## BestBites

Where to find great chicken and waffles,

chocolate cookies, espresso, grilled cheese, zeppoles, zucotto cake

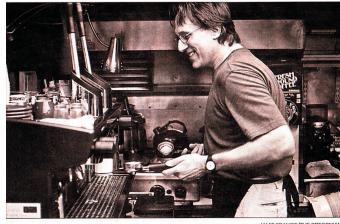
and 85 other dishes you can't live without

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## **Espresso** Spella Caffe

In his gleaming white trailer/ cart, Andrea Spella stands at the helm of an Italian lever machine pulling espresso the old-fashioned way. Quality and timing are everything in this minutelong endeavor, and if his brew doesn't produce a substantial crema (frothy cream on top), and the extraction isn't a smooth, dark fluid stream, he tosses it and starts over. His signature fromthe-farm Brazilian beans are roasted daily to get a rich, chocolaty cup that even your Neapolitan grandfather would say bravo to. (Southwest Ninth Avenue and Alder Street. Monday-Friday only; 503-421-9723; \$1.25)

— Teri Gelber



With his terrific fresh-roasted beans and hand-pulled shots, Andrea Spella has his fingers on the raised pulse of Portland's best espresso, at his Spella Caffe cart, far left.

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