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Welcome to the Fold

Crêperies have been a Portland norm for some time now, yet recently we've seen an explosion in popularity of the French-inspired "sandwich." Some folks even fondly refer to our humble town as "The Paris of the United States." What that actually means, I have no idea, but if it has anything to do with our love for those flattest of flapjacks, then merci!

**Mon Ami •
1906 Main St., Vancouver, Wash.**

Step into this quaint new addition to an ever-changing 'Couv scene, and you will feel like a friend indeed. WiFi, a composting program and Stumptown Coffee are all practically foreign to this side of the river, but much needed and welcome. Crêpe options here are limited but delicious, thin and crisp. A nice batter made with buckwheat flour creates the perfect package for a delectable ham, pear and Brie crêpe. Although the salmon, dill and cream cheese crêpe can be a bit heavy-handed, the home-made corn chowder makes up for it. This great coffee shop/crêperie is teeming with info on local gigs and artists and eco-friendly fliers. With any luck, Mon Ami is a sign of groovy things to come; if not, come take advantage of the super-friendly service and the spot-on flat cakes.

**Tour de Crêpes •
2921 N.E. Alberta St.**

Enter this one-room hideaway on the bustling Alberta and embark on a culinary adventure. Though the atmosphere is unique with a converted Airstream for a kitchen, it's the creative crêpe combos that separate Tour from so many others. For savory appetites, the fig-onion chutney with prosciutto and chevre is off the hook. For those with a slightly sweeter palate, there's the decadent Nutella and toasted coconut cream crêpe. Dessert crêpes can be made with a bittersweet chocolate batter, and nowhere else in P-town will you find a vegan crêpe. Any way you fold it, flavors here are bold and unmatched. Add to that art, beer, wine and movie nights...hello crêpe-topia!

**The Press Club •
2621 S.E. Clinton St.**

Just what the blinking light at Clinton and 26th needed? Actually, yeah. The Press Club has it all: great crepes at a reasonable price, a full bar and enough magazines to keep boredom at bay. The PC could possibly be the perfect secret lil' nook. I took my mother for Sunday brunch expecting the average wait; there was none, and the restaurant felt all ours. The egg, prosciutto, mushroom and pesto crêpe is to-die, as is the pear, brown sugar, pecan and Brie crêpe. My only regret is the lack of traditional buckwheat flour in the batter. But oh, how French press singles can make a girl's day. Good food plus art exhibits and live music showcases all week make this newbie an obvious welcome to the neighborhood. 10

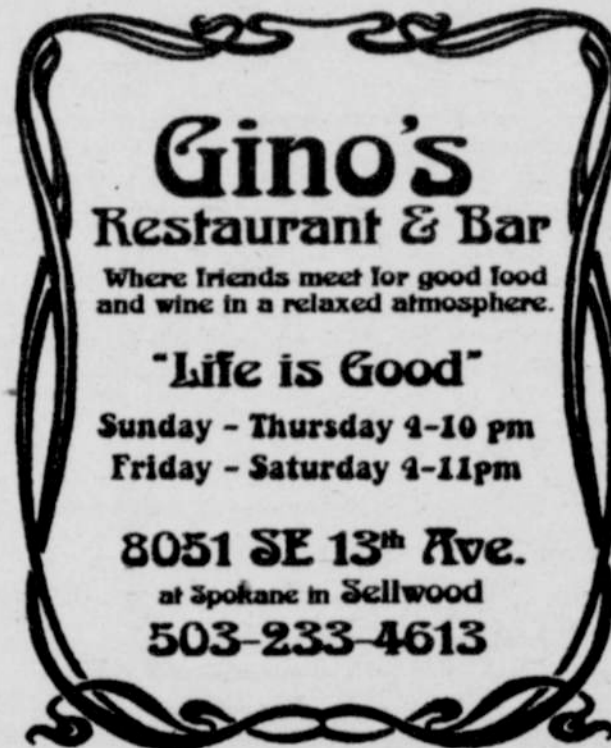
JENNY NGUYEN would like to thank everyone who ate French flapjacks all week with her. Wish you were there? Write to epiqueerean@comcast.net, and I'll see what I can do.



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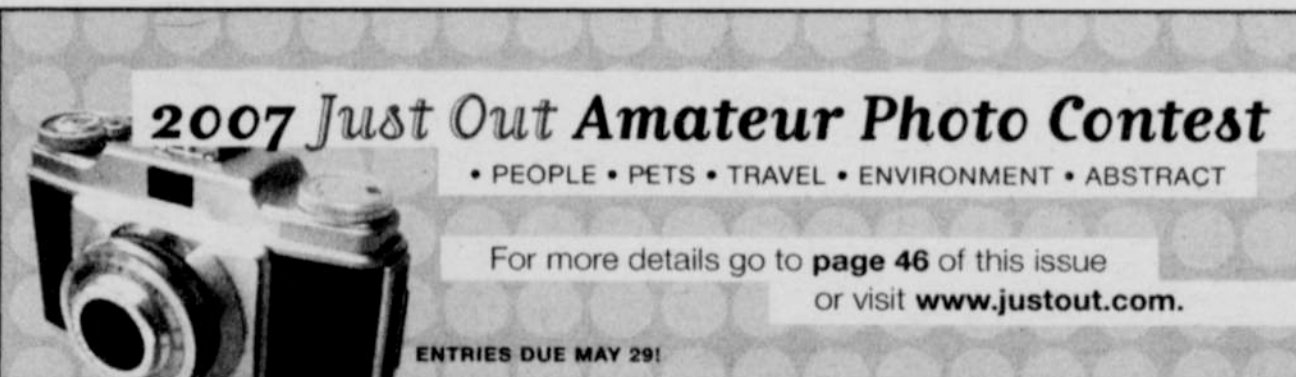
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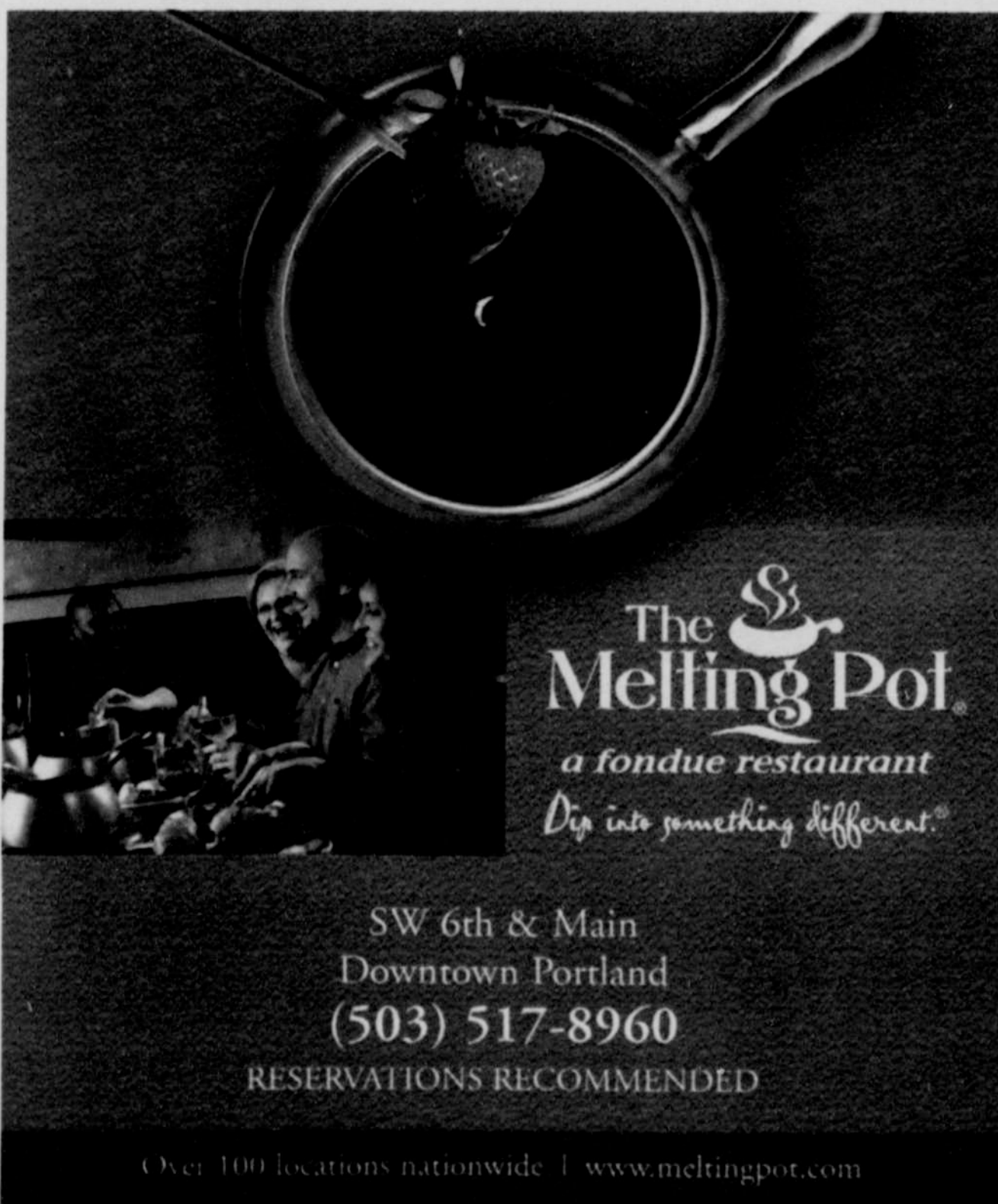


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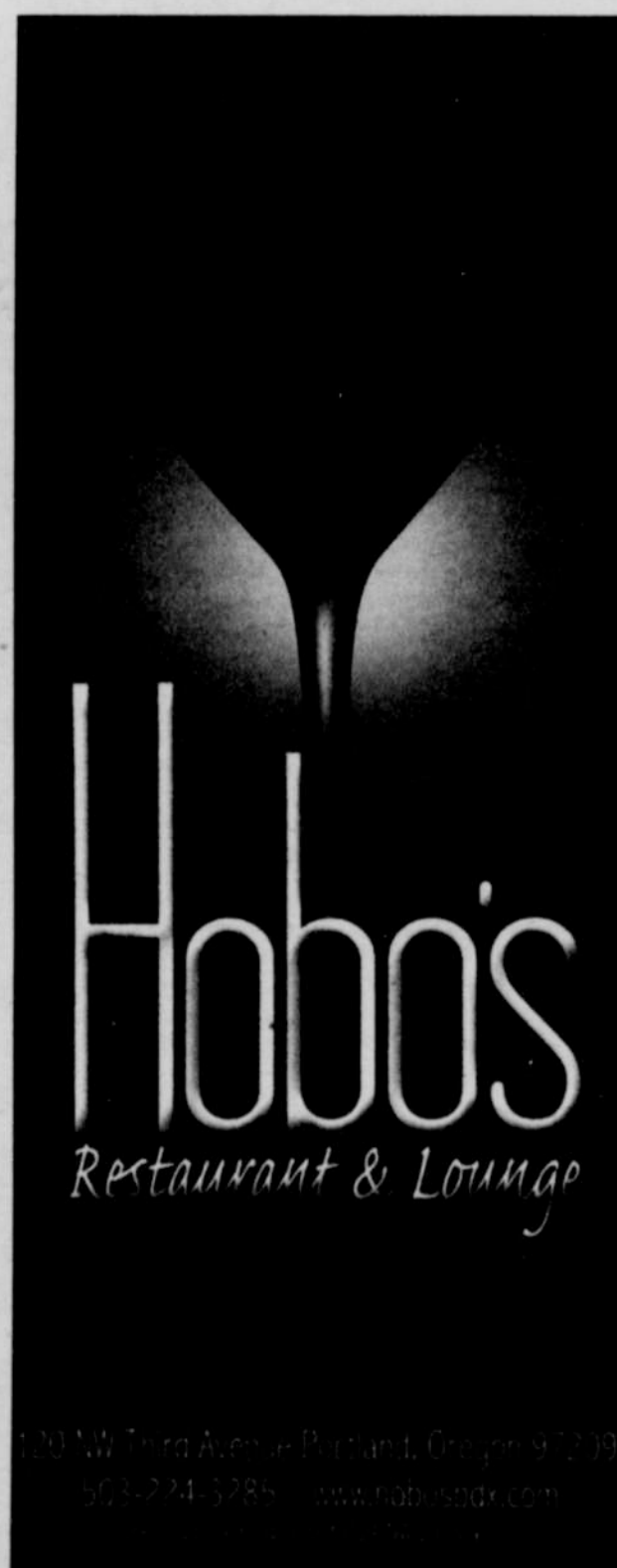
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