

Best Bites

Where to find great chicken and waffles,
chocolate cookies, espresso, grilled cheese, zeppoles, zucchini 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 from-the-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



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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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