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A Monterey native and his world-recordlength tongue—yes!—lick Carousel Candies.



There are some compelling numbers associated with the new edition of the *Guinness World Records 2015*.

This marks edition number 60.

It will reach 3 million copies.

The last word on insane human feats will land in 100 countries.

It will also be translated 20 languages.

It might even contend for #1 best seller ever.

But those stats, while impressive, don't measure the most mighty one: 3.97 inches.

That's longer than the standard iPhone screen, and also the length of one Monterey native's tongue.

(Amazing side note: That doesn't even count the part inside his mouth. The official measurement is the distance from the tongue's tip to the middle of the *closed* top lip.)

But there are times when numbers alone won't do.

Fortunately several photos of **Nick "The Lick" Stoeberl** appear here (see above right) and are featured on the homepage of the <u>Guinness records website</u>.

Better yet, they take place at iconic **Carousel Candies** (646-9801) on Fisherman's Wharf, pretty much the best sticky, licky and colorful setting ever for a wagger like that.

"We were so pleased to have Carousel Candies as the site of the photo shoot," owners **Rick** and **Liz Elves** said, relieved they could finally publicize news they had guarded under agreement since last January. "Congratulations to Carousel Candies and Nick Stoeberl, too!"

Stoeberl, 24, is originally from Monterey and now living in Santa Cruz, where he's a comedian and performer (and taking the stage at Don Quixote's in Ben Lomond Sept. 25 for Party Animal Radio Comedy Night).

He hosts "The Fourth Coming" a huge rock n roll show on Nov. 8, featuring the modern life, slack, requiem, and headlining local phenomenon, Moses Nose in the King City Room of the Monterey County Fair & Event Center.

The eye-catching cotton candy-colored historic shop also earned an appearance on a recent taping of the "**Modern Marvels**" program on the **A & E History Channel**—the video is up on the Carousel Candies website— and Coxey's Big Break, an Australian TV program eager for behind-the-scenes taffy-making.

The store's own internal and on-site "Candy TV" now reveals behind-the-scene candy-making in conjunction with these TV segments.

It's all enough to inspire a hankering for homemade chocolates.

Or Carousel Candies' Rocky Road sticks with homemade fresh marshmallow.

Or pecan rolls, turtles, giant lollipops, clusters, haystacks, gourmet fudge and Belgian chocolate.

Or caramel corn drizzled with chocolate and butter toffee nuts.

No world-record tongue needed.