

## Market Talk *By Megan Lee*

*What's your best Halloween costume ever?*



Teal Milyko  
Mick's Peppourini

"Once I went as 'Tangled in Blue' . . . like the Bob Dylan song. Except...I kept having to explain what I was."



"C.B."  
PDA

"Probably Darth Vader."



Kristie Foss  
Clayzeness Whistle Works

"My mother would carry around a stool. And, when people asked what she was...she'd say 'taller'."



Darth Vader  
Big Boys Toys

"I'll have to say voluptuous nurse."



J.B.  
BLMF Book store

"There are two...I saw this guy dressed as Monica Seles-with a knife stabbed into his back. Or, a girl I went out with went as a lost child from a milk carton. (The costume included a full-body milk carton with her tiny face peeking out.) It looked really cool, but it was hard to get in and out of vehicles."



Darren Goodman  
Market Shopper

"This year, I am going to be the Frye Guy. Ya know that guy who stands on Fifth and Pike, with the sign and the stick, chanting, 'Seattle Police is COMMUNIST.'"

## Market lost & found has it

What once was LOST now is FOUND: Pike Place Market's Lost-and-Found impound""Down in the south Market catacombs, near the preschool, to the south of the stairwell "cave," is the Market PDA Security Office. The bright, but tiny, office may be one of the Market's many nooks and crannies people prefer not to visit, but it is here where all that is lost is eventually found. It is here where everything ends up.

"The weirdest thing I ever found - well, that we had turned in - was a big bag of cocaine and \$3000," said Derek Malvern, evening security guard and 11-year PDA veteran. "We get all kinds of stuff, sometimes people misplace something and they are nervous to retrieve it."

It is usually cell phones, keys, cameras and that kind of stuff but there have also been prosthetic limbs, dentures and bizarre unexpected stuff. When it is something traceable like a cell phone or ID they do make an effort to return it.

PDA Security Manager Chuck Winters says it's a natural function of security to be where everything ends up, to be the Lost-and-Found. There are a few city ordinances and state laws that guide them as well. Things that are not claimed or are contraband are turned over to the Seattle Police Department. Security works tightly with SPD and they usually turn everything over every week or so.

If you lose or find anything in the Market the best thing to do is to call 24-hour Security (682-2253) as soon as possible. Winters says that way the guards on duty can connect what



**Lose something? There is a pretty good chance you will find it at Market Security's lost and found. Photo/Bradley Enghaus**

is lost to what is found as soon as possible. This is especially helpful with tourists.

The best advice the security staff can give is to pay attention. Be alert and aware of your possessions.

"We've had many happy ending here," added Winters. "I remember a survey done by Condé Nast magazine in which they went to several large American cities and left a wallet around to see when or if it was returned. Seattle came out best. So if you are going to lose something I guess this is the place to do it."

## Early Bird parking rates lowered, and start time extended

By JOHN LIVINGSTON

Early Bird parking rates have dropped down to \$6 for people who get to Pike Place Market parking garage early enough - and the cutoff time has been moved back to 10 a.m. instead of 9:30.

From Monday through Saturday, if you get your ticket to enter the covered garage before 10 a.m., parking costs \$6 all day.

The extended time is in effect through Jan. 31, 2006, according to parking lot manager Gil Maxey. He is encouraging everyone to spread the word about the half-hour extension.

"Many business people in the Market don't have to come in until 10 a.m. and we would like to capture their parking business," he said. "We'll evaluate it at the end of January, and if it doesn't get the volume of parking we expect, we'll decide whether to continue."

Although the parking lot has never extended the starting time to 10 a.m. before, Maxey said the all-day rate varies on volume.

It went up to \$7 and then to \$8 in the

summer to make sure that more stalls are available for Market customers. Now that the summer season is over the rate has gone down to \$6.

"We evaluate it every three months. It generally goes down in winter, although that is not etched in stone," Maxey said. "If we get enough customers, we could keep it."

One thing won't change - on Sundays, the parking rate will remain at \$5 all day, no matter how long a person parks.

And there is no free parking in the Market garage. For non-Early-Bird customers the rate remains at \$3 per hour.

The Market ended one-hour free parking last spring. Maxey said the Market Garage was not receiving enough revenue to pay for ongoing maintenance, adding that the free parking was attracting illegal activity.

For more information - including evening specials at Market area dining establishments, visit the Pike Place Market parking web page at <http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/site.asp?p=parking> or call 206-621-0469.

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