

# THE FARMER DOWN THE BLOCK

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>> Most toil in the outskirts' soil. Then, they come here, to the land of smog, traffic and Type-A organic shoppers to sell their wares.

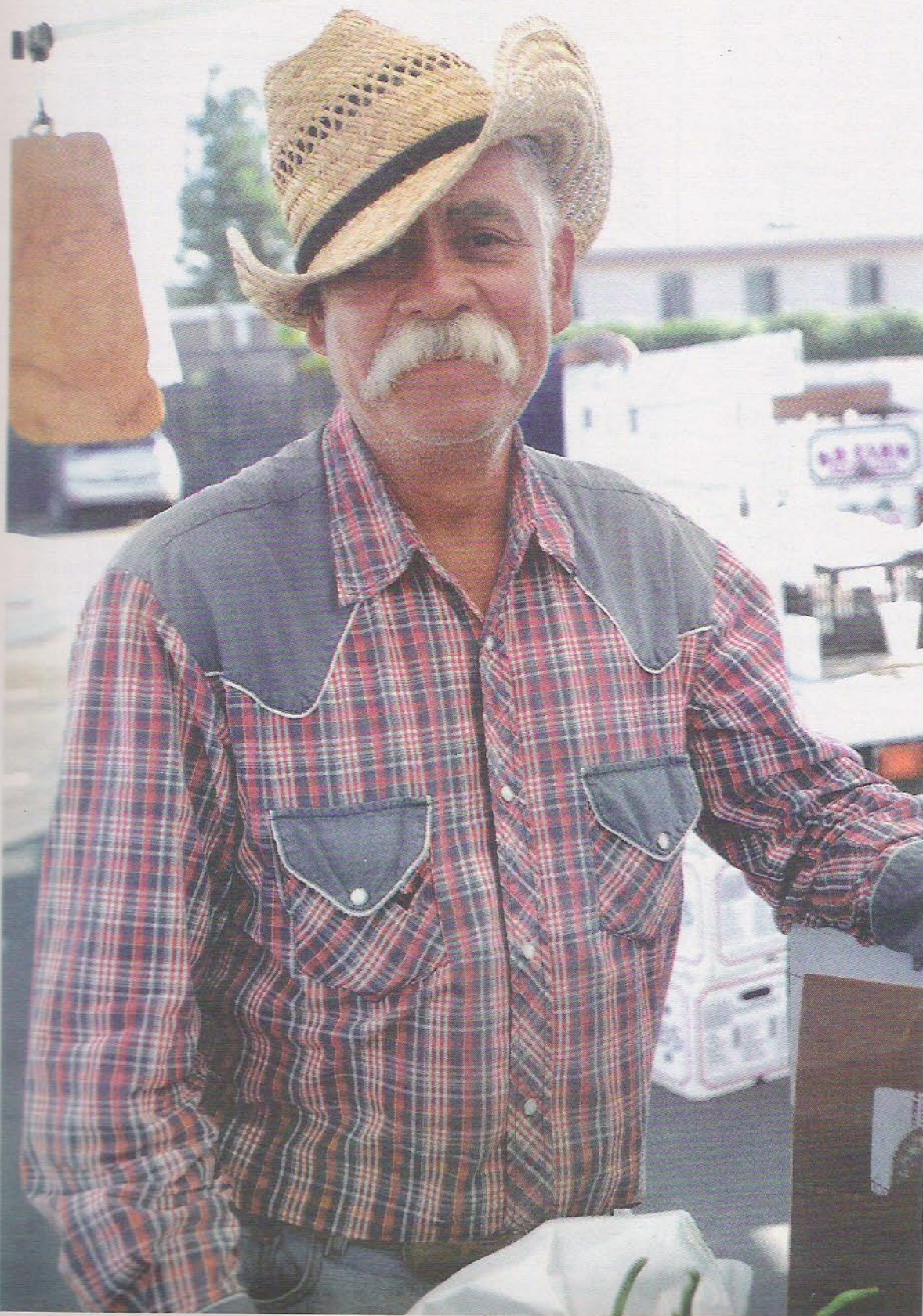
We couldn't help but wonder about the vendors at our Certified Farmers'

Markets. For most, the markets in Los Angeles provide 100 percent of their income. And in the hours not spent selling — or driving to and from selling — they battle weather, disease and pests in order to farm. Also, there are musicians,

whom everyone just loves.

The work exhausts them, but these aggies and artists wouldn't have it any other way. They love their farms, crafts, and most of all, their independence

—Neille



'I GOT TIRED OF WORKING FOR SOMEBODY, SO I WORK FOR MYSELF. MY KID THEY NEVER HE ME. I HAVE TO HIRE PEOPLE!

'TODAY TRY THE CACTUS. IT'S THE BEST.'

>> **SANTIAGO SANTILLAN**  
FARMER LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
AT THE VERMONT/ADAMS CFM



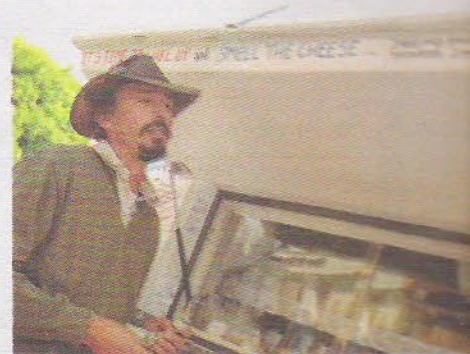
>> **DAVID K. MARTIN**  
MUSICIAN, ECHO PARK  
AT HOLLYWOOD CFM



'I DO MUSIC TO  
FIND THE KEY TO  
THE UNIVERSE.

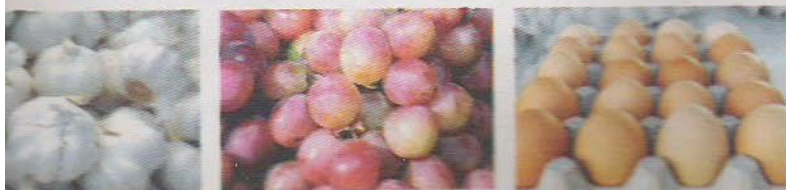
THE KIDS LOVE  
ME BECAUSE OF  
MY POSITIVITY.  
KIDS PICK UP  
ON THAT.'

**>> KING SWAMI G**  
MUSICIAN, PHOTOGRAPHER  
AND PAINTER, PASADENA  
AT THE LARCHMONT CFM



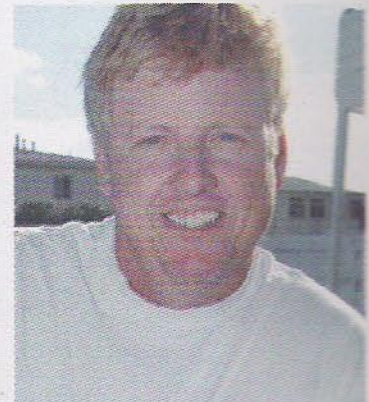
'I ALWAYS BRING SOME  
NEW CHEESE EVERY  
WEEK. THEY LOVE MY  
PERSONALITY, MY  
SERVICE, MY STORIES.'

**LAURENT BONJOUR**  
CHEESEMONGER, LOS ANGELES  
AT THE LARCHMONT CFM





**CHAN YANG**  
FARMER, FRESNO  
AT HOLLYWOOD CFM



'I GET OUT WITH THE BEES TWO OR THREE DAYS A WEEK. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THEY NEED DIFFERENT ATTENTION TO KEEP THE HIVES AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE. A LOT OF BEEKEEPERS GO TOWARD THE ALMONDS IN EARLY FEBRUARY. YOU SET 'EM DOWN FOR THE BENEFIT OF CROSS-POLLINATING THE ALMOND TREES.'

**MICHAEL SCHWENN**  
BEEKEEPER, LONG BEACH  
AT THE VERMONT/ADAMS CFM

