

Market Talk *By Megan Lee*

What does independence mean to you?



Emilio Rodenaz
Busker
(Guatemala)

"I haven't had a New Year's Resolution in years....this way I don't feel bad if I break it."



Bev Harper
Fero's Meats
(Scotland)

"To party until dawn and still make it to work, that's independence. Oh, and maybe winning the lottery..."



"Mr. D"
Mr. D's Deli
(Greece)

"Independence – to Greeks – is freedom; not just individual freedom, but freedom for the group. There is a Greek saying, 'It is better to have one day free than to live for 400 years of being ruled.'"



Farhad Popai
F & J's Great
Western Trading Co.
(Afghanistan)

"The ability to do what you want, to act how you want, and to feel how you want. It is all about you."



Henry Kim
Rotary Grocery
(South Korea)

"Independence means celebration and freedom. The freedom for fireworks, drinking lots of beer and time with family and friends."



Nick Elazar
Down Under
Portrait Artist
(Uzbekistan [Russia])

"Independence means freedom on all occasions. Independence is freedom for American people. I am glad to we have independence, especially from the Cold War."

A Letter from the Editor

The annual rain festival began just on time June 20, and the summer weather is marked by Seattleites in their summer best – shorts, sandals and only the lightest of sweaters. Still, the proof of summer is on all the high stalls – a literal cornucopia of fresh fruit.

Foremost amongst this bounty, to my mind, are the cherries. The Market cherries are bright, plump, sweet and far less expensive than in my neighborhood supermarket; better quality, too. I have been buying them five pounds at a time, mixing Bing and Rainier cherries, in my annual, personal, gluttonous celebration of the returning of fruit.

Try the peaches, too. Supermarkets seem to

have the kind of peaches that would be useful for children in neighborhood battles, but far too crunchy for the connoisseur. The high stalls have the real deal; peaches that fill your mouth with sweet flavor so bursting with goodness that the juice dribbles down your chin. It is difficult to eat these magnificent peaches and look polite doing it. I don't care. Do you? I just try to keep my shirt front from getting drenched (that's just too tacky).

The Marketeers, at this writing, have won two of their five softball games for a .400 win average. That's as good as the Mariners this season, and reason for the Market News' first-ever sports page. Staff members Megan Lee

and Ritzy Ryciak have both contributed to the team, and Megan is now our ace (unbiased? I don't think so) sports writer.

Anne Harvey has some advice in this issue concerning container plant maintenance in hot, sunny weather (if we get any). She also had information on the international cherry pit spitting competitions, but we just couldn't quite fit it in. Would you believe the world record holder manage to spit



a pit 110 feet, four inches? I can't even shout to my kids that far (well, they don't seem to hear me).

So settle down, order a coffee or a smoothie, and take a look at our offerings. There is a bit of history (Solly Amon, the Pergola), a little politics (PDA elections coming up), a dandy dessert recipe and an explanation, once again, of what constitutes organic produce. Somehow we did not manage to get Larry Fossberg's Joke Corner into this issue, but you might get a smile from our gossip column, "The Scandalous Scallion." Why scallions? I guess I'll have to ask.

If you see somebody hogging a place in front of the high stalls spitting cherry pits, that person may have a familiar face. Look for me. I'm the tall guy in the hat with a mouth full of cherries (and peach juice on my shirt).

Pike Place Organizations Directory

Market Foundation

The Market Foundation raises money to support the Market's services for low-income people, including its Clinic, Senior Center, Food Bank and Child Care & Preschool. The Foundation also supports the Market's heritage programs, public improvements and repairs to the Market's historic buildings, development of new low-income housing in the Market, and programs that assist the Market's farmers.

Historical Commission

This 12-member board is appointed by the mayor of Seattle to regulate use and design changes within the nine-acre historic district, in accordance with guidelines and Ordinance 100475, to preserve and maintain the Market's historical character. For more information please contact Heather McAuliffe at 206.684.0229, or email: heather.mcauliffe@seattle.gov to receive Commission agendas. Agendas are also posted in the Market's main arcade kiosks

Merchants Association

The Pike Place Merchant's Association grew out of the original Farm Association established in the 1920s. The Merchants Association advocates for, and serves, its members by providing access to the finest professional legal, accounting, bookkeeping, business insurance, and health insurance services. Since 1974, the Association has published the Pike Place Market News monthly to promote the Pike Place Market Historical District neighborhood. For advertising in the Pike Place Market News, please contact Leilani McCoy and for editorial content, please contact Korte Brueckmann. For more information about the Association and its activities, please call 206-587-0351.

PDA Council

Assistance with historical photos generously provided by Sue Gilbert-Moore and the rest of the PDA Marketing Department.

Pike Market Performers Guild

This organization of musicians and street artists performing within the Market historical district is dedicated to stewardship and promotion of the performing arts. Their first annual Buskers' Festival held in the fall of 2002 showed the strength of their voices. One of their goals in 2003 will be the promotion of music events and the 2nd annual Buskers Festival at the Market.

Constituency

The Pike Place Market Constituency is a public membership organization that provides a forum for participation in governing process of the Market. Four members of the Constituency are elected by the membership to four-year terms on the PDA council. July meeting July 13, 6 p.m., PDA conference room.

Senior Center

The following activities take place at the Pike Market Senior Center, 1931 First Ave. For more information, call Nola Freeman, 728-2773.

HOT LUNCH IS SERVED every Monday through Friday, 12 p.m.
 Every Monday: Folk Dancing, 1 p.m.
 Every Tuesday: Artists Studio, 10 a.m.
 Every Tuesday, Friday: Exercise with Weights, 9 a.m.
 First and Second Tuesday: Playreading, 2 P.M.
 Every Thursday: Craft Circle 1 P.M.
 Last Friday: Birthday Party 1:15 P.M.