

FEEDING FRENZY

In 2007, the national media gorged on Portland's restaurant scene. We help you digest the hype

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Our critics rant and rave

Karen Brooks

My obsessions: Despite the crowds, Pok Pok, The Oregonian's Restaurant of the Year, still has an unbeatable strike zone for consistency, guts and glorious tastes – the crunch-fest of Vietnamese fish-sauce wings; the startling Cha Ca La Vong noodle bowl; the juicy charcoal-roasted game hens. I could eat this stuff every night and call it a great life. (3226 S.E. Division St., 503-232-1387). Spella Caffe's rich, roasty espresso gets me through the day. Cart owner Andrea Spella is the real deal. (Southwest Ninth Avenue and Alder Street). I'm

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