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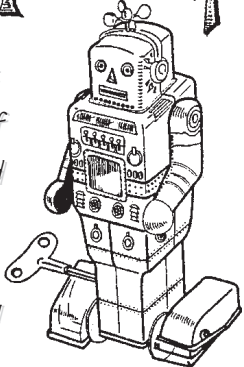
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Eric Riley, Bryan Hamilton, Luis Etheridge, Gar Massey and Krisna Beck are the swing and night shift crew that completely mops, scrubs, sweeps and cleans the ENTIRE MARKET EVERNIGHT are the glue that keeps the Market together.

Favorite Busker was another hot race! Jim Hinde's distinctive lyrics and style make him a definite multi-mention favorite. Jonny Hahn's piano and vocals also were mentioned frequently. Beloved balloon bender Twister Thomas (pictured on cover) is recognizable crowd pleaser known for his spectacular outfits and creations, and fan fave. The painted performers of the Moon Penny Opera, a.k.a. "the scary clown band with the accordion" were recognized liberally. "The A-Cappella Group." "The Chinese fiddler, sounds good and that guy with paper cup." "Carlton Baltimore—originality." And, of course the one-man-band

the season with their brilliant bouquets. "Lita who does flowers." "Lina, she worked everyday of her life for 40 years." Issie and Libby, Best Flowers, have talents and techniques didn't go unnoticed. Laura Gildersleeve, Pike Place Flower Co., with the transcendent...uhhmm...arranging skills is another fan favorite.

The favorite place to kiss was left blank on many questionnaires, but people who did respond were very specific. "The Gum Wall [that notorious speckled spot in Post Alley outside the Market Theater] it's yummy." Several who live within in the Market explained reasons why their domiciles are best. "On the lips," was another.

Most Bizarre Thing Ever purchased was as bizarre as expected, are people shy? Responses ranged from Celeric, to "Tarot Cards and Emu oil," to "Dried Chili Shrimps." Many nominations were unmentionable.

The Market Bookshops each have their specialty so depending on what one wants determines their fave. Left Bank Books elicited the most definite



A favorite thing about the Market is you never know what you will find, and maybe thats the BEST thing. The craftline is a brilliant example... Paintings from a wolf.

himself, Mr. Emery Carl, is a definite crown pleaser. This troubadour hula-hoops, plays guitar and harmonica, dances, sings and has an array of instruments strapped around him, stops even the most jaded passersby. (The list goes on.)

Nominees for Favorite Market Personality were all over the place: John Hanawalt, "because he's smart and he's funny and he's Callum's dad," "Celeste Poff-Shaffer," "Claudia Kelly, with the great hats," Kitty at Lowell's is "never boring," Paul Dunn, "Nancy Nipples," "Billy B. a.k.a. Thundercloud," "Chad from Read All About It," "the petite girl from the wine commission" and of course Mr. Twister Thomas too didn't go unnoticed!

In the Display Techniques category, good old Franks [Genzale's] Produce is definite fan favorite. Manzo Brothers, Sosio's and nearly every fruit stand received honorable mention. As did Local Color: Art, Coffee and More, Sydne Albanese does an amazing job." Charley Posey." "Simo Silk: silky, bright, soft and stands out as you walk by."

Nominations for Favorite Produce Vendor conjured up the usual suspects. "Butch (formerly of Stilnovich)" was mentioned. "Frankie and Johnny at Frank's—cute!" "Hmong families." You know who they are.

Favorite Flower Fixer is another hot battle. The "friendly Hmong families on the Line" are a definite best. Their smiling faces and quick hands reflect

responses: "Subversive anarchy rules." "Lamplight Books, they know their collection, they have read a lot of them and parts of their selection splits time between their personal home library and their shop's shelves." Lionheart Books was nominated for conversation and BLMF was nominated for the conversations the books start.

Who Makes the Unusual Crafts was another category which it was evidently difficult to pick just one. "Jim and the Rhythm Sticks. They draw everyone's attention, entertain and are truly curious." Each person in the North Arcade deserves nomination. (Read Marie Ary to learn more.)

Then there is the food... For breakfast Emerald Kettle is fan favorite, "Joseph does it right." And, "the Athenian for the Bloody Mary's." "Lowell's, Mark's smile." "The Crummet Shop, sweet and savory every time." Responses depended on time available.

For Lunch, Turkish Delight is a local best. Semera's smiling face and the outstanding food makes any day better. "Yummy Crepe de France" is high one most lists (one person called it "the best restaurant in Seattle") Noni and family are magic. Emerald Kettle, too, received many mentions. "El Puerco Lloron." "La Vaca's rice & beans, Beecher's cheesy sandwiches or El Mercado Lationo." "Jasmine Thai." (The list goes on.)

For dinner it was a toss up between longtime favorites The Pink Door and

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