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James Duncan shouts with excitement while visiting the Space Needle in Seattle, Wash.

**Destination Guide**

**Pike Place Market:**  
Main entrance located at First Ave. and Pike St. Seattle, Wash.

**MOD Pizza:**  
519 Broadway East Seattle, Wash.

**Fenix Tattoo:**  
106 1st Avenue South Seattle, Wash.

**Amtrak in Oregon City:**  
1757 Washington Street Oregon City, Ore.

**Pike Place Market**

It's like an everyday version of Portland's Saturday Market, with of course, flying fish. Pike Place Market has shared unique and exciting sights, sounds and smells with the populace since 1907.

Street performers are a common sight, with many in the same spot for many days. On one corner sits a white-haired man playing a piano, a half block away near the fish market, stands a man singing and playing an accordion. Within the main market,

which is a three-story complex that reaches nearly down to Elliot Bay, with more than 100 different vendors sell their various goods. Organic dried fruit, handmade goods and supplies, a full-scale replica of Darth Vader's helmet, the market is a wonderful place and a location that nearly any visitor to Seattle will find spectacular.

According to their website, PikePlaceMarket.org, the market is open 19.5 hours per day and 362 days per year.

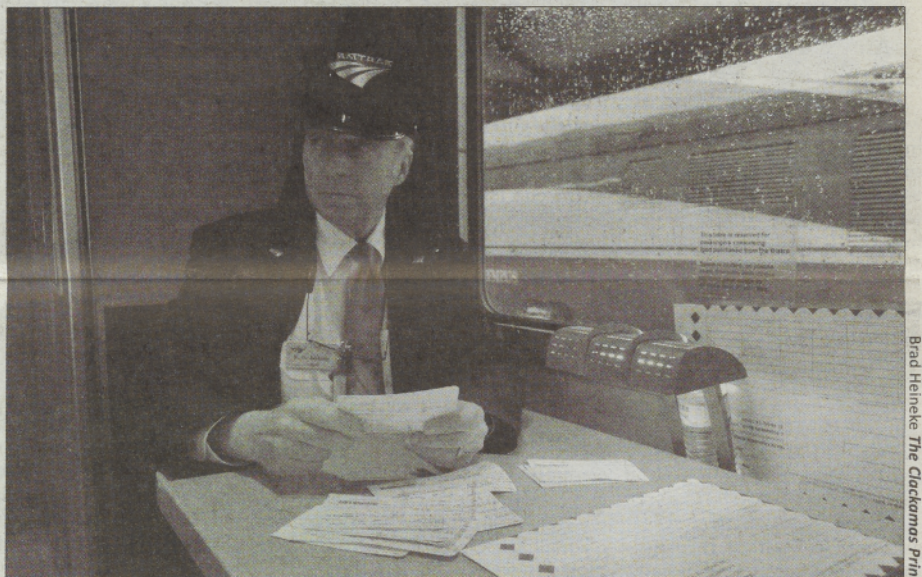
Right: A variety of fish for sale at Pike Place Market in Seattle, Wash.



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Below: Ken Jackson Amtrak Cascades Conductor does a ticket count as the 504 leaves the Oregon City depot for Seattle.

Bottom: Downtown Seattle skyline.



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**Hot spot for Seattle pizza**

Don't you love when you find that place in a big city where you can eat delicious food and not have to worry about spending more than \$10? MOD Pizza, with five locations in the Seattle area, serves up wonderful made to order personal pizzas (11") for just \$6.99.

MOD Pizza is a perfect place to grab a bite if you're craving crispy thin crust or vegetarian fair. I had the Tristan, a delicious pizza topped with

mozzarella, Asiago cheese, marinated roasted red peppers, mushrooms, pesto; what could make it better than being asked if I wanted to add anything to that, which I did because spinach is the perfect counterpart to pesto.

If you are looking for tasty customizable food and a friendly atmosphere, I think I've found your new spot. To check out the menu visit [www.modpizza.com](http://www.modpizza.com)

**Permanent souvenir**

I settled into the big gray chair and arranged the plush Eeyore I was given as a pillow, "Bzzzz!" The sounds of pain emanated from the adjoining room. This was the perfect night for a tattoo. After two hours of highly detailed shading and fine lines, I was done. The price was even lower than expected, \$200 for a tattoo the size of a saucer, and

I am now finding every reason to take my shirt off and show friends my newly decorated chest.

Fenix Tattoo offers competitive prices and amazing art. The fine craftsmanship of their tattoo artists is evident. They were very patient as I designed the tattoo and when they drew it out I saw my dream realized. Fenix Tattoo is walk-in only most days of the week and open until well after midnight on the weekends. Over all Fenix Tattoo is a must see little place if you are ever in Seattle and feel like getting some ink done.

**Amtrak rides from Oregon City to Seattle**

"Oregon City to Portland continuing to Seattle. All Aboard!"

I imagined these words and what it might have been like here 100 years ago. I was waiting for the Amtrak 504 at the Oregon City train depot. Many people don't realize that such a station still exists. It is located across from the Oregon Trail Visitor Center, the three huge covered wagon-like structures along I-205.

When the train pulled in, the

conductor stepped from one of the cars. He actually wore a uniform and cap I envisioned as quite similar to that of a century ago. Only a few got off here and a few of us boarded. We were quickly speeding along and crossing the Clackamas River. In about 20 minutes we rolled up to Portland's Union Station. This was the only stop along this trip when there was time to be allowed to step off the train. I took the opportunity to take in the grandeur of the station.

After leaving Portland,

the train continued on to Seattle with several brief stops along the way. We spent time traveling along the Columbia River, Hoods Canal, the Puget Sound and along and across many smaller scenic rivers. I was surprised by how smooth and quiet the train was, and enjoyed the plush leather seats, free Wi-Fi and the dining car. This trip was a good value at only \$31 one way. The Cascade Amtrak runs between Eugene and Vancouver British Columbia several times a day.

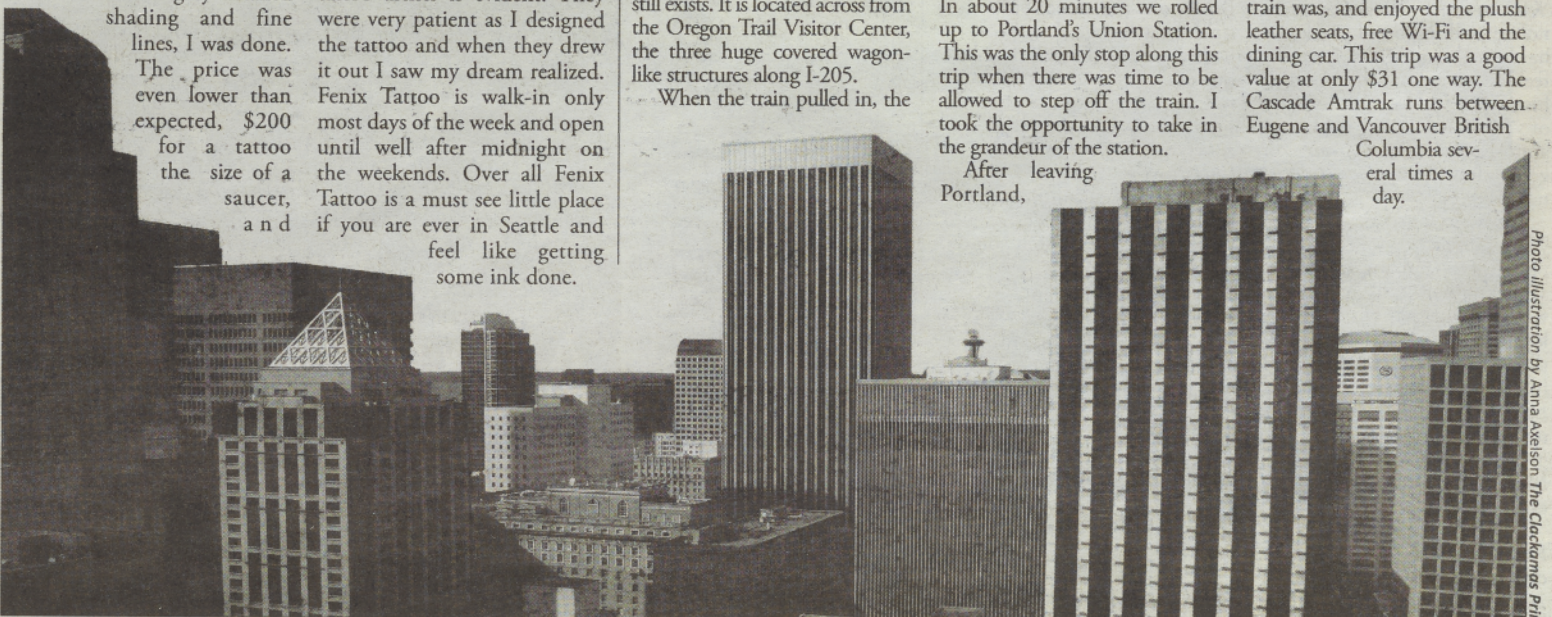


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