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Recipe Box

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Well, actually I don't have a recipe "box" anymore. I did have one, and maybe it's still around the kitchen somewhere, but lately I've just been printing out a single recipe as I need it, usually from epicurious, though I like recipezaar too.

The other day I thought that maybe I should save those sheets, like the one for mango-pineapple salsa that's still lying on the kitchen counter. Maybe, I thought, I should save it. Maybe punch holes and put it in a three-ring binder so I'd have it the next time I wanted mango-pineapple salsa. Or fold it up and put it with a bunch of other folded-up recipes I've got stuck in a plastic bag that is also lying on the kitchen counter.

But you know what? That recipe has pineapple juice on it...as well as a coffee cup ring and a phone message.

So I'll abandon any notions that I ought to save all those recipe print-outs. I'll print out another copy the next time we make salmon. (Although, honestly, the salsa wasn't that great, even though it got three forks. I'll be looking for a really good one.)

When I do run across a great recipe, I'll be sure to post it here, so you can try it too.

Bicerin -- This chocolate espresso drink of Turin, Italy, is named for the little glasses, or bicchierino, that it's served in. I'm sure my version isn't really authentic, but it is delicious and a great reason to use your espresso maker.

2 ounces espresso or strong coffee
2 ounces heated chocolate sauce, syrup or melted chocolate
2 ounces steamed milk or whipped cream

Into a warmed coffee cup (clear glass is nice so you can see the layers), pour hot espresso, then add the heated chocolate sauce, which will separate and form the bottom layer. Gently add the frothy steamed milk atop the espresso. Makes 1 generous mug.

Note: Somebody's Mother's Chocolate Sauce is great in this. You can find it in Houston-area specialty shops and at www.somebodysmother.com. The recipe is adapted from one at www.aldocoffee.com.