

**SURVEY SAYS... Read All About Market 'Bests & Favorites'**

BY MEGAN LEE

For each person who comes to the Pike Place Market there is a reason. Some reasons overlap, but each is unique, like the Market itself. Our unprecedented rareness is also what makes questioning and quantifying BEST & FAVORITES so difficult. The following is a bit of insight to what the people who are here everyday like about the place, what brings 'em back. This ongoing inquiry is in no way scientific or over. Hundreds and hundreds of questionnaires were disseminated. People glance at the questions, bark off a few off-the-cuff retorts and say they were going to think about it. Some took the time to do their homework and return the surveys.

When research began it was the "Who is your favorite Fish Boy?" question that immediately got pens and eyelashes moving. Then, "Who is your favorite Busker?" "Who is your favorite personality?" And so on. Realizing we couldn't fit every plausible question about the Market on a single sheet of paper we asked what we forgot and that to stirred commotion:

So without further ado... Who is your favorite fish boy?

Many were voted for but when the scales were weighed the blue-eyed charmer Jason Scott, Pike Place Fish Co., Bear, Pike Place Fish Co., with his "low voice," and Harry Calvo, Pure Food & Fish, (pictured on the cover) because of "his smile and that goofy 'aw shucks' look" were the definite crowd favorites. A school of other names were nominated and some stated "it is sooo hard to choose" or "I have one at each

stand." (One respondent commented, "We need fish *GIRLS*.")

The Hardest Working Person in the Market category elicited answers from Harvey to "The ghosts of the Market's past, present and future. This Market couldn't exist without the hundreds of the hardest working people busting ass everyday." The mustached marauder Mr. Harry Calvo, a.k.a. the "Cal Ripkin of the Market," was also named fishily frequently. "Danny, of Wonder Freeze—attendance counts." The lovely Natasha Dragas, of Uli's and Shy Giant, "has two jobs and goes to massage school." And, the people who are here everyday recognize the tremendous amount of work the PDA Market maintenance team does. James Stimac, Roan Pizan, Julio Moreno, Danial Reddin, Justin Philbrick, Marianne Scott, Hernando Navarro,



**James Stimac, considered by many to be the spiritual leader of Market Maintenance, is seen here battling the late-night chindy.**

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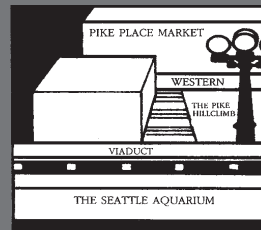
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