relationship between Rogen and Chou that saves part of this movie that we had different expectations than we got.

**PG-13; 119min. Sony Pictures Home Video**



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and teenage son separately are making inroads, there are bumps that occur that disrupts each progress. Another previous student client that paid Porter for his school paper can't withhold the truth from his mother who becomes a whistleblower that eventually gets Porter a letter that un-invites him to be admit into a prestigious college. Also briefly, the film stumbles under Foster's direction that allows the film's mood to be disrupted when Mel Gibson's character tries to suddenly free himself of the puppet in an extreme manner. Much like the sinister angle that made Anthony Hopkins possessed by his puppet in 1978's "Magic". When Gibson's character tries to make phone call to his wife; The enraged beaver orders him to off the phone. Meredith is concerned for Walter's welfare when the phone goes dead. So she sends Porter who discovers his father in the garage bleeding from his severed hand where the puppet used to be. While Meredith rallies to Walter's bedside, Norah eventually forgives Porter for trying to help her cope with her loss and delivers a more heartfelt speech that what Porter prepared. "The Beaver" is an interesting film that is a little creepy at the beginning. Still, Gibson clearly throws himself into this unconventional, absorbing role for this usual take on maniac depression. An admirable performance that Gibson pulls from the depth of this self tormented man's soul that makes the difference in this flawed yet interesting movie. **PG-13; 91min. A Summit Entertainment Pictures Release - Presented at selected theaters**

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**THOR (\*\*\*)** The latest Marvel superhero to emerge on the big screen manages to achieve proper status that is worthy of a god and a pleasant surprise. After its engrossing set-up for this Marvel character that since its comic book debut in 1962. "Thor" has been the lesser of the superhero stars to shine in magazine and in its TV cartoon incarnations. But now, "Thor" comes to the big screen and gets the first class treatment in the formidable presence of Aussie soap opera hunk star Chris Hemsworth making his U.S. acting debut as the God of Thunder who yields a powerful, magic hammer who suffers a fall from grace in his homeland, Asgard, a heavenly realm ruled by a supremely wise but aging father, Odin (Anthony Hoskins) who makes an err in judgment in exiling his heir apparent for disobeying a cardinal rule to Midgard (Earth) landing during an twister-like atmospheric disturbance in New Mexico  
 Thor gets banished through the suggestion of his younger, jealous brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) after he enters into an inter-dimensional portal to take part in an unauthorized battle on the planet Jotunheim, home to their natural enemies, The Frost Giants led by a reptile-like Laufey (Colm Feore).  
 Under the stipulation from his brief visit on Earth, Thor is unable to use his mighty instrument until he resolve the usual and classic mythological imperfections and family issues of being insolent and ungovernable. Even when Thor's passionate actions are clearly done under the best intentions for his homeland and the fairness of mankind on heavenly grounds  
 Initially, Thor takes his medicine

from his father that finds him wandering across the dusty New Mexico terrain like he were on Asgard. that also sprouts some occasional "fish out of water" humor.  
 While there is some early romantic notions from when Thor's arrival as a bearded and buff stranger gets a ride from astrophysicist, Jane Foster (Natalie Portman) and her instigative crew in their RV.  
 And there is the conspiracy theory from the attention and pursuing participation of government agent Coulson (Gregg Clark) Along with the brewing battle Thor with The Destroyer, a hulking armor-like creation that shoots fire from his eyes that doesn't fully make much for the film's finale; compared to the other intergalactic encounters  
 Still, Thor" is a worthy starting point to build on given the initial surprising then smart choice in having actor Kenneth Brang who obviously has a deep affection for everything Asgard. But Bring gives "Thor" a noticeable distinction with his Shakespearean influences that provides an intriguing difference over other Marvel Superheroes that have made it to the big screen.  
 This movie also votes well for subsequent sequels and the eventual superhero gathering planned for 2012's "The Avenger". "Thor" is a spectacular treat that sometimes is heavy handed at times but not overbearing. Finally "Thor" gets the creditability that been long overdue that is pleasing to the cinematic gods and its worshippers and observers among the theater going audience. Clearly, this is another movie franchise to build on. Nuff Said!  
**PG-13; 114min. A Paramount Pictures Release - Presented at selected theaters**

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