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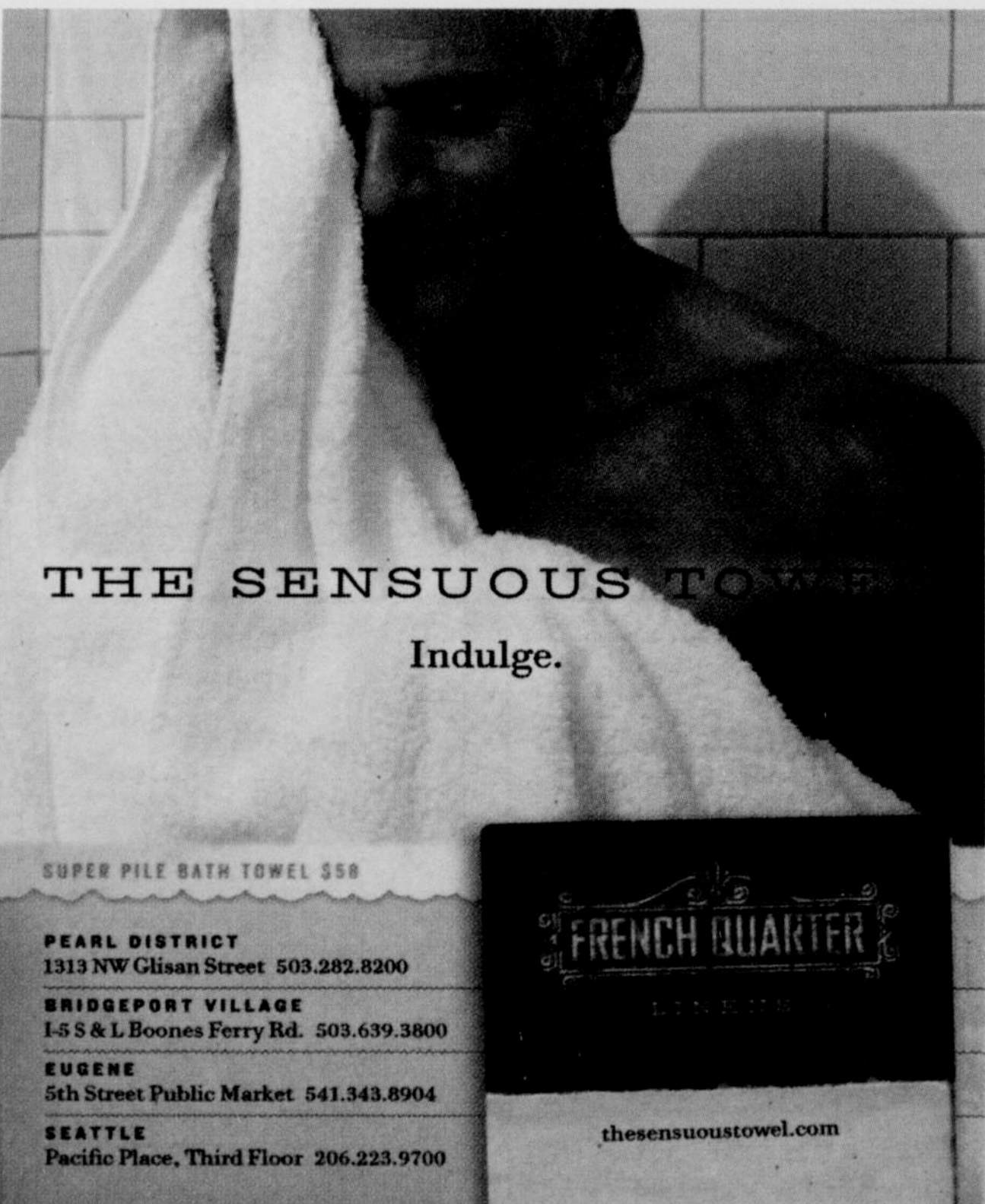
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Director's Chair Studio. He and his partner, Mick Geronimo, brought their business and creative talents to Lake Oswego from San Diego in January. Director's Chair Studio creates short films from your photographs and video clips so you can relive your memories and better share your stories with others.

Minogue has a background in video production and broadcast journalism. For several years he designed and built sets for film, television and live events. Geronimo has a degree in

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## business watch

### Catering Company Offers Exceptional Seasonal Fare

Hindsight of the hungry reporter: Write about new lesbian-owned catering company after lunch. Salivating over Simply Thyme

Catering's menus, I find myself wanting to host a large gathering just so I can say I served their lamb "lollipops."



Kristy Geffen balances body, mind and emotions with client Arah McLaughlin.

music theory and composition and a background in graphic design.

"Mick and I use our experience and training to help our clients tell stories about special people, events and occasions," Minogue said. "And we do it in a way that celebrates those memories and makes them easy to use and enjoyable to share with a room full of people or with friends around the globe."

"We work with our client to select their best photographs. Then Mick and I add cinematic effects—the zooms, pans and tilts that truly make still photos come to life. We edit the video to go with the music the client selects and add any titles that are needed. The completed video is then put on a DVD. This is a great alternative to letting those albums just gather dust while the photos inside fade."

The couple met in the summer of 1996 at the first Sun Bears Weekend for Bears San Diego, which Minogue helped organize. The kickoff event was an underwear party at a leather bar.

"When we met I was wearing briefs and a smile. Mick was looking very hot in a union suit," says Minogue. "We've been together since then."

Their passion for each other translates into a passion for their work and the importance of celebrating memories in our community. "The videos we make truly do allow people to relive their fondest memories. We often joke with our clients that we'll measure the success of a project in the tears of joy they shed when viewing the final video."

a culinary festival. Who wouldn't love their job when the boss offers you a smoked salmon Caesar salad? And roasted zucchini on a rustic ciabatta roll does sound a mite better than a hoagie, no?

These ladies pride themselves on offering only the best and the freshest of our local bounty at your various occasions. "Chef Tammy uses products and produce that are harvested from the Pacific Northwest," beams Hoepfner. Their Seasonal Thyme menu suggests several options to please the small/casual and the grand/elegant party throwers alike.

You can also enjoy the deliciousness (with a refreshing glass of huckleberry iced tea) at their kitchen, which is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays at 14020 N.E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Suite E. Leibfarth and Hoepfner are there to assist you in all phases of your event planning from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information call 360-891-0584 or visit [www.simplythymecatering.com](http://www.simplythymecatering.com). jo



Life and business partners Kelly Hoepfner (left) and Tamara Leibfarth offer seasonal menus at Simply Thyme Catering.