1977 Market Senior Center begins in ex-biker tavern called the Motherlode.

1978 Victor Steinbrueck Park, honoring key player in Market salvation, completed on site of former armory.

1980 The Market Authority completes acquisition of 80 percent of the Market’s land.

1983 Market enters real estate and management agreements with New York-based Urban Group to raise capital for rehabilitation.

1985 Campaign begins to replace wooden floors with tiles, each named for a contributor; raises $1.2 million.

1986 Rachel, the bronze pig, installed at Market; raises $9,000 a year.

1989 Market parking garage completed.

1991 The Urban Group’s attempt to foreclose on the Market gets final defeat in the courts.

1995 Public votes to keep Pine Street open to traffic.

2001 Inspired by Rachel, city begins “Pigs on Parade” contest; raises $500,000.

2007 Centennial. The Market covers 9 acres with 56 food vendors, 98 other merchants, 50 restaurants, 20 offices or service outlets and 450 residents; 9 million visitors a year come to see it.