

# Market Talk By Megan Lee

*What is your most memorable Thanksgiving Disaster Story?*



Lou Alexander and Joe Ross  
The Haggis Brothers

"There was that time we tried to deep fry the turkey... yee-haw!"



Laura Gildersleeve  
Pike Place Flowers

"I don't have one."



Jerry Jensen  
Painting Pusher on the Joe Desimone Bridge

"We were at the airport a few years ago coming home, we'd just deplaned and were headed to baggage claim. When we looked out the window and saw a stewardess that had some how backed up into a prop. It dis-assed-her."



Crystal Schaler  
Pike Place Bar & Grill

"Ohmigosh, it was *LAST* year. We were coming back to Seattle from an awesome dinner on San Juan Island and traffic on I-5 came to a dead stop. We were in a taxi. We sat for three hours. And... they were calling me in to work."



Young O.  
Market Photographer

"I love Thanksgiving time. I love the Market this time of year. No disasters... good times."



Scott Wallace  
Market Regular

"Thanksgiving is just great."

## A letter from the Editor

By KORTE BRUECKMANN

Thanksgiving; it is our national high-feast day, and we all associate it with family and tradition. We think of Norman Rockwell and stuffed bellies, if we are lucky. Some of us have special memories of Thanksgiving dinners that did not turn out quite right. All of us think of the less fortunate at this time

of year.

We have some terrific ideas this issue to help you plan your holiday. Megan Lee and Marie Arey have gone through the Market and found some bright spots that you may wish to consider as you do your holiday shopping. We asked some Marketeers about holiday disasters, but most seem to be short of truly disastrous.

We had a Thanksgiving dinner planned, and having little money bought a *very* inexpensive turkey. The thing was so pumped full of water that it filled up a good part of the roasting bag, making it overlap the baking pan.



Of course, the hot oven rack was too much for the plastic bag and it dropped its load on the oven element, water, turkey fat and all. The resulting fire was a thing of wonder for our four-year-old. The taste of turkey, by the way, is not improved by throwing baking soda on its charred carcass.

Another year I was in charge of dinner prep and I asked my wife and grade-schooler children what they would like for Thanksgiving dinner. I got no response from any of them besides non-committal grunts and shrugs.

For dinner we had mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, sauerkraut and turkey sausage. Yum! I still don't understand what they were so upset about.

I am a veteran too. They tried very hard to make Thanksgiving dinner a special occasion while I was in the army. Sometimes they succeeded better than others, but they always tried hard. I give them a lot of credit for that.

I hope you think about our veterans and our active military, especially the permanently disabled and the ones in harm's way, on Veterans Day and on Thanksgiving.

In the meantime, if you see me around the Market on Veterans Day, I'll be the tall guy in the Vietnam Veteran baseball cap.

## Larry Fossberg's Joke Corner



**What happened to the pilgrim that was nearly shot by the Indian?**

—He had an ARROW escape.

**What keys cannot open a door?**

—Mon-keys, don-keys and TUR-KEYS

**Why did the Indian Chief wear so many feathers?**

—To keep his WIG-wam

**Why do turkeys always go GOBBLE GOBBLE?**

—Because they never learned good table manners

**Why kind of music do pilgrims like?**

—Plymouth Rock

**What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo?**

—A bird that will pluck itself

**What's the key to a great Thanksgiving Dinner?**

—The tur-KEY

