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Perfect Scones Found

Sunny Day Coffee is out to prove that size isn't everything. The inconspicuous coffee cart on Northwest 23rd Avenue and Everett Street might be small, but it hosts a surprising array of culinary delights.

Owner Michael Henry and his partner of eight years, Leo Schuman, bought Sunny Day in December 2006 from friends. The walk-up stand originally sold flowers as well as coffee and espresso, but Henry has chosen to drop the flower sales to focus entirely on making coffee and baked goods.

"The pastries are made fresh every day from scratch," Henry said. "Everyone says, 'You bake in there?' It's small, but it doesn't take much."

The most popular pastry items, Henry said, are the raspberry-drop scones and the breakfast cookies. The latter—a dense, sweet combination of oats, cranberries, pecans and cinnamon—is a healthy, delicious grab-and-go morning snack.

"One customer, we call her Judy Cappuccino, buys dozens of the breakfast cookies before she goes on trips," Henry said. "Those cookies have been all over the world."

The scones have gotten recognition from local pastry connoisseur Nicole Reese in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine.

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"My search for the perfect scone is over," Reese wrote. "Moist and substantial without being dense, perfect texture, great flavor."

The scones are smaller than ones found at chain coffee shops, sprinkled with sugared ginger and pecans and topped with a dollop of raspberry jam.

Henry admitted the hardest part of keeping Sunny Day successful has been "getting over the coffee cart stigma."

"It's a perceived stigma," he said. "People think that if you're small and independent it means they're not going to get exactly what they want."

Although his shop might not have the same consistency as Starbucks or Coffee People, Henry maintained the upside is that the drinks are "made by a person, not a machine."

"That reflects more of who I am," he said. "If I'm going to make it, I'm going to make it myself."

Henry hopes that the neighborhood will continue to be receptive of his little coffee endeavor and that he will be able to open a walk-in store in a year or two.

"I don't know what the key to success on this street is," he said. "What I offer is fresh, hand-crafted food and friendly people. That's almost a cliché, but it's really true."

Oliver Has Two Mommies

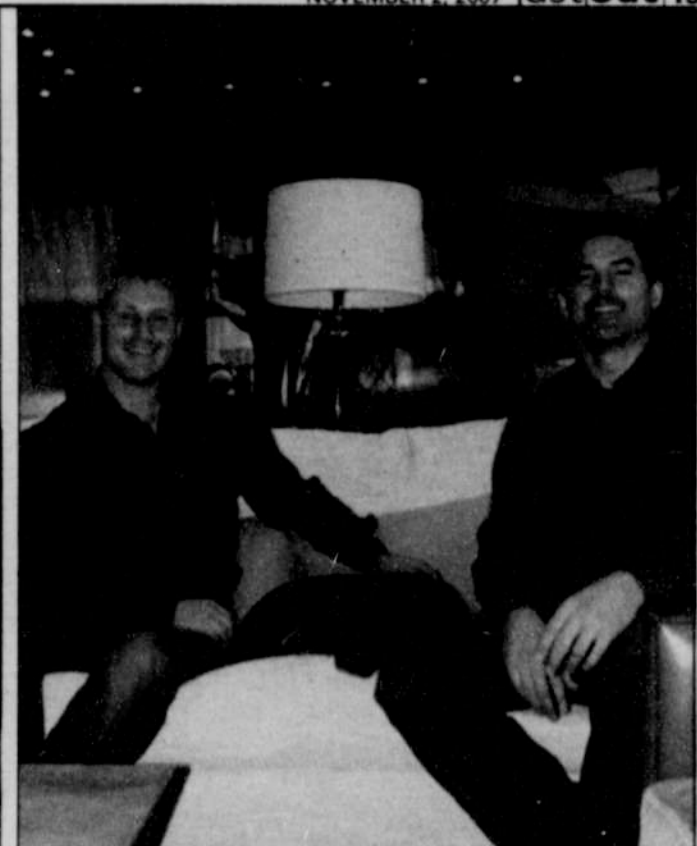
Oliver Stoner-German, a 4-year-old living in Portland, inspired his mother, Tammy Stoner, to develop an innovative television show featuring a boy with two moms, lots of glitter and several brightly colored singing puppets. For the first time ever in kids' programming, *Dottie's Magic Pockets* targets children living in nontraditional families.

Pink Pea, an independent production company launched in February, is committed to providing "images our kids can relate to," beginning with *Dottie's Magic Pockets*. Dottie, played by Jen Plante, is an exuberant woman with a large polka-dotted bow and a magic hoodie. Dottie becomes lonely when her son (coincidentally named Oliver) goes to school. He gives her enchanted glitter, which makes objects in the house come alive!

Geared toward children ages 3 to 8, the episodes are filled with bright colors and original songs. The DVD, available at www.dottiesmagicpockets.com, includes characters such as Uncanny the Singing Can, James the Flower, Motilda the Mouse, Wally the Wall and a circus of others. It offers two 25-minute episodes and a bonus clip, a total of 55 min-



Tammy Stoner's show *Dottie's Magic Pockets* was originally created to entertain her son.



Stefan Krupelak (left) and Bradley Clifford welcome the community to Bravado Home on Nov. 8.

utes of programming. Stoner and Pink Pea are not looking for television pickup but might do so in the future.

The project began when Stoner-German started asking for television shows with "two mommies." Stoner had a history in short film and was determined to appease her son. "Initially, we were just going to do a show for him, but there was such a need for this in the community." She then co-founded Pink Pea with Wayne Deselle, Andrea Maxwell and Kathleen Latlip and began production of *Dottie's Magic Pockets*. They hope to schedule a screening at Q Center, but no dates have been set.

Bravado Home Opens in Pearl

If you are interested in transforming your home into an extension of your vitality, you will definitely want to spend time at the Pearl District's newest furniture and accessory store, Bravado Home. Opening Nov. 8, it boasts a fresh and warm approach to contemporary interior furnishings.

Like many other stores in the Pearl, Bravado Home is full of sleek and elegant furniture and accessories. But if you chat with owners Bradley Clifford and Stefan Krupelak while shopping, you will see they are the crown jewels of the business. With dedicated and passionate owners, Bravado Home will quickly set itself apart from other Pearl locations.

When asked what makes Bravado Home a distinct addition to the Pearl, both owners offered their take on the business venture. "Bravado Home is unique in that we show clients how to create warm, comfortable living spaces by arranging entire 'rooms' in our showroom," said John Oules,

Bravado's spokesman and Clifford's partner. "We work with clients to incorporate new furniture with existing furniture and accessories, and we travel across the country to bring new and often exclusive product lines to our discriminating Northwest clientele."

Prior to opening Bravado Home, Clifford's retail career began in 1991. While living in Fort Worth, Texas, he learned the unforgiving retail trade at Vertu, a home furnishing store that quickly became a popular destination in Dallas' uptown shopping district. In 2003, Clifford and Oules decided to leave Texas and move to Portland. Since that time, he has served as a consultant in the development of several startup retail ventures but has always been on the lookout for a new entrepreneurial opportunity.

Originally from Czechoslovakia, Krupelak moved to Portland in 1990.

As a former professional photographer, his clients included Portland Opera, San Diego Opera and Celebrity Forum. In addition to impeccable design sense, he had the opportunity to photograph notable personalities such as Maya Angelou, President George H.W. Bush, Colin Powell and Henry Kissinger. Krupelak is happy to be back in Portland, where he makes his home in Northwest and welcomes the challenge of bringing Bravado to the Pearl.

Bravado is hosting an open house from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 8 at 536 N.W. 14th St. For more information call 503-336-4162. **10**

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