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**Eat Smart à la Cart**

**W**ith summer weather teasing, it's important to grab as much sunlight as humanly possible. I'm here to help by suggesting you take that meal outdoors. Stroll to any one of these neighborhood carts and you'll be literally "eating out."


**"No name, yet" cart •  
Corner of North Killingsworth  
Street and Denver Avenue**

This trailer-cum-taco truck has got a tent, two tables and a following to boot. Boasting *barilla* (goat) and *barbacoa* (spicy beef), three enchiladas will cost you only \$4. Add rice and beans and you've got yourself a whopper fit for a king at a measly 6 bones. During the summer you'll find the cart's hours run from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. every day but Sunday, making cheap street eats more than accessible. With *sopas*, tacos, tostadas and Jarritos (bottled Mexican juices), this "no name" stand piles on the meat, onions, cilantro and lime juice. The *lengua* (tongue) isn't as tender as I prefer, but the goat and the *cabesa* (beef cheeks) were delightful. If you're in the mood for spice, ask for hot sauce or jalapeños on the side; the food here is authentic but quite mild.

**Pok Pok • 3226 S.E. Division St.**

Having heard more than two earfuls about this Thai shack on Division, I finally decided to give it a try. From the get-go, the menu is totally different from anything else in this Thai-curry-rut-struck town. From Vietnamese fried catfish in fermented sticky rice to charcoal-grilled whiskey pork short ribs, Pok Pok's repete as a must for cart-ophiles couldn't ring more true. Skip eating inside the new restaurant, as the food is delicious but grossly overpriced. Stick to the takeout shack and the Pok Pok Spécial or the *khao man som tam*, green papaya salad with sweet shredded pork. You'll get all the delicate flavors, unique ingredients and exquisite preparations without the high-roller tab. Do splurge on some of the divine beverages and desserts inside the basement Whiskey Soda Lounge, though—just make damn sure you eat outside first.

**Flavour Spot •  
On North Lombard Street 'tween  
Denver Avenue and Greeley Street  
in Videorama's parking lot**


Earning extra points for the naughty name, the F-Spot is a gold mine. Treat yourself to a fresh-made, buttery waffle with any of multiple accouterments for less than 5 bucks and you'll find yourself a lil' piece o' heaven. No utensils necessary, as the drip-free meal comes wrapped in foil, seven days a week. Nutella, mallow fluff (gelatin-free!), real (!) maple syrup, pork sausage and whipped honey are just a few of the tiny blessings to bestow upon your hot, yearning waffle. Feel like committing the sin of gluttony? Try the ice cream sandwich (chocolate-coated vanilla wrapped in a hot waffle with whipped cream and sprinkles for only \$4), then sip on a fantastical chocolate or vanilla fizz. Ahh, now that's what I call hitting the Spot. 

JENNY NGUYEN would like to thank her readers for another great year! Happy Pride, everyone. Write her at [epiqueerean@comcast.net](mailto:epiqueerean@comcast.net) to give or get eating advice.

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