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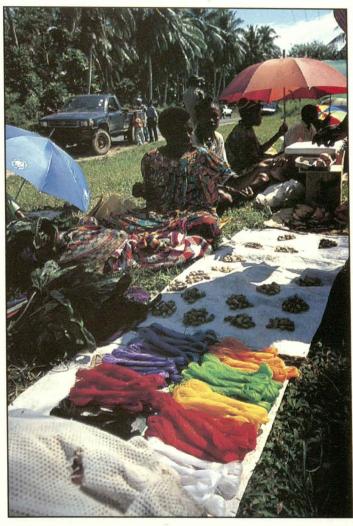
# Daytripping in Madang

Story and photos by Tim Rock

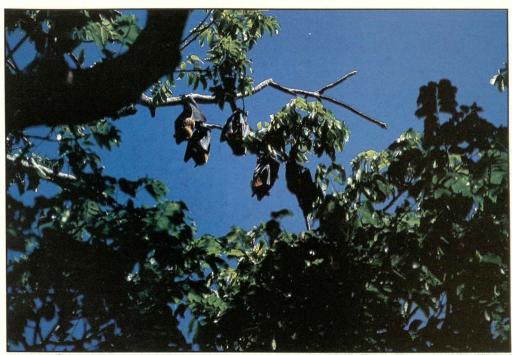
Busy, clean and colourful. That is the first impression one gets of this tropical resort town that sits centrally on Papua New Guinea's north shore. But there are things truly New Guinean, like trees full of chirping fruitbats, a landscaped drive along the deep, blue ocean and parks with lily ponds that flash signs warning of crocodiles, that make you know this place could only be set in Papua New Guinea. It is as popular as it is pretty, being a major visitor destination in the country for those wanting to relax, dive, swim or golf.

Madang is an excellent vacation spot for travellers. Air Niugini has a number of jet flights every day out of Port Moresby to the conveniently located airport. The landing strip is near town but flights do not disturb the serenity of the beautifully landscaped little town. Hotels and resorts dot the area, making the drive from the airport to accommodation a quick trip.

People watching can be a major pastime here. Highlanders and Lowlanders mix as they ply the streets in their varied garb. The women's *bilum* bags are works of art.



Colourful markets in town and along the roadside offer everything from peanuts to handicrafts. Coconuts and fresh fruit can be found here too.



Slung across the back with the straps being supported by the forehead, *bilums* can carry fruit, vegetables, pottery and babies.

The town market seems always busy and full of crafts, fruit and other bargains. Roasted bags of peanuts for only 10 toea help stave off the munchies. Fresh coconuts are great for drinking and bananas provide a sweet helping of potassium.

Lofty ironwood trees around the Market Square are full of flying foxes (*photo on left*) that make the air come alive with their calls. At late dusk, they move to the west to feed, filling the sky with a dracula-esque image. It is amazing to watch this eerie nightly migration.

The local dock near the Madang Resort seems to be always busy with people fishing for schooling sergeant major fish. Their technique is simple: float a hook down into the school and when you feel a fish nudge the hook, yank as quickly as you can. This results in fish being hooked in any which way; in the side, the tail and sometimes even the mouth. Fishing is done from the dock and from a small armada of outriggers that sit in the channel. Nearby, a park is a major gathering spot for kids to swim and families to sit under the shade of a spreading tree.

The big news around Madang recently was the filming of the movie *Robinson Crusoe* with famed actor Pierce Brosnan heading the cast. Thousands of locals took part as extras or in some way did work on the adventure flick. One venue for a scene in the film was a water cave that bubbles sulphur (*photo on right*). Set deep into a jungle cliffline, this leaves the streambed a milky white, and cantankerous turtles course the waters with their white shells. Papua New Guinea is still very active geologically, and this sulphuric refuge can be visited after taking just a short hike.

Other popular sites to see include some vintage plane wrecks near the old World War II Japanese runway, a breathtaking view of the peninsula from the Lutheran mission grounds and a visit to a village where pottery is handmade and fired in village ovens. This pottery is known throughout the region and people travel for many kilometres to trade goods and foods for the prized red clay vessels.

Most of Madang's hotels are well situated for guests to enjoy a cool evening drink along the shoreline or under the stars. A cockatoo or a furry cuscus may appear in the trees.

For divers. a giant white Coastwatchers' Memorial (photo on right), dedicated to those who gave their service during the War marks the entrance of the harbour. The Memorial also acts as a navigational beacon to Sek Island. A large protected inner lagoon runs north while the outer barrier reef is dotted with islands. There are many fine pass dives, reef dives, outer reef dives and wreck dives in this broad and beautiful area.



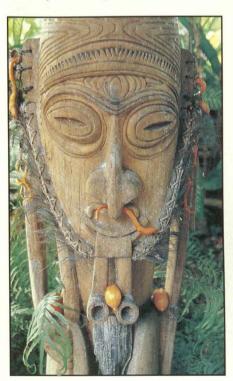


People see the undersea wonders in two ways. They either use land-based dive operations like those located at the Madang Resort or Jais Aben, or they take a live-aboard boat like the *Melanesian Discoverer* or the *Golden Dawn*. Live-aboards offer the flexibility of becoming dive platforms for night dives and also allow venture to more distant islands like Bagabag or the volcanic cones of Karkar.

One of the best dive sites near Madang is a nondescript sea mountain rising from very deep water to just 4 metres. It is called Planet Rock and can be covered in a single dive. The sea life here is amazing for a reef so close to the entrance to Madang Harbour. It sits a good 7-metre boat ride from shore but near the mouth of a major river system, so visibility can be affected when there are rains and runoff.

It may also be this prolific abundance of nutrients that attracts so much sea life. Dive veteran Bob Halstead reports that hammerhead sharks and large pelagics are commonly seen along with a multitude of the usual reef fishes. The sloping pinnacle has lots of active fish life and a huge variety of anemones.

A mask totem is a reminder of the tribal diversity in this region.





Above: A trumpetfish hides in the spokes of a sea fan on the B25 Mitchell plane wreck.

Below: A unique form of fired pottery is a major product of one Madang village where people come from as far as 100 kilometres to trade and buy.



The mainland end of the reef near the mooring buoy is an excellent fish watching spot with schools of large barracuda, jacks, gilded triggerfish, snappers and plenty of smaller reef fish. Nearer to Madang, Magic Passage is a popular rich pass teeming with big, unafraid fish. Huge green tubastrea coral trees and big stands of gorgonians dot the walls and sea floor. There are also reef sharks, thick fusilier and snapper schools and a rubble bottom hosts nudibranchs and cuttlefish.



A unique war artefact is the Mitchell B25 Aircraft (photo above), a sunken plane from World War II. It is largely intact and is filled with an array of colourful coral and invertebrate growth. Sea fans are found on the plane's tail and the rear guns have been cleaned of coral growth with the shiny barrels still intact.

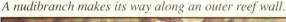
Nearby, the Henry Leith is a shipwreck sunk purposely for diving. It is now home to various soft corals and crocodile fish and lacy scorpion fish.

The barrier reef islands are blessed with perfect beaches. The sandy bottom is perfect for muck diving, a term coined in Papua New Guinea. It means looking for small and unusual critters. The varied sand anemones with clownfish and clown damsels and shallow corals are good for snorkelers and easy diving.

Madang is a real gem. beauty of the area above and below the sea is hard to equal. It offers a unique combination of adventure and relaxation.

Tim Rock is a photo-journalist whose main interest is diving.

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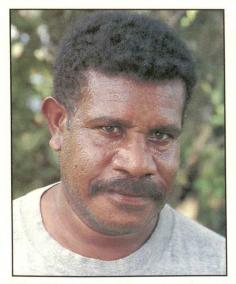
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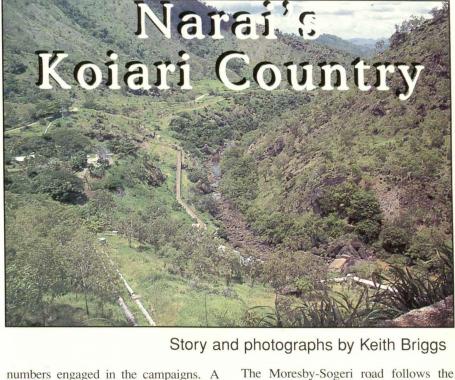
growth.



arai Billy (photo above) spent his boyhood in the rolling grass land and bush country of Koiari country on the Sogeri Plateau, the very area he delights in sharing with his guests. He grew up on stories his father related of the strategic role their village Karakadabu played during World War Two. Named 'Depot' by the army it is only about twelve kilometres from the start of the famous Kokoda Trail.

Just outside Karakadabu stands the monument (photos below) to Australian and Papua New Guinea servicemen and carriers who, with tremendous odds against them, resisted and defeated the invading Japanese army.

A cast bronze relief map (photo bottom right) traces the Trail and villages dotted through the rugged Owen Stanley Ranges while the surrounding text lists the



numbers engaged in the campaigns. A sense of reverence descends upon those reading these facts as they ponder the cost of freedom won in the mud and rain among those peaks, on those torturous slopes, through the valleys and rivers.

Narai Billy, manager of Koiari Tours, will arrange carriers and guides for those planning to trek the whole Trail. For anyone wishing to tackle only a desired section it is possible to fly to various points along the Trail, where accommodation is available and carriers can be engaged. Ask him about the trout fishing in the mountain streams.

The Moresby-Sogeri road follows the Laloki River (photo above). A masterpiece of engineering, the road is chiselled into the almost vertical sides of the gigantic boulder studded walls of the Laloki River valley. With those hairpin bends the driver can't afford to take in the scenery but the passengers enjoy Narai's informative commentary on notable features including the pipelines snaking down the valley carrying Moresby's water supply after it has spun the turbines that generate the city's power.

Thundering Rouna Falls, from which Rouna Power Station gets its name, are a tourist attraction during the wet season. Sirinumu Dam is Moresby's reservoir from where water is piped over land to Rouna for power generation.

Housing villages at points along the pipeline accommodate Electricity Commission staff and colourful roadside markets provide them with products.



A two-way radio network is to be established at each overnighting stop for the safety and peace of mind of Trail trekkers.

Sogeri at 800m above sea level is the town best known in the Kojari area.





There is a lot of colonial history along the Laloki River Valley that Narai imparts in a lively way to his guests.

Varirata National Park covers an area of 1,063 hectares of rainforest and savannah grassland. It is rich in bird and animal life in their natural habitat. Six picnic areas in the park are well maintained, with barbecues and free firewood provided (photo above). Shingle roofed shelters, clean tables and benches are a credit to the Park management. An information centre has pamphlets and posters outlining features of the Park and surrounding areas.

Six different walks can be taken depending on how much exercise you like! Birds of Paradise delight visitors with their colourful displays between mid March and the end of August.

Varirata Lookout on a fine day provides magnificent views of

Moresby city and bays. Other lookouts command coastal views, giving visitors a living, colourful map of a vast area of the Central Province. The small fee paid to enter the Park is worth every toea as it obviously goes into responsible management and maintenance.

Crystal Rapids (photos below), an ideal family outing venue on the lawn-like area in the tranquil bend of the river, is a beautifully kept picnic and recreational area on the Laloki River. While some swim, dive or 'gumi' on inflated motor tubes among the rapids, others play volley ball or chat in relaxed picnic groups.



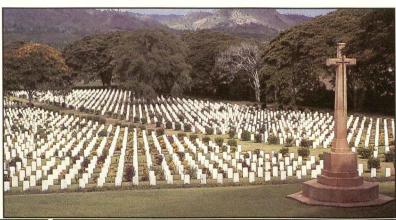
Tranquil scene beside the road to Varirata Park

On the return trip to Moresby Narai takes guests to the Bomana War Cemetery (*photo below*).

In an attractive peaceful garden setting marble 'headstones' commemorate thousands of soldiers killed on the Kokoda Trail during WW2. The names and ages of those young men bring lumps to the throats of visitors with sons in that age bracket. One cannot help wondering what it must have been like for parents, wives and sweethearts from all parts of the world to send their promising young men to fight, suffer and die in the unknown, inhospitable terrain of the Owen Stanley Track where disease killed three times as many as did the enemy.

A day tour with Narai of Koiari Tours combines scenic delights with sobering memories of a past that has created a special bond between Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Contact Billy Narai on Phone/Fax: 325 4403 for details and costs of his day tours and Kokoda Trail treks.







# (Bird of) Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained

Story by Chris Ashton Photographs by Hal Holman

oth as a patron to the artist and as a source of inspiration, Papua New Guinea has been good to Hal Holman, a debt he readily acknowledges. In his lounge room in the north Sydney suburb of Thornleigh, a Papua New Guinean flag the size of a tablecloth, with its Southern Cross and Bird of Paradise in gold on black and scarlet backdrop, hangs from the wall. The bird of paradise is a recurring theme in Holman's artwork, bringing popular acclaim. One time it also brought bitter disappointment. However, a quarter of a century on, this has now been laid to rest.

Designer, painter, sculptor, inventor, Holman stands at a tangent to the planet, not least in appearance. His diminutive stature, 157.5mm in his stockinged feet, and complexion, worthy of an aging walnut, suggest a goblin from the bottom of the garden, or one of Snow White's seven dwarfs.

Surely he is not three quarters of a century old? His energy, curiosity and enthusiasm for life, whether human or artistic, would do anyone half his age proud. Yet his CV shows him serving in the New Guinea campaign in the early 1940s.

A shed of one's own is the cave to which modern suburban man can retreat. In the backyard of Holman's weatherboard bungalow are *two* such sheds. One is an artist's studio, the other a workshop. Paints, canvas, scrap metal and wood, hand tools and machines together with plaster, foam rubber, Heath Robinson contraptions Hal has devised for cutting or shaking air bubbles out of casts, a forge, a lathe and countless other items, trespass on one another's turf. What to the world at large would be chaos is for him harmony in an artist's heaven.



Holman the artist is heir to the ancient tradition of the artist as a craftsman, of harnessing his gift to interpreting the physical world through a variety of mediums and materials. At the Darling Harbour Market Festival Hall the fibreglass flying black swans with the three-metre wing spans are his doing; so too are the bronze and steel pond creatures — frogs, ducks, tortoises and dragonflies — on the ornamental fence



Above: Hal Holman holds one of his pixie sculptures.

Left: One of Holman's bird of paradise paintings

Various other mediums of Holman's art are pictured throughout this article.

along the embankment of Sydney's Centennial Park lake. A Sydney-based Filipino entrepreneur recently commissioned him to sculpt a bust of Jose Rizal, Philippines' national hero from its war of independence.

Insects, birds, tortoises, small marsupials, even fairies, all larger than life and cast in various metals, figure prominently in his repertoire. *I suppose it's because of my stature*, he explains.



Holman once designed a set of stamps for Papua New Guinea of its birds, reptiles and small marsupials, much praised at the time. But his heart wasn't in it. To me reducing things to miniatures went against the grain. I suppose I am trying to prove that I am larger than life. I'd rather have been born on stilts than stumps.

Nothing in Holman's childhood years signalled the path he would follow. The security of his early years was shattered by his parents' divorce and the sale of the family business. He was taken out of St Joseph's College, Riverview and went to Sydney Boys High, but left at 15 to work on a sheep station in outback Queensland. He tells his story without pain or self-pity: That's been my philosophy ever since. You pick yourself up, dust yourself down and get on with it.





The war brought him back to Sydney where, under-age, he enlisted in the army. Posted to New Guinea he served as a sergeant with 2/6 Cavalry Commandos. The war had him gathering intelligence behind enemy lines, pursuing civilians with pro-German and pro-Japanese leanings, evacuating refugees and assisting US Marines during their beach landings on New Britain. When peace came he found his vocation: with an exserviceman's study grant, he enrolled for a Diploma of Art at East Sydney Technical College.



Back to our point of departure, the fact that Papua New Guinea has been Holman's principal patron and source of inspiration, especially in his exploration of its national emblem, the bird of paradise. Papua New Guinea and Holman first crossed paths more by chance than design. By the early 1960s, Holman was an established commercial artist, largely in Sydney but also from a three-year stint in India as an art director with an advertising agency, and as a set designer and animator in film and television.

In 1962 Hal flew to Port Moresby for what was intended as a brief visit to see his sister. Instead he joined the Department of Information and Extension Services, with the title Senior Illustrator, responsible for pictures and other visual aids to government departments. Among his colleagues and friends was a young journalist called Michael Somare.

When Holman started work in Port Moresby the notion of Papua New Guinea as a sovereign state seemed remote. In the decade that followed Somare resigned from the public service to establish the country's first political party; in 1973 was elected the first Chief Minister; and in 1975 became the first Prime Minister.

Holman's brief also changed. He designed a set of stamps of Papua New Guinea fauna and flora, followed by the national crest — a bird of paradise perched on a brace of spears and a wardrum, which continues in use to this day.

With Independence approaching, Holman planned to return to Australia. As his final homage to his adopted country for more than a decade he conceived, designed and built at his own expense a half-size model of a seven-metre stainless-steel bird of paradise (photo at top of page). The idea was that it would perch on a plinth in an ornamental lake in Waigani, the new administrative centre of Port Moresby. Jets of water, floodlit after dark, would simulate the bird's tail plumes. With its wings spread full, it would symbolise the nation emerging.

The Papua New Guinean Cabinet approved the project unanimously and voted AUD50,000 towards it. This sum was matched by the local Chinese community.



The local subsidiary of the Australian company Monier offered to supply materials and build the concrete plinth. The PNG Electricity Commission offered to install the lighting while a local plumbing firm offered to install the pipes and nozzles. Each of the offers was free of charge.

Then it was cancelled. An expatriate lecturer at the University of PNG mobilised his students against it. How dare the Government award this to an expatriate? Doubts, albeit spurious, were cast on its structural soundness. Cabinet withdrew its support. The Chinese community followed suit.

Holman's working relationship with trainee artists under his supervision had always been happy. Now, he was dismayed. The bird had died, he recalls. I felt a certain amount of bitterness, but I had to get on with life.

He cut the model into pieces, wrapped them in hessian sacking and shipped them to Sydney. There it was rebuilt and for many years stood in his Sydney suburban garden.

That might have been the end of it but Holman took its picture and circulated copies to friends and prospective clients, among them the Queensland Government Department of Parks and Wildlife, hoping proof of his talent might bring a brief to sculpt a lyrebird.

No more was heard of the bird until 1997 when an Australian couple still living in Papua New Guinea, friends of Holman from his Port Moresby days, showed the picture to Justin Tkatchenko, the director of Port Moresby's parks and gardens.

Tkatchenko was enchanted. He rang Holman in Sydney, insisting that he buy the scale model for the Botanical Gardens. Further orders followed for other sculptures, typical Holman pond creatures, culminating in a commission for the full-scale bird of paradise.



Holman insisted the bird be built in Port Moresby. A local tradesman, Kaffie Thomas from Chase Engineering worked on it full time, with Holman flying in from Sydney each month to monitor progress, completing the project in seven months. Apart from running out of steel once, everything went smoothly, he recalls. It was quite a feat. Kaffie was cutting, bending and welding. That's not easy with stainless steel as thick as your thumb. I take my hat off to him.

The bird was installed on its plinth in September 1997. It was not, as Holman would have wished, in an ornamental lake with jet-sprays simulating tail-plumes. That lake has yet to be built. It stands instead at a bustling intersection, the Islander Roundabout, against a backdrop of power lines, advertising boards and light industrial factories.

One Port Moresby insider likened this to hanging the *Mona Lisa* in a supermarket, an analogy Holman likes. He hopes a more suitable home will be found one day, but says he is content that his vision has materialised. Holman is still incredulous at the change of fortune for his beloved bird: *There was no way I imagined it could ever be revived. Here were these people I wasn't even in contact with any more, still talking about it, saying what a shame it was that it hadn't been built.* 

The Papua New Guinea Government has commissioned another sculpture by Holman, an outsize version of the national crest, which will stand outside Parliament Haus.



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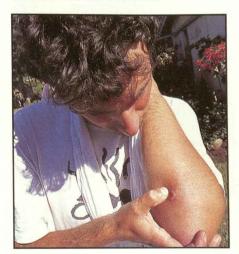
# A PIG FIR PHILIPPE

Story by Marc Dozier Photographs by Claire Angelloz-Nicoud and Marc Dozier

Philippe's Chinese astrological sign is the pig. Is it a coincidence that he loves Papua New Guinea where the favourite animal is the pig? Who knows, but the following story led me to think that Philippe's life is definitely linked with this friendly animal.

Over the last two years Philippe and I have spent many months in Simbu. We love this place and our adopted family, the Waus. We stayed with them in their tiny beautiful haus kunai (traditional house made of wood and grass). But one particular day life was not so good for Philippe. Usually in a very good mood every morning, this day he woke and drank his coffee without a word and went back to sleep on the grass outside. Curious, I asked him what was wrong. Don't you see the fire on my arm? replied Philippe.

After an attentive inspection of his arm, I discovered that the boil he got a few days previously had really inflamed. I started to look for a fireman.





Philippe and his friendly pig

Our hostess, Lina came along, looked at the arm with a grimace and called her brother. John brought an axe in his hand. I thought he was going to cut Philippe's arm without any explanation, but he just came to sit with us. After a brief look, he made a quick irrevocable diagnosis. *Boil ... we have to operate.* 

Philippe desperately looked at me with the look of a piglet who has just understood what a *mumu* entailed, but he agreed with a head sign.

The chief surgeon cleaned his hand with a banana leaf and called in seven men. For my part, I had the roles of anaesthetist, nurse and assistant surgeon, but I can admit that I also played the role of the very worried friend.

Five men held Philippe's arm and legs securely and two others started to press around the boil. *Give him a stick that he can bite*, said the surgeon. Philippe refused the stick but began to feel more anxious than ever.

The open air operating theatre was full of people and it was hard to find light. The doctor, earnest in concentration, scattered the public with a brief *Clear* and continued his work.

I was expecting to hear an authoritative medical voice sharply say *Scalpel*. Instead of a scalpel, an assistant surgeon held out a flower to the surgeon. With the soft spines of this special medical flower, he managed to remove the pus near the surface. Then, he started to press on the arm around the boil with an extreme strength.

Philippe and his unfriendly boil

Philippe's eyes were shut so tight I thought he would never be able to open them again. Suddenly, the wound exploded and an abundance of blood spurted out. Tensed, Philippe looked at me and asked, What happened? Is it finished?

Yes and it was like a second Rabaul volcano explosion, I answered.

Looking at his arm, he said, Anyway, it's crazy, five minutes ago it was so painful and now ... nothing, just a magic operation like in ...

His voice slowly dropped down when he discovered the bloody, gaping hole and added with a comic attitude, Where is the meteor that made this crater? Waaaoouu ... Back in France, I will say that I was traditionally operated on in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea. It will be all the rage to pick up girls.

With professionalism and without listening to Philippe, the surgeon bandaged the wound with a traditional medicinal leaf.

As a motherly nurse, I didn't allow him any visitors, but in Papua New Guinea when a friend is in trouble, all his wantoks are by his side. So, like a television show — Live! The Philippe Crying Show — the whole community came to look at the wound, discuss the operation and reassure Philippe.

We warmly thanked the surgeon as if he had just saved Philippe's life and we actually believed that. A big boil is quite frequent in Papua New Guinea and doesn't create any panic, but for poor westerners like us, when your arm is red, painful and three times its normal size, you really feel you are at death's door.

Just to be reassured, I went to the post office and rang our travel insurance office to ask them about this traditional operation. A doctor answered me and after a precise description of what happened, he said, Surgical sections everywhere in the world would have done the same, perhaps under anaesthetic ... People in the tropics know well all the types of skin disease which are common. So, no worries, just relax and wait.

By chance, that same afternoon, Gorey came to nose around. Gorey is a very good friend of Philippe's, but we used to refer to him as a pig because of his well-rounded stomach, his nose always

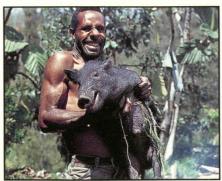
sniffing around and his love for pig meat. Perhaps also because in our Tok Ples, *goret* means piglet.

Gorey is a typical Simbu man, well equipped with a large-toothed smile, a friendly habit of squeezing you in his arms like Hercules when he's happy to see you, a tribal fight scar on his leg, attesting that he is a great fighter, and a touching tendency to cry when we leave.

Philippe and Gorey met in Bogo a few kilometres from Kerowagi and became friends. As with real brothers, they exchange presents. During our first visit, Gorey gave Philippe a beautiful kina shell. In return the following year, Philippe brought Gorey a *dernier cri* (underwater watch).

Aiiii!!! screamed Gorey when he saw the red swollen arm of Philippe. Aiiii ... Soorriiii, he added.

To show his *sori* (sympathy), he instantly decided to kill a pig for Philippe. We vigorously protested, knowing the price of a pig, but Gorey told us: *Ahhhh, this is Papua New Guinea, that's our custom, and yours too, my brother, so we will kill a pig for you tomorrow! Right now, I don't have any pig, but many people have dinau (credit) with me. He called to a passer-by, <i>My brother, I killed a pig for you last year. Return me one for my friend Philippe.* Without surprise or protest, the man smiled and promised to bring a pig the next morning.





Above: Our brother Philip Wau with our future dinner Left: Roxy preparing the mumu Right: Hot stones for mumu

There are many ways to *mumu* a pig but we chose Philippe's favourite one.



First we killed the pig with a delicate but vigorous stick shoot. It didn't make more noise than opening a tin (photo above). Then Mondo, a relative of Gorey, plunged the animal into boiling water, and the pig's eyes turned white. Helped by our Simbu brother, Philip Wau, they removed the skin with sharp knives and prepared the meat. Mondo was experienced enough to open a pig politely — it is very rude to break the stomach pekpek (excrement) pocket.

At the same time Gorey's wife Roxy peeled taro, kaukau and tapiok, and cut vegetable leaves. She prepared some sausages and rolled them in the washed intestine of the pig. Philip preheated the stones on a big fire and arranged them in the *mumu's* 80cm deep dug hole. With banana leaves, he prepared the oven. The hole created by the *mumu* reminded Philippe of the hole in his arm and he made a grimace showing his arm.



Above: *Pig in pot*Below: *Mondo carefully cutting the pig's stomach* 





Mondo put the tapiok at the bottom of the ground oven and arranged the stones, vegetables and pieces of meat.

A dog was licking the banana leaves to collect some fat left behind until Philip gave him a strong kick.

The banana leaves formed huge petals and the hole of the *mumu* was designed like a beautiful giant marguerite.

I would not have been surprised to see a pig with an old watch in his hands screaming, I'm late, I'm late for the mumu of the Queen, followed by an Alice with a bilum full of sweet potatoes on her shoulders. Papua New Guinea could have been Wonderland with the largest butterfly in the world, the big sago caterpillar and its giant flowers and trees. But the rabbit would have been a pig, of course!

After an hour of telling surrealistic stories like this, waiting for the mumu to be cooked, Philip opened the ground oven and doled out the food. With a Highlander's instinct, Gorey arrived just at this moment. He was busy in Kerowagi campaigning to win a council His shiny eyes showed his eagerness to eat the food. Ahhh Philippe, Philippe, Philippe, my brother ... let's eat some of this wonderful pig meat, he said putting his arm around Philippe's shoulders. Of all ways of cooking meat, we Highlanders prefer the mumu. We can roast pig, but we prefer it in a mumu with all the fat with the greens.



Mondo putting tapiok in the giant marguerite

We ate, ate and ate until our stomachs looked like a pig's, flattering the pig with our large appetites. It was a real king's feast, but where was the Queen of Hearts? Roxy carefully packed some more food to give to our host family because it is the custom to show respect and keep the reciprocal links between relatives and clan members.

I defy anybody to find someone on earth more happy than a Highlander eating at a *mumu*. French love wine, Germans love beer, Russians have vodka, Americans enjoy *Coca-cola*,

Japanese drink sake and Chinese like snake blood, but you can make a worldwide tour asking Africans, South Americans, Indians, everybody from Asians to Martians will tell you that there is no one on earth more happy than a Papua New Guinean eating a pig.

This year, we are planning to bring our wantok a present more clever and traditional than a watch. Can you guess?

It can be small and it can be big. It can be domesticated and it can be wild. It can be black and it can be pink. But it always ends up in the stomach of a Highlander. What can it be?

A pig of course.

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# A Yummy, Tasty Experience

Story and photographs by Keith Lahui

live mackerel from 12 bites in 30 minutes? That's right, and that's something for any game fisherman. Where? — off the shores of Lalaura village in Central Province. Lalaura is located along the Magi Highway, about four and a half hours drive from Port Moresby. The village scenery, especially in the afternoon, is one of the best any Marshall Lagoon village can provide — spectacular beaches with hectares of swaying coconut trees and oceans of untouched fishing grounds.

The quiet and friendly people from Lalaura only take from the sea what they require for their daily meals. Fish for sale is basically non-existent, partly due to the fact that there are no freezer facilities available and that the distance from Port Moresby is considerable. But this is also why there is an abundance of fish off the Lalaura coast compared with areas nearer to the city.

At Lalaura the lifestyle is simple, yet so peaceful and rewarding.

Christmas 1997 was dawning on us when I climbed into the offside seat of a 4x4 Toyota Hilux single cab for the long drive to Lalaura. Behind the wheel was my colleague John. We left Tubusereia village at 3am on Christmas Day and arrived at Lalaura at 6.30am.

The next day, Boxing Day, Steve, a fisherman from Lalaura, Paul, a medical doctor from Manus and I decided to go trawling with the aid of a 19-feet banana boat powered by a 30-hp outboard motor. With Steve's local knowledge of the best fishing grounds around Lalaura, we wasted no time hunting around when we left the beach that morning as the sun was slowly making its way up from the horizon, heading straight for a reef not too far from the village. As Steve gathered speed going at full throttle, putting the boat in between and out of the early morning swells, I was already thinking about the number of mackerel we might catch. As we approached the fishing ground, Steve cut the engine and handed Paul and myself a fishing line each. Paul's lure resembled a fish and mine was a bright-coloured spoon.



When our lines were in the water, the engine roared into life and we cruised along the edge of the reef, though much slower this time. A few minutes later, Paul's line tightened and there it was —a mackerel allright. Fighting back, it leaped into the air, throwing showers all over us and reflecting beautifully against the morning sun's rays.

Caught by what was happening, I forgot my own line and concentrated on Manusian as he heaved and tugged at his line. The mackerel did another 'sky show', landed in the water and was gone. It had unhooked itself.

Paul shook his head in disbelief, but disclosed later that he was satisfied to have felt the electrifying experience of having to wage war on a fighting mackerel.

Minutes later, it was my turn. The feeling of a weight fighting at the other end of the line, especially against the current and on a moving boat, was an experience a first-timer would not forget in a long while. Coming from a coastal Papuan village myself and having gone through this a thousand-plus times already, I knew what to do. I pulled on the line with all my strength and refused to give the fish an inch of a chance to fight back. The mackerel came near the boat and I grabbed the wire— found between the hook and the string — and quickly threw the fish into the boat. I drew a smile of satisfaction, having accomplished what we had set out to do. My friends were happy too.

I threw in the line again and the boat picked up speed once more to carry out our mission. For the next 20 minutes or so, Paul's line was like a livewire, shaking and tightening every now and then. On the other side of the boat, it looked as though my luck was gone. I could feel dried salt water on my forehead and chest, and my throat longed for an icy-cold stubby. (We settled for rainwater from a village water tank instead.) My line was dead, drooping and flowing to the tune of the oncoming tide. I could not understand why the doctor's line was so busy

getting all the bites while mine hung very loose at a distance. My count of his bites revealed seven in all, yet none stayed on to be hauled in.

Perhaps the mackerel preferred his lure better, or it could be the distance of his line from the boat, were some of the reasons running through my mind as I sat pondering, changing the lure and adjusting the length of my line, but to no avail. I felt uneasy and funny thoughts flashed through my mind, thinking about all that I had done during the week, at work and at home. Maybe the missus disagreed with my trip to Lalaura and cursed me. (Mind you, the village cemetery is just metres away from my parents' home.)

The operator changed course and we headed in the opposite direction, this time riding into the waves but a little further from the reefs. There, the doc's luck hung on as he hoisted on board the largest catch of the trip. Celebrations followed as I hauled in another prized catch. Although not as big as the medico's, it was about the same size as the one I'd caught previously. So far, three mackerel in about 20 minutes.

Our operator, Steve decided that it was his turn to cast a line. What we were about to witness were the true colours of a Lalaura village fisherman. In less than a minute, his line tightened and another mackerel was in the boat. Cruising a short distance he was again in action, hauling in another mackerel making it five in total. The villager's expert judgment told him that what we had caught was enough, so despite our plea to continue fishing, we headed back to shore with the five mackerel that we had caught without knowing that Steve had other reasons to return home early.

While we were out at sea, sports teams were already preparing for the one-off annual Christmas rugby league challenge between Port Moresby Kalawai and Lalaura village boys, which our operator wanted to watch. True to his words, we caught more than enough mackerel: it took two days with three meals each day to finish everything.

The mackerel were filleted and cooked in various ways, but the one I enjoyed most was when the fish was prepared fresh from the sea and creamed with coconut milk.

Ummmm... ummmm... yummy. What a salty, yet tasty experience that was.

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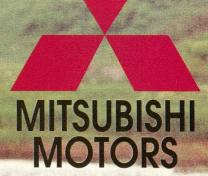
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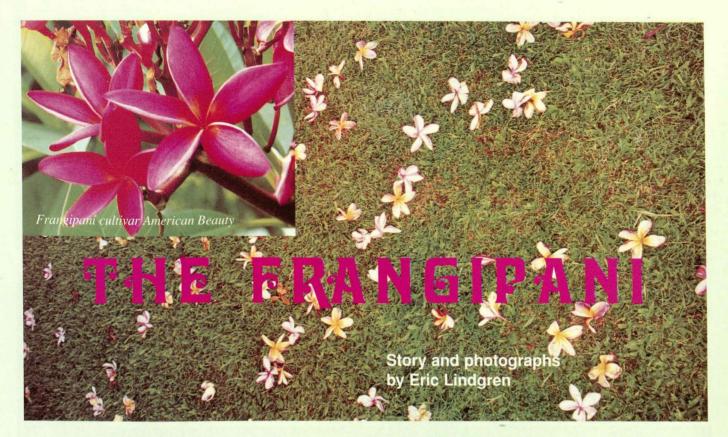
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ne of the most popular garden plants in Papua New Guinea must be the Frangipani. Its reputation as a tropical plant was validated after the major pre-war eruptions one Saturday in May 1937. The mighty volcanoes Vulcan and Matupit blew their tops and engulfed the town of Rabaul. Frangipani was the first flower to bloom in the ashes as the town slowly returned to normal. It gave birth to the famous Frangipani Festival, celebrated each year to commemorate the flower and its fragrance.

The Frangipani is a member of the plant family which includes *Allamanda*, *Mandevilla*, oleanders, *Trachelospermum* jasmines and the Periwinkle or Vinca. These plants have a very regular flower with five petals joined to form a narrow or broad tube. There are climbers as well as shrubs and trees in the family. All have a thick milky sap which is poisonous and which was used for the production of rubber during World War 2 when the great *Hevea* rubber plantations were in the hands of the enemies of the Allies



In twelfth century Italy the Frangipani and Pierleoni families dominated society. Their rivalry was exemplified by their influence on the Papal succession — religious politics, exiles from the homeland, intrigue and doubtless murder dominated their existence. However one member of the Frangipani family applied his influence to less mundane matters. He used essential oils to create a delicate perfume which quickly found favour with the Catherine de Medici upper class. adopted it as her special fragrance because it was so different from other scents of the time. Many a noble lady followed her example, leading to wealth for the Frangipani family.

Frangipani's creation was later to be discovered in the natural world during the sixteenth century when explorers in the New World found a group of flowers with a similar perfume in Mexico and the Caribbean. They gave these the name Frangipani. We now classify them as *Plumeria* and separate out a number of species. The genus also occurs in Asia where it has many myths associated with it. The names Pagoda Tree and Temple Flower allude to the liking Buddhist monks have for the flower and its scent.

The fact that it could be revived from seemingly dead cuttings gave it immortal powers and it is frequently planted around Buddhist and Muslim graves.

The common frangipani is a cultivar of *Plumeria rubra* named *acutifolia*. It originates in Central America and typically has white flowers with broad sunflower-yellow centres. Many colour forms have been developed. A few examples are: Can Can — with a delicate pink flush on the petals; Golden Kiss — apricot with a pink wash down one side of each petal; American Beauty — very deep red flowers with narrower, almost pointed petals; and Pot of Gold — a golden tinge colours the large flowers.

Frangipani's original scent is present in nearly all the cultivars of *rubra*. It pervades the air, especially in the still of the night, with a delicate gardenia-like fragrance. The scent is not so prominent in the other species.



Other members of the genus have similar growth habits though the petals of *P stenophylla* (with a blunt tip) and *P stenopetala* (with a pointy tip) are very narrow. Both are white with a yellow centre. The Evergreen Frangipani

P obtusa is popular with some gardeners because it does not shed its leaves over the dry season. The flowers are very similar to those of *rubra* but have less yellow in the centre. The leaves tend to be rounded at the tip rather than pointed.







Frangipanis are one of the easiest plants to propagate. Small or large branches can be broken from an established plant. These should be sealed quickly by dipping the cutting in sand or soil to stop the sap flow. The cutting should be laid in a cool spot for a few weeks to dry out. It can then be planted directly into the garden or grown in a large tub. There is little size limit to cuttings propagated this way: the Frangipani is one of the few 'instant' trees or shrubs which can be harvested from the parent plant and put in a permanent spot a few weeks later with almost guaranteed survival.

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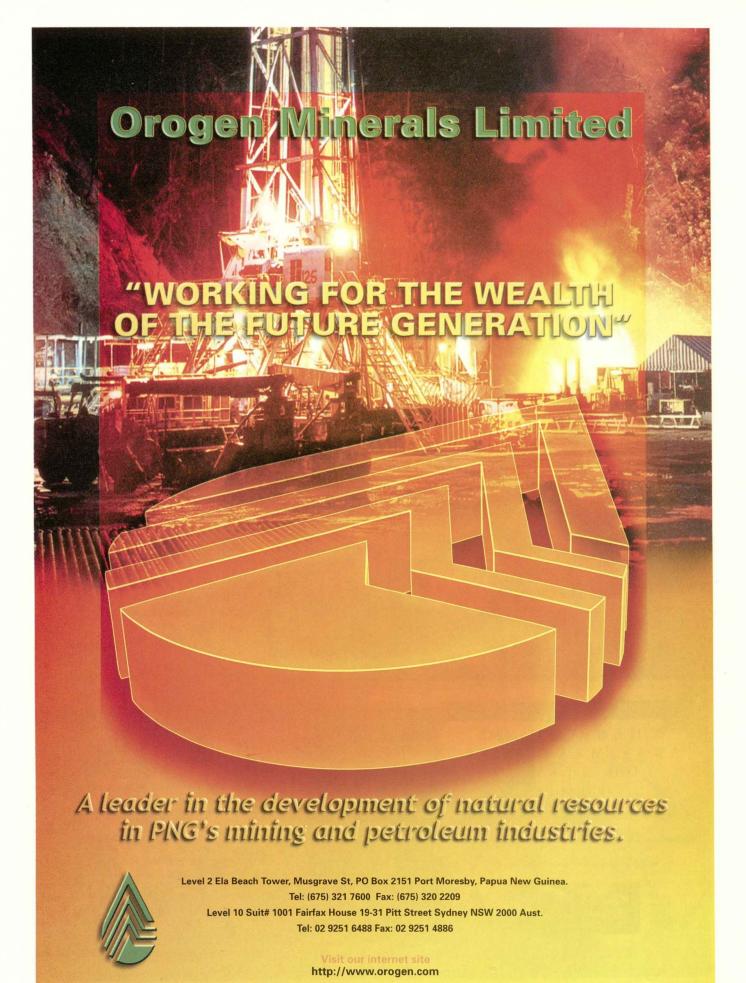


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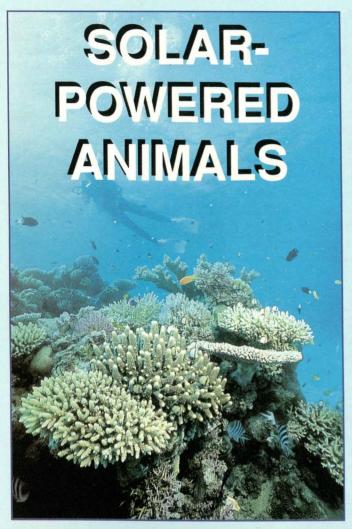


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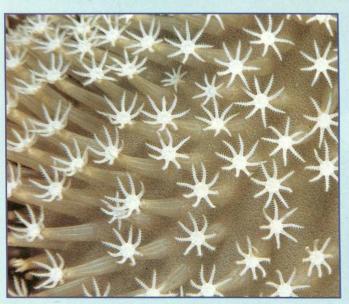
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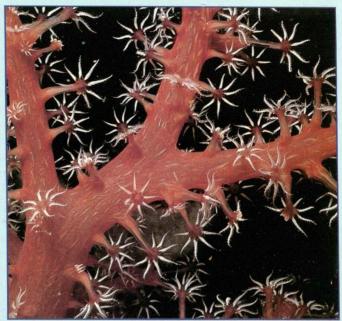


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o-operation is a skill we teach our children because everyone benefits when we help each other out. When animals of different species give each other assistance for their mutual benefit, it is called mutualism. Some cases of mutualism are so fundamental, the co-operation is at the physiological level, rather than in any behaviour performed by the mutualistic partners.





Story by Danielle Johnson Photographs by Danielle Johnson and Chris Robin

Such is the case when the organisms assisting one another are an animal and a plant. One of the most intimate relationships developed aeons of time ago in the shallow, sunlit seas of the tropics. The relationship flourishes in the seas around Papua New Guinea. It is the relationship between plants called zooxanthellae and some marine invertebrates.

Zooxanthellae are marine forms of yellow or brown algae, single-celled plants which drift in the upper layers of the ocean. The zooxanthellae are special algal forms in that they are characteristically found in the tissues of their invertebrate hosts. The zooxanthellae are sometimes very specific about which host will enable their survival, and only one or two species will do.

Among the animals which have evolved symbiotic (living together) associations with the microscopic algae are the reefbuilding corals and some of their relations. The corals eat the zooxanthellae, but not as food: corals are strictly carnivorous and feed during the hours of darkness on animal plankton. Instead, the corals consume algae in order to grow them within the tissues of their own bodies, in a system of self-contained agriculture.

Why do corals go to this trouble? Like all plants, the algae use sunlight for photosynthesis, a plant's breathing process, which produces sugars, oxygen and other nutrients. The corals are unable to use the oxygen for their own breathing requirements and other by-products to supplement their own nutrient source. Without the extra energy supplied by their 'guest workers', the tiny coral animals would not be able to build the massive coral reefs of the tropics.

Left and top: Coral polyps ingest the microscopic algae, which will then grow and produce oxygen within the coral's soft tissues.

In return, the coral's wastes feed the zooxanthellae. The algae consumes carbon dioxide, phosphorous and nitrogen which just happen to be the byproducts of the coral's metabolism. How convenient that the photosynthesis process should provide an efficient removal system for the coral, and promote healthy and vigorous growth for both organisms.

But there's a catch. Because of this dependence on each other, corals can only live in water shallow enough for sufficient sunlight for photosynthesis to occur. This also holds true for the hydroids, anemones and other relatives of corals which also live on the reef.

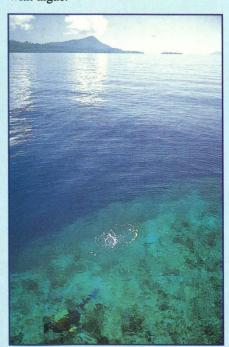
Corals and their relatives aren't the only invertebrates to make use of these useful plants. Other animals which are host to the algae are some species of clams. The giant tridacnid clams of the Indo-Pacific are beautiful and conspicuous when viewed through the clear water. The exposed soft tissues resemble gorgeously coloured velvet. Peacock-blue and moss-green are common shades, often in combination with other colours.

The largest member of the Tridacnid family, *Tridacna gerasa* (photos below left and right), can attain sizes of up to two metres. Other tridacnids may grow to about a metre.

These enormous molluscs contain many thousands of tiny zooxanthellae, especially in the soft mantle tissue (photo below) which is fully exposed on the upper surface of the clam when it is submerged. This tissue is actually an extension of the clam's siphons, which sweep the seafloor like a vacuum cleaner, sucking up food particles. The siphons are less conspicuous in smaller bivalves than in clams. The great exposure of the mantle ensures maximum exposure to sunlight which zooxanthellae require photosynthesis. The dark colour of this tissue safeguards the host's cells from intense solar radiation. Yes, clams could get sunburn without the protection of deep pigmentation!

Within these tissues, the zooxanthellae are also surrounded by their host's waste products — substances which the little algae use to build their own proteins. But this is

where the resemblance to the corals ends: the clams digest the algae, supplementing their planktonic meals with algae.



The reefs which receive the most sunlight and therefore the most oxygen from the photosynthesizing algae are usually the most prolific.







In a strange twist of the tale, symbiosis between zooxanthellae and host can skip a link in the food chain. Nudibranchs are shell-less snails, also known as sea slugs, that feed on corals, hydroids and anemones. By some independent evolutionary mechanism, some of the nudibranchs have also evolved the ability to grow zooxanthellae in the bodies, and feed off the harvest of the photosynthesising plants.

The species of nudibranch which indulge in this activity belong to the aeolid group. They have long tubular bodies studded with finger-like outgrowths called cerata. The cerata act as gills and also contain a long branch of gut. Nudibranchs which accommodate zooxanthellae have made adaptations in their biology for this purpose. They have greatly increased their surface area to maximise sun exposure. Their cerata are fan-shaped and do not shade each other, acting as solar panels. Their translucent skin already makes it easy for light to penetrate the body for photosynthesis.

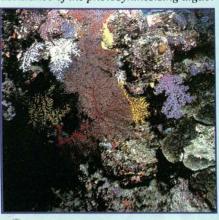
The blue dragon, Pteraeolidia ianthina, is one such nudibranch. It starts life as a small white slug living on or near the hydroids it eats. At an early stage, it consumes a hydroid polyp containing a few zooxanthellae, then stimulates them to grow rapidly and multiply. The blue dragon gradually darkens as it develops a brown layer of plants just beneath its skin. At this stage it moves away from its hydroid food, able to live on the nutrients produced by the photosynthesising plants in its tissues.

Some nudibranches have no need for extra nutrients provided photosynthesising partners. What they need is camouflage. Because they have no shell for protection, their soft bodies need other defences from predators which might otherwise nibble at their soft sluglike bodies. By ingesting the coloured algae, these nudibranchs take on the colour of their food. By harbouring algae identical in colour to the coral colony on which they are sitting, the animal becomes almost invisible to predators.

A little bit like organic food colouring. It just goes to prove the old adage: you are what you eat.

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Corals are able to deposit the limestone essential for building reefs, with the assistance of the photosynthesizing algae.





Top: Nudibranchs are soft-bodied invertebrates which live off the harvest of zooxanthellae.

Below: Coral polyps ingest the microscopic algae.





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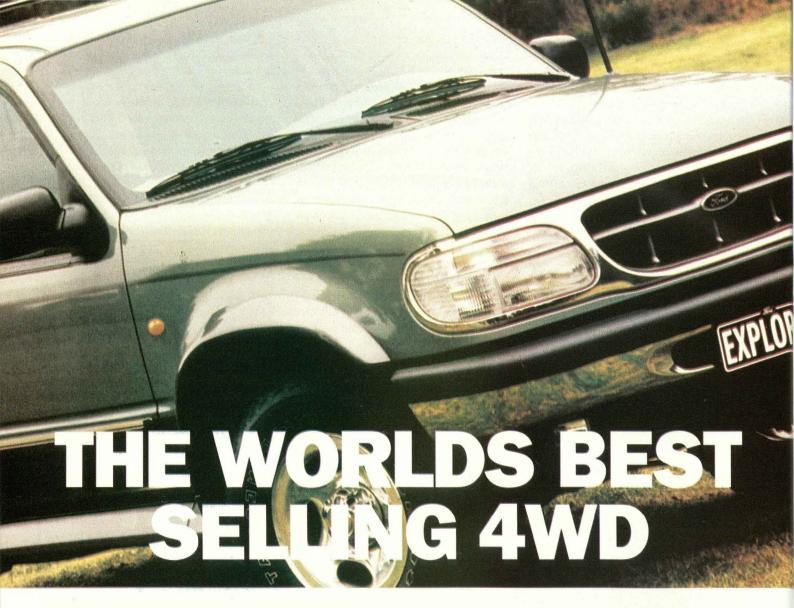


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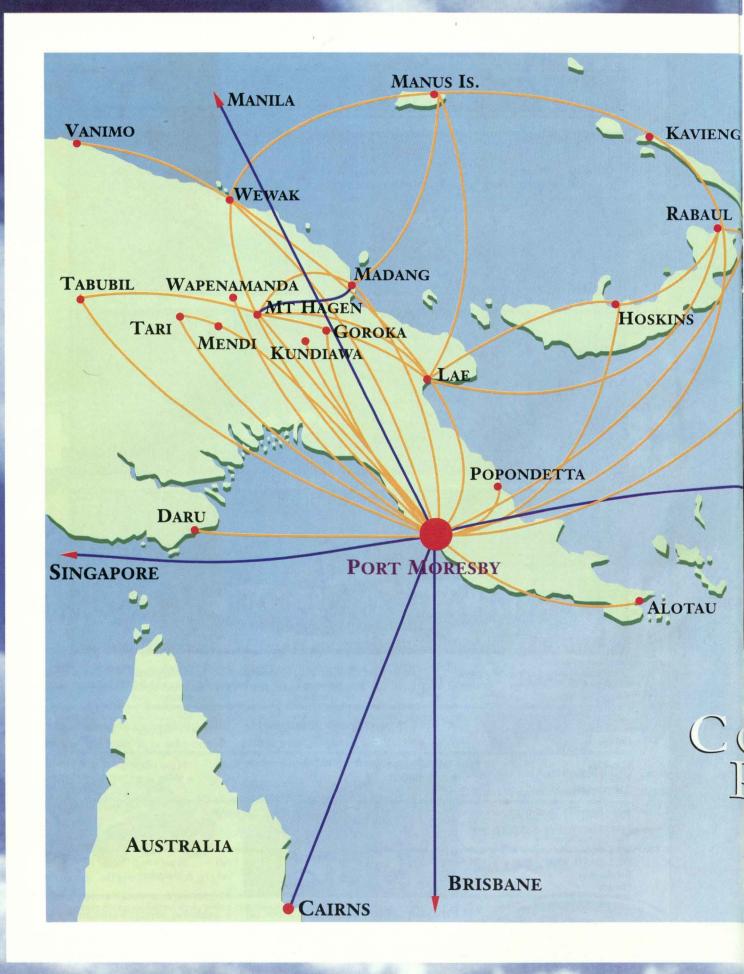


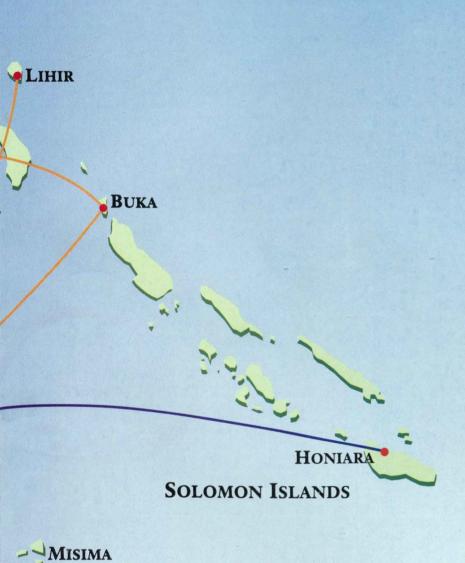




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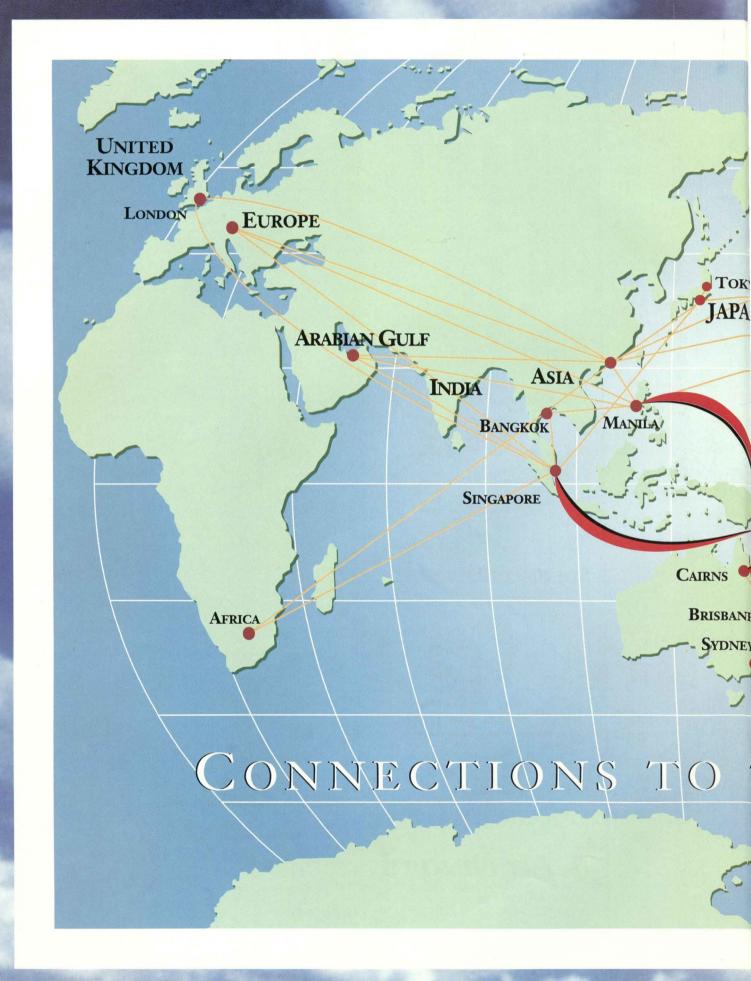
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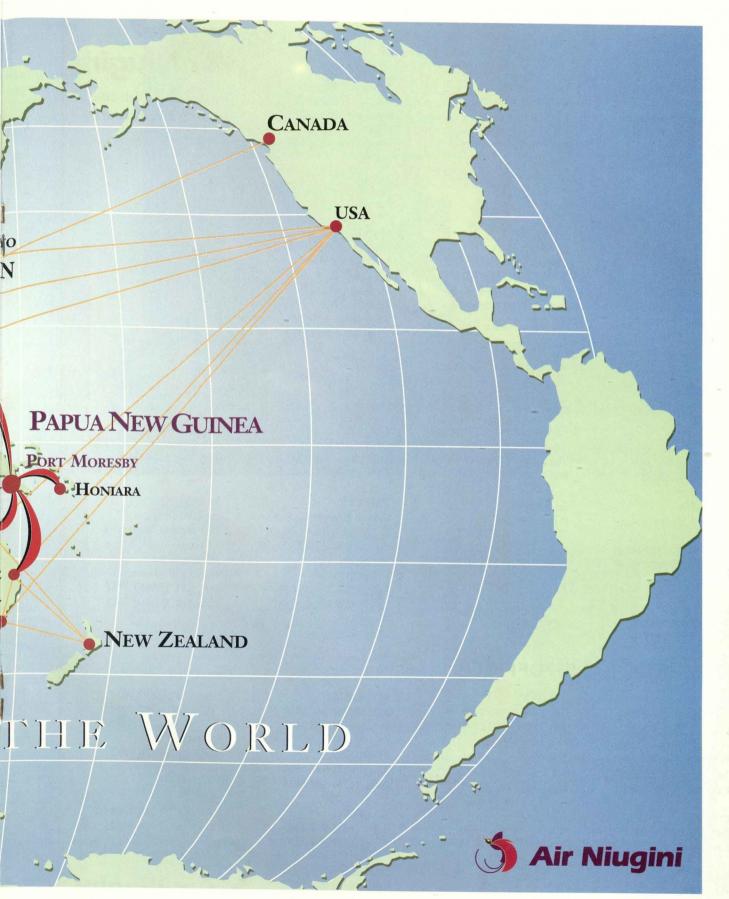




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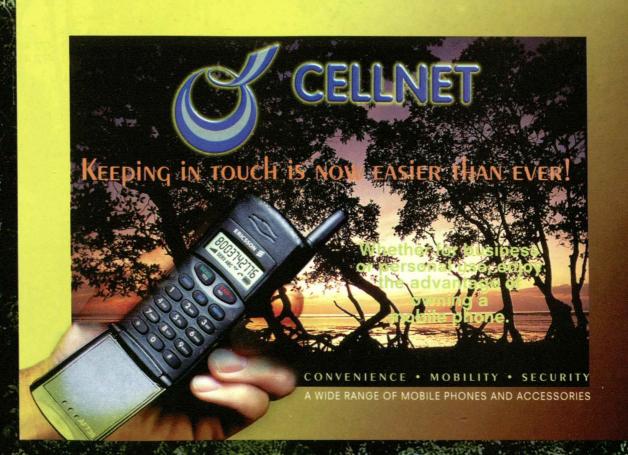
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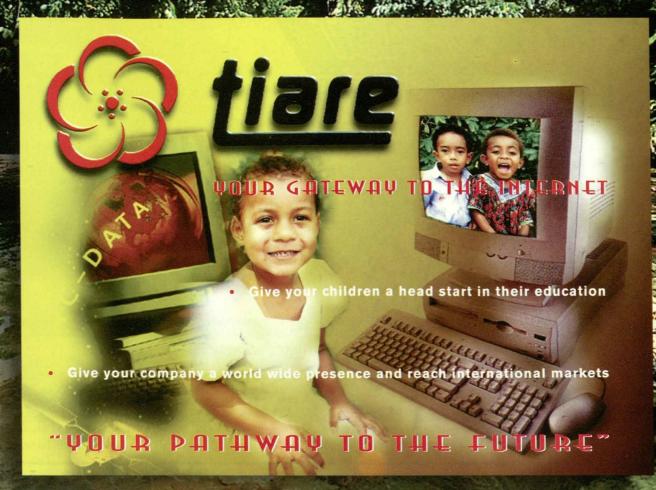
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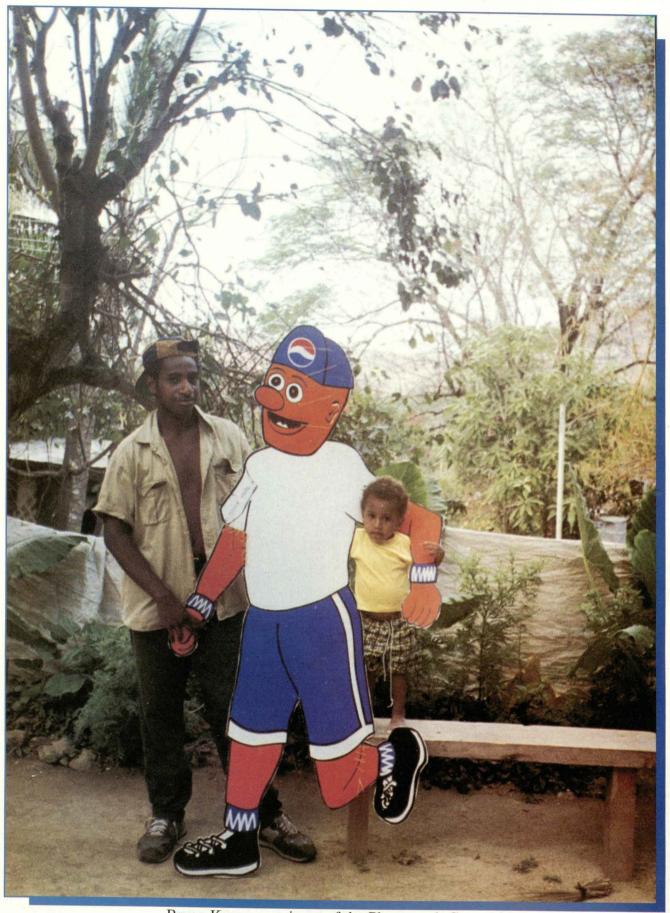
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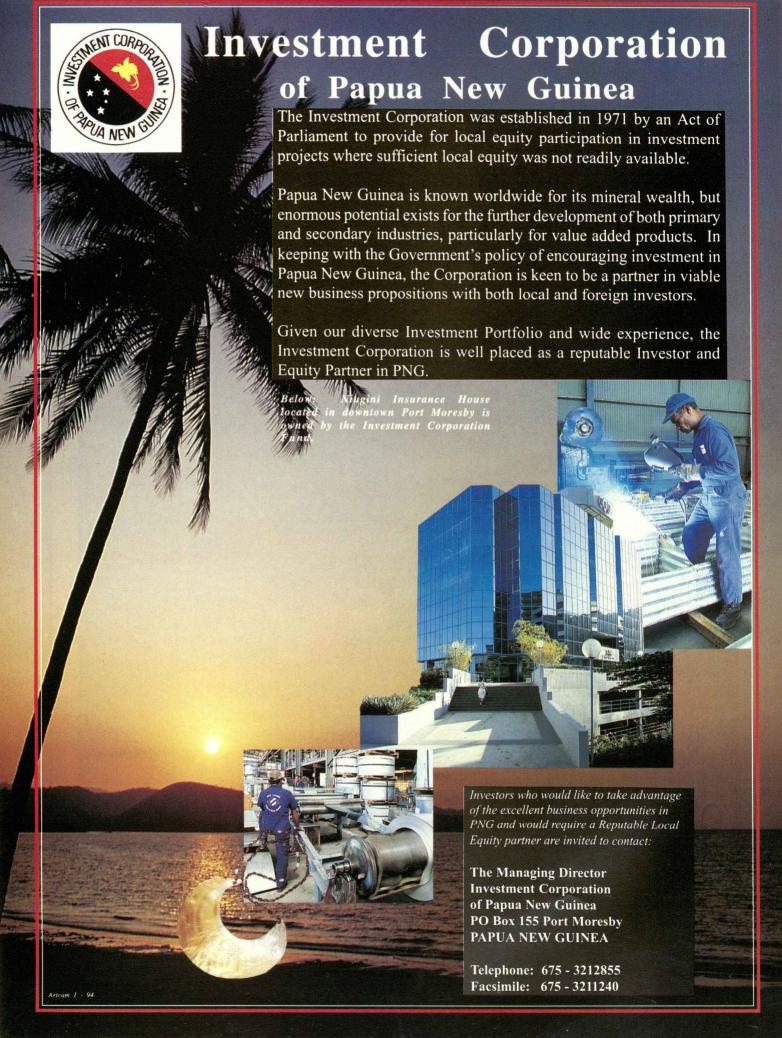
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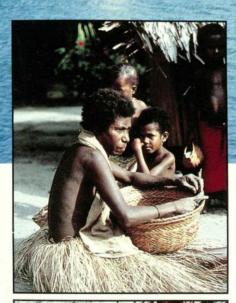
# In search of shell money

Story and photographs by Kenneth Kazanjian

s a freelance artist, collector and student of indigenous craft, Papua New Guinea naturally holds great fascination for me. For a long while I had admired a certain simple but distinctive necklace worn by many people coming from Milne Bay Province ... men and women both, with the alluring deep red of shell beads against their golden brown skin. My admiration soon turned to fascination upon learning that this was the famous bagi - shell money - that formed an integral part of the Kula Trade Circle. Historically traded from island to island for bartered goods, bagi has become a prized yet wearable currency throughout Milne Bay.

And here I am about to land where it all originates, Rossel Island, a small reef lined island as far out in the Louisiade Archipelago as one can go. With an incredibly generous invitation from the Catholic Mission here, I will be able to photograph the making of *bagi* and learn first hand about this truly unique concept of shell money.

Arrival at Pwamba is an event, with everyone out to meet the fortnightly visit from the outside world. This tiny village settlement (photos above and right) has a grass airstrip that cuts across a palm filled peninsula. As I gaze out to the distant white reef with blue ocean beyond, dugout canoes with outriggers pull up from the lagoon. It's a day of trade and transportation and the beach is alive with laughter, children and food





cooking on open fires. Grass skirts are the norm and for me a feeling of the true South Pacific takes hold. The mission boat is here to meet the plane, and after some brief introductions I sail off with Father English and his crew of six. Expectations of Rossel Island are running high!

The boat is ten metres of old pre-war vintage, with peeling paint, well worn decks and diesel smoke billowing in the wind. We are absolutely filled to the brink with families returning to their villages, baskets of copra and other cargo. Chugging along through an interior passage, the calm, crystal clear water of the protected lagoon is in dramatic contrast to the thunderous sound of surf crashing on the nearby All eyes are open for any unexpected submerged dangers as the island unfolds with ultra green rainforest hills perched upon an underwater plateau of coral formations. Everything seems so deserted as a palm lined coast drifts by, until rounding the point, the village cluster that is tonight's destination appears.

We arrive with a setting tropical sun, and once the boat's engine shuts down, the peaceful sounds of island calm envelop us. There are not more than a dozen houses, all made from bush materials and just a stone's throw from the water's edge. As darkness begins to fall we quickly settle in our thatched guesthouse on stilts. The night is quiet with a full moon shining through the

palms as we get acquainted over a welcoming dinner of freshly caught fish, taro and yams.

With morning comes the mission boat's true mission. The villagers begin to gather as the teenage crew gets to work, cargo is unloaded and a shop set up on shore. It seems that domestic necessities become luxuries this far away. From rice, sugar and biscuits to soap and fishing hooks, goods from 'the big smoke' arrive in paradise. Father English is also the local bank representative and copra broker, so he is busy weighing sacks of the dried coconut meat and calculating prices. Meanwhile, the nursing sister from the mission has set up her impromptu health clinic. TB vaccinations and penicillin 'shots' are the order of the day for these young mothers with babies who have gathered around. It's a fascinating display of life off the beaten track!

So with the day's business finished and what's left of the cargo packed away, out comes Father's white robe and silver chalice. There is even a makeshift wooden crate altar complete with cloth and candle. Changing gears from travelling trade store, it's time now for a few hymns, communion and a short mass before heading off to the next village.

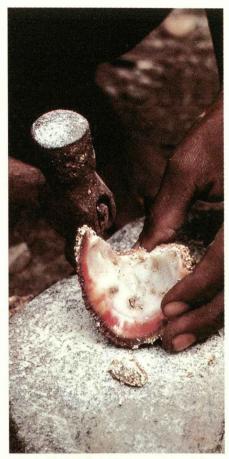
Father English's vestments: combining bagi shell money with the church



We made a half dozen similar stops on the way to St Paul's Mission in Jingo. Of these, Yonga Bay and Mwopa turned out to be my destination. While the mission crew repeated their always welcome routine, I was free to explore and photograph the making of *bagi*. It turns out that Rossel Island's shell money is only made in these two villages because only here is found the special shell needed — *Chama Pacifica Imbricata*.

Often diving to a depth of more than fifteen metres, the young men risk bursting an eardrum to retrieve these rare shells. This crusty cousin of the oyster reveals a smooth pearl white interior, but it is the narrow band of deep red around the rim which is the only useful part. First, rough-edged pieces of this rim are broken off. To grind them flat, these chips are placed one at a time on the end of a green stick (freshly cut on a slant) and with constant pressure rubbed against a flat stone, one side then the other.

Below: A cousin of the oyster (Chama Pacifica Imbricata) is used to make bagi.



Above: Chipping off the useful red rim



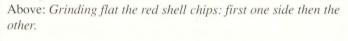
Next step is to drill a small hole in the centre. They use the basic technology of an 'archimedean twist drill'. A tiny triangular file for the bit is attached to a wooden spindle that turns and reverses repeatedly, and thus each piece is hand-drilled separately.

Right: A freshly cut green stick holds the shell chip for grinding.



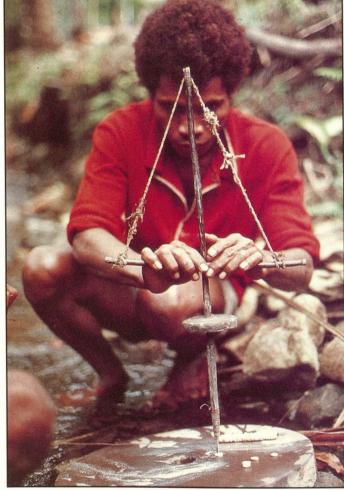
Averaging eight to a centimetre, the now flattened and drilled shell discs are threaded on to a stiff wire until the desired length is achieved. Compressed with pressure from each end, the strand of rough-edged pieces of shell is patiently rubbed and rolled over a flat grinding stone. These large stones are set permanently into the ground and have long grooves that obviously have evolved from years of this final grinding and polishing process. After many days effort, the final strand of bagi is rethreaded bead by bead in exactly the same order onto a length of pandanus bush string, and a bit of coconut oil is applied to bring out the colour as a finishing touch.





Left: An 'Archimedean twist drill' used for the hole

Below: Threading the chips on a stiff wire



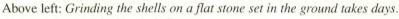


The incredible amount of work involved, the rich colour and beauty, and its rarity and uniqueness to Rossel Island all help account for its worth. *Bagi* was traditionally traded with Tagula Island (Sudest), their nearest neighbour. The exchange was for clay cooking pots,

black stone axe blades and carved wooden bowls, all of which are not produced on Rossel Island. From there *bagi* found its way into the Kula Trade Circle where each island contributes its own specialty. In this way it travelled further than any local islander could have.

Whereas *bagi* is trade money for exchange outside the island or for Kina to buy mission goods, Rossel Island has more traditional ceremonial shell money. *Ndap* and *Ke* are worn and polished large white beads or individual pieces of red or yellow shell.





Above right: Finished bagi shell money

Right: Ndap and Ke are ancient shell money handed down through the generations.



All are very old, and in fact are said to be made by the gods. Unlike *bagi*, no one can make new *Ndap* and *Ke* and so they are handed down through generations to be used only for important exchanges like bride price and death compensation.



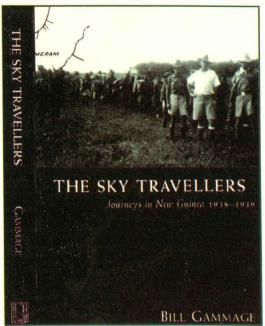


These shell monies are most highly prized. Discerning the quality and worth seems to be an acquired art based on colour, size, shape and also reputation. Who owned it before, and what transaction was it part of? The pieces of *Ndap* are even individually named and recognised on sight. It's obvious that I only touched on the complexities involved!

As always in Papua New Guinea, upon investigation there is more than meets the eye. Tracking down a simple shell necklace has revealed yet another corner of paradise strong with unique culture, unique craftsmanship and unique people. With this search for shell money, I can bank on a treasure of valued experiences.

## **BOOK REVIEW** — The Sky Travellers

by James Griffin



Journeys in New Guinea 1938-1939

he 1930's was the great age of inland exploration in Papua New Guinea. By the start of World War II in September 1939 the major blanks on its map had been filled in, although it was not until the 1960s that all clans in isolated pockets were contacted by patrol officers.

Mick Dwyer and Mick Leahy, the most famous of the freebooting prospectors, had crossed the island in 1930 linking the Ramu and Purari rivers. The Waghi Valley (Western Highlands) had been opened up by Leahy and Assistant District Officer Jim Taylor in 1933. The Southern Highlands in Papua had been explored by Jack Hides and Ivan Champion from 1935-1937.

In 1938 some 26,000 sq kms of mountainous terrain from Mt Hagen to the Papuan and Dutch New Guinean borders remained to be mapped. The Administration of the New Guinea Mandate, under some pressure from the League of Nations to extend its control, decided to mount an expedition that was entirely its own instead of following the initiatives of fortune hunters.

The result was the Taylor-Black expedition from March 1938 to June 1939. It was the longest (traversing

3,000kms to a height of 3,500 metres), largest (involving 350 people including five police wives) costliest patrol and undertaken. It had the benefit of intermittent provisioning aeroplane as well as occasional (On 31 May wireless contact. 1938 the famous former Australian Prime Minister, Billy Hughes, sent Rabaul.) greetings from Nevertheless the trek was arduous and perilous. Compared to it the Waghi Patrol has been called 'mostly a stroll through a new and fascinating culture'.

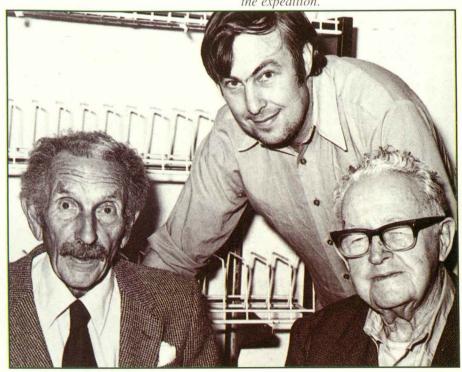
Jim Taylor (1901-87), the obvious choice as leader of the expedition, was a remarkable kiap. He had been only 16 when he joined the British army in the last years of World War I. He had migrated to Australia and served in the police before joining the New Guinea service in 1926. Well-read, chivalrous and courageous, he developed an empathy with villagers and sought a better deal for them than was offered in racist, colonial days. However, he did

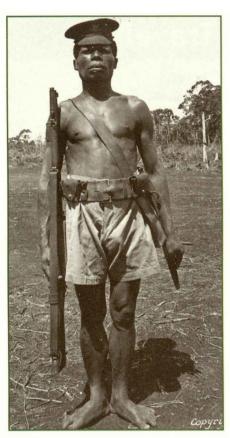
not hesitate to use violence in self-defence.

John Black (1908-88), the second-incommand, was well educated, had some university training as an engineer and in geology and had joined the New Guinea service in 1933. He had taken part in punitive action against aggressive Highlanders and believed imposing order saved lives in the long run. In time he came to believe that it was the white man who needed to be more open to the Papuan point of view.

At last a book has been written not just describing the explorations of Taylor-Black but probing the characters of these two remarkable men. Bill Gammage in *The Sky Travellers* bases his analysis on their writings and on conversations with them between 1967 and their deaths. Uniquely in the literature of such exploration, he has interwoven with the white man's perspective the insights and memories of indigenous police and carriers. Some 150 interviews have gone into making this book.

In Canberra 1981, John Black, Bill Gammage and Jim Taylor discuss the expedition.





Sgt Lopangom of Bukau, Morobe, the patrol's senior policeman

The result is strikingly different from the conventional exploration narrative in which the white captains have been the predominant agents of what happens. Gammage shows that white leaders were more often led than leading as police manipulated and exploited newly contacted villagers, not excluding pillage and rape. Neither does he shirk 'the fundamental dilemma' of the place of violence in imposing the 'Pax Australiana'. At least 20 villagers were shot during the patrol.

The rationale for such violence was that Highlanders were in any case always engaged in warfare. Taylor estimated that about 200 killings occurred every year in the Waghi alone. Highlanders had few scruples about attacking even the intruders they believed to be preternatural 'sky travellers' for what appeared to be fantastic wealth. So the only recourse for kiaps seemed to be to fight in selfdefence. Their police and carriers relied on them to get home safely. The safe return was a white leader's primary obligation. One carrier only died during the 15 months trek.

Taylor became particularly aware of his responsibility for his party when he nearly drowned at the headwaters of the Strickland River while acrobatically trying to cross it by cane rope using handcuffs as a pulley. When his boots slipped, he plunged into the rampaging stream. Realising they might not get home without Taylor, one policeman, Karo, jumped in after him. Both were lucky to survive. Taylor was less reckless after that.

Gammage writes with sensitivity and assurance about sexual relations. Black, who had led his group to Telefomin, eventually took a village girl, Babinip, to bed. He was surprised to find her 'as primitively passionate as your supposedly civilised sister'. It became a love affair and Black's view of the faculties of villagers improved as a result.

However, he could not take her with him and many years later he was still wondering whether he should have taken her as his wife, particularly after visiting Taylor in Goroka and seeing how devoted he and his wife Yerima (from the Wahgi) were to each other. Black's farewell to Babinip is touching. She had modified his racist views of New Guinea people.

The Taylor-Black patrol did not excite the public imagination in spite of its scope and heroism. It found nothing of great practical value, meaning particularly gold. Taylor did not finish his 501 page report until June 1940. By that time war had broken out and it was hardly noticed. Within the New Guinea service there was considerable envy and the 'pro-native' views which both Taylor and Black had developed were resented.

After the war both returned to what had become the Papua and New Guinea service. Jim Taylor became District Officer in the Highlands, 'the last emperor of the middle kingdom', as he put it. In 1949 he resigned to become a coffee planter and a legendary patriach in Goroka. Taylor died in 1987.

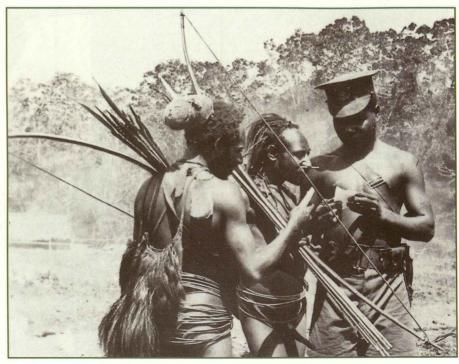
Black also resigned from the service in 1949. In spite of his zeal in promoting better relations between the races he returned to a farming life in South Australia where he died in 1988.

Bill Gammage has written the best book yet of exploration in Papua New Guinea. As he has himself walked the tracks of Taylor and Black it has a rare authenticity.

Emeritus Professor James Griffin taught at the University of Papua New Guinea for 15 years.

The Sky Travellers is published by The Miegunyah Press, Melbourne. It will soon be available in Port Moresby bookshops.

Constable Kenai of Manus shows Mikidopnok (left) and Brelopnok photos of them which John Black took and developed that day, Telefomin, 13 September 1938.



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#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA PAPUA NEW GUINEA Channel: 8

Kobiai Mailu village (Magi) Central Province

[Panpipes] Gomri village (Chimbu) Chimbu Province

Sore Mama Rock band by Cicilia 'Zenna Greg' Morobe Province Chin H Meen Recordings

Uuvambe Kilalum village (Sulka) East New Britain Province

Ilahita village (South Arapesh) East Sepik Province

That day is coming closer Sonoma Adventist College Choir Recordings by TCPNG

Kaapaumma Iraabo village (Usarufa-Auyana, Usarufa dialect) Eastern Highlands Province

'Iabuti' Irelya village Enga Province

Papa Paulo Harahara Band of Miaru Gulf Province Walter Bay Company Recordings

Kanipu ivi Karurua village (Purari) Gulf Province

Gunal Gohe village (Mawan) Madang Province

Q2. 1.05pm

2. Wheel

3. Tailwing

5. Back wheel

8. Pilot's hands

16 each = 32 = 100.

AIRCRAFT - Missing

4. Line on front of plane

6. Markings on wings

7. Headgear on pilot

1. Marking on back of plane

Q3. Six. Four darts scoring 17

each = 68, plus two darts scoring

## Channel: 8

Vuvu Ialire Rock Band by Narox Pacific Gold Studios Recordings

Kasama Kepara village (Hunjera) Oro Province

Wakuwko Malasanga village Morobe Province

Pipa Man City Hikers Stringband of National Capital District Kalang Recordings

**Tatarore** Waidoro village Western Province

Gawa Walete (Huli) Southern Highlands Province

E Pain Ta Riwo Bamboo Band of Madang Province Kalang Recordings

Sawo Kwomtari village (Kwomtari) West Sepik Province

Twigul 'Vasu korekore' Voniskopo village (Hahon) North Solomons Province

Iurusalem Gospel Band by Exiles Gospel of Rabaul Pacific Gold Recordings

Leleki Patsui village Manus Province

Channel 8 recordings compiled by Music Department Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies

#### **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

#### **BRAIN POWER** ONE WORD ANGLE, Q1. Pam is 63, Mike is 28. bangle, dangle, jangle, mangle, tangle. Use equations: P + M = 91P = 3 (M - x)WHERE IS IT? 2M = P - x1. Mexico City, Mexico

2. Venice, Italy 3. Moscow, Russia

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### REATURE RILAYS

International flights: from Port Moresby

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#### **JANUARY**

#### Wrongfully Accused



Genre:
Action/
Comedy
Rated:
PG-13
From:
EIM
87 minutes

Ryan Harrison, a violin god, superstar and sex symbol, declines cheating with sexy Lauren Goodhue because of her husband. Shortly after that, Mr Goodhue is found murdered and Ryan suddenly finds himself being the main suspect. After being sentenced to death he manages to flee while being transferred to his execution site. Now, all the world is after him and he stumbles from one unfortunate incident to the next in order to find the real murderer.

Featuring: Leslie Nielsen, Richard Crenna, Kelly LeBrock, Melinda

McGraw

Director: Pat Proft

#### **Dance With Me**



Genre: Drama From: COL Rated: PG 120 minutes

When a handsome young Cuban named Rafael arrives in Houston, his passion for life and flair for Latin dance breathe new energy into the faded Excelsior Dance Studio. He meets Ruby, a determined dance instructor who is looking for a chance to reenter the ranks of professional dance with a new partner. Before long, the amateur is teaching the professional how to loosen up her disciplined style and feel the music.

Featuring: Vanessa L Williams,

Chayanne

Director: Randa Haines

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### Why Do Fools Fall in Love

#### The Avengers



Genre: Drama From: Warner Bros Rated: R 116 minutes

Three very different women all claim to be the widow of singer/songwriter Frankie Lymon and the heir to his estate. Each swears she's his legitimate widow — but in each case something complicates the claim. Through their stories the women come to learn quite a bit about the husband they each thought they had thoroughly known.

Featuring: Halle Berry, Vivica A Fox, Lela Rochon, Larenz Tate Director: Gregory Nava

Air Niugini





Genre:
Adventure/
Drama
Rated: PG-13
From:
Warner Bros
91 minutes

British agent John Steed and his partner. Emma Peel, are back in this 90's reinvention of the classic 60's television series. John Steed has been called by The Ministry (Britain's ultra-top-secret agency) to investigate some very strange goings-on in Her Majesty's kingdom. The weather seems out of control, foul, deadly - even for England. Someone is out to control the weather to bring the country - and the world — to its knees. That person seems to be Sir August De Wynter, former Ministry agent, very rich, very odd and entirely too smart. It is up to the unflappable duo of Steed and Peel to save the fate of the world in style.

Featuring: Ralph Fiennes, Uma Thurman, Sean Connery Director: Jeremiah Chechik

Channels 1 and 2

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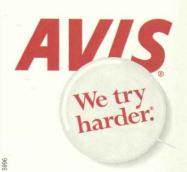
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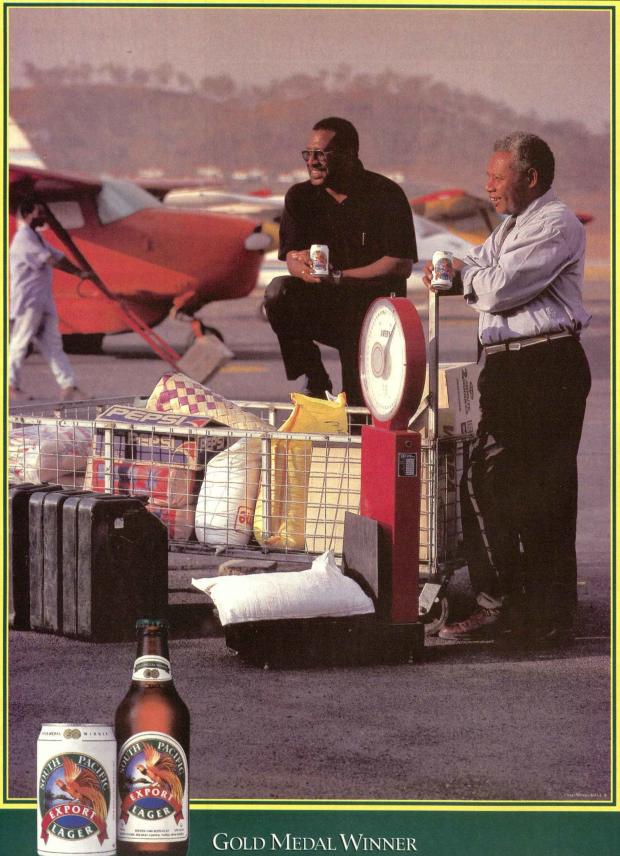
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## **DESTINATION** — Penang

ince the days of Joseph Conrad, red-blooded visitors have been drawn to those bustling colonial trading ports once called the Straits Settlements — Penang, Malacca, Singapore, exploring by night as well as day.

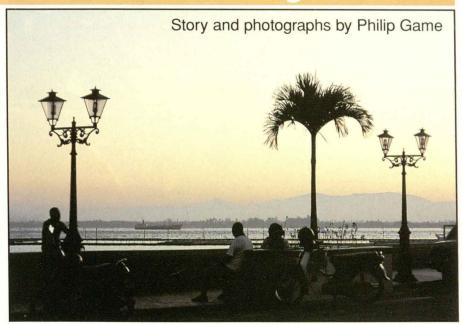
Penang was established last century by Captain Light, and soon became a busy crossroads of Empire. Funnelling between jungle-clad Sumatra and the Malayan Peninsula, the Straits of Malacca still form a vital if narrow artery for international shipping. It is not unknown for pirates to grapple alongside unsuspecting freighters after night has fallen.

On land, too, strange things happen as day fades quickly into Tropic darkness.

The Nam Wah Hotel & Bar in Penang's Lebuh Chulia, Chulia Street, is an old-time Chinese doss house, a fine example of the genre. In the courtyard incense burns at a shrine, motorcycles are pulled up into the lobby under the sleepy-eyed gaze of a Chinese clerk in grubby T-shirt and an Indian doorman resplendent in striped shirt and bell-bottoms. In pride of place on the wall behind is displayed a 1940s sepia photo of an ocean liner.

Down a dimly lit passage awaits the bar, patronised by a motley, sweating crowd. The jukebox blares out discordant Asian pop hits as well as smoother sounds from Prince or the Bee Gees. A pallid, bare-chested Chinese, paunch flopping over his shorts, up-ends a glass of dark, foaming stout, a tipple his compatriots regard as a health tonic. Another, wizened by age and exertion, is engrossed in conversation with a sultry Malay hostess. Yet another gnarled patron seems quite entranced by the wizardry of electronic lighting.

The bar itself is lit only by a few inadequate multi-coloured fairy lights. Behind it, a smooth-chinned youth can offer only Carlsberg, Anchor, Tiger or bottled orange soda. A laminated sign warns patrons in both English and Chinese: Cash Deliveries Please. From the Royal Stout poster taped to the freezer door beckons a come-hither Eurasian temptress in a filmy black low-cut dress.



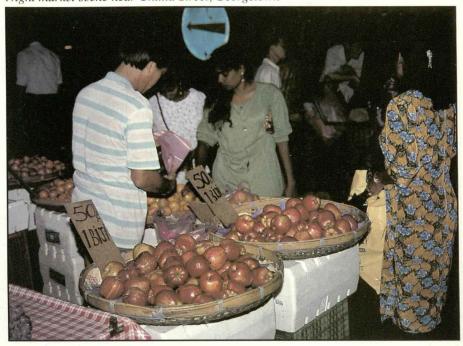
'Dawn comes up like thunder' over Butterworth, beyond the Straits of Malacca

At the rickety tables the body language of the hostesses betrays much more warmth towards each other than towards the johns, who include a couple of pasty-faced Nordic backpackers in regulation singlets, shorts, wire-rimmed glasses and pony tails. Noisy, gesticulating Chinese drinkers and a few more reserved Malay patrons endure the stifling heat, alleviated by just one whirring, rattle fan.

As one door closes, another opens. Night falls and the shutters clatter down; the shops close by the streets don't miss a beat as stall-holders wheel their barrows into place. Gaudily-coloured *es cendol*, flavoured ice and jelly, is served up; banana fritters and pungent Malay fish curries sizzle over charcoal braziers.

Watch the boiled milk vendor cool his wares by tossing the liquid from one cup to another without spilling a drop!

Night market scene near Chulia Street, Georgetown





Trishaw drivers doze and read the Chinese papers (photo above), each carriage still bearing the enamelled colonial licence plate 'Jinricksha No. xxx First Class'. One driver calls after us: 'Romeo and Juliet! Out jogging?'

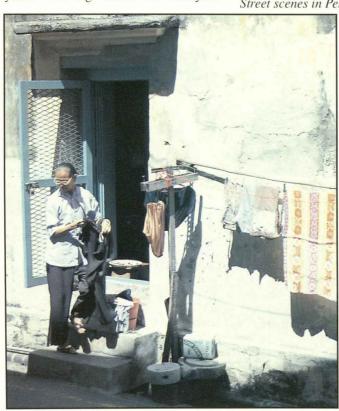
The Cathay Hotel is a 1910 mansion swinging half-doors, high ceilings, huge double beds, thermos flasks of boiled water and ancient black telephones doing business as a hotel for the last forty years. The sign beside the courtyard

fountain directs customers for the Cathay Health Club to a modern annex. Simon, the middle-aged receptionist, seems to take fright if a foreign guest expresses an innocent curiosity about the Club's facilities. If you do peer through that door at the end of the lobby, the flickering neon, fidgety patrons and flimsily clad hostesses leave little doubt it's a funny kind of fitness they're promoting here.

I can't resist telling you about the 20 Leith Street Pub, an old favourite of the Royal Australian Air Force boys from the base at Butterworth. The bar was decorated energetically with poster prints of Marilyn Monroe, Elvis and the Beatles, then a row of antique clocks, several radiograms in wood veneer and even an imperious Queen Elizabeth II: Hard Rock Cafe meets Aunt Edna's Tea Rooms. On my last visit it was all boarded up for renovations and the business relocated to a terraced shophouse down the street. Ah, progress ...

Down on the waterfront at the Anchor Bar of the E & O on Farquhar Street, drinks used to be served in hushed, sombre panelled booths: two rounds for the price of a room for the night back at the Cathay. Presently being rebuilt from the ground up, the Eastern and Oriental Hotel was established in 1885 by the Sarkies Brothers. The entrepreneurial Armenian brothers also founded Rangoon's Strand and Singapore's Raffles Hotels back when the sun never set on the British Empire. Let's hope that when the renovations are complete, it will be just as pleasant to sip a gin sling outside under the gently waving traveller palms.

Street scenes in Penang





For a breath of fresh air, let's ride the Swiss-built cable railway to the summit of Penang Hill, rising 821 metres above the torrid streets and lanes of Georgetown. Up here the Bellevue Hotel, another Sarkies venture, offers gin slings served on a lawn looking down over the port and the Straits beyond. The property feels like a gentleman's country retreat, and its corridors are decorated with mementoes of the architect Buckminster Fuller.

#### **Further information:**

Visitors of many nationalities may enter Malaysia without a visa. English is widely spoken. Money can be exchanged freely and automatic teller machines are easily found in major towns, Climate is hot and humid throughout the year; tropical downpours are frequent but short-lived.

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Frequent regional flights operate from Singapore to Penang. Four trains depart Singapore's Keppel Road Station daily for Kuala Lumpur and the 7.30am *Exspres Rakyat* continues to Butterworth, arriving 10.35pm. Evening and afternoon express buses depart Singapore's Golden Mile Complex, Beach Road near Lavender MRT station, travelling overnight to Georgetown via the new North-South Expressway.

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Georgetown is a short ferry ride from Butterworth and the ferry terminal adjoins the train and bus stations.

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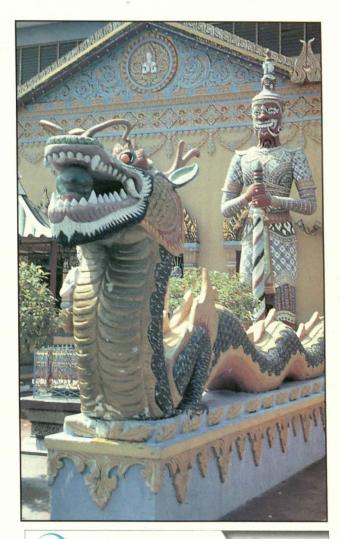
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Cathay Hotel, 15 Lebuh Leith, Georgetown, tel 262 6271 offers budget-priced accommodation with character.

At the other end of the scale, the high-rise Berjaya Georgetown Hotel, in the Midland Park shopping centre on Jalan Burmah (Burmah Road) is reasonably convenient to the Georgetown of old and in the present economic climate, substantial discounts may be offered — Tel: 227 7111, Fax: 226 7111.

Above right: Sculptures at Penang's Thai Buddhist temple Below: Muslim school girl, Penang







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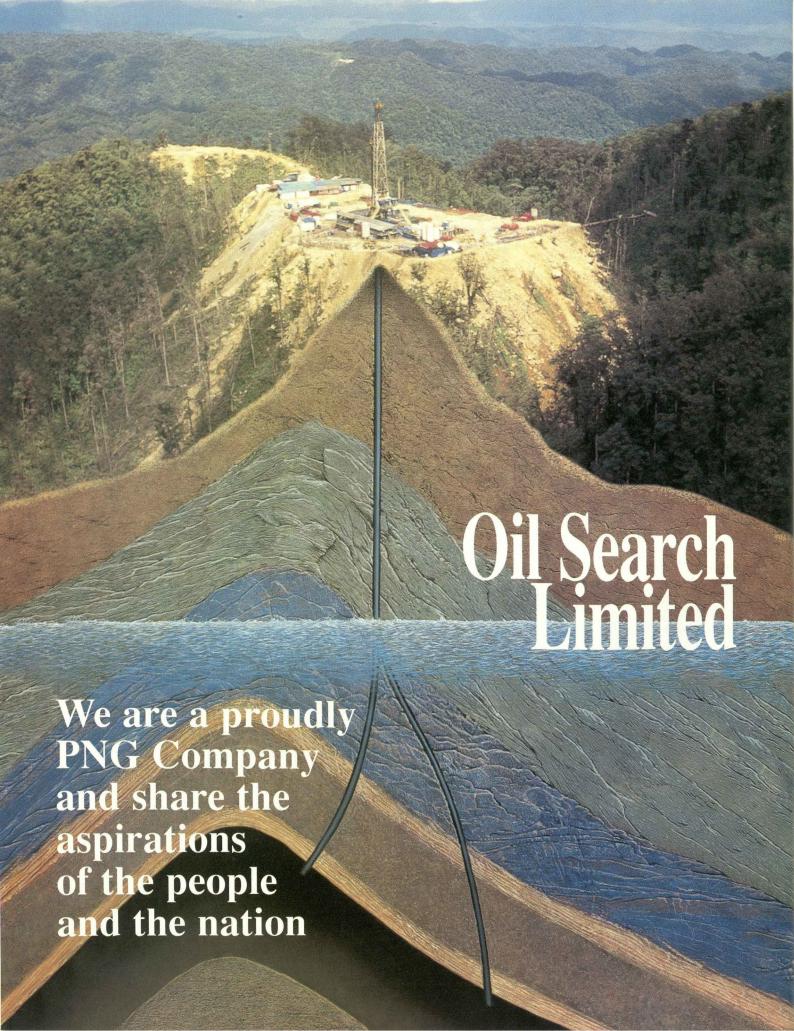
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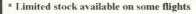
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## Puzzles

#### **BRAIN POWER**

Q1. The ages of Pam and Mike now add up to 91. Pam is now three times as old as Mike was at the time when Pam was twice as old as Mike is now. How old are Pam and Mike now?

Q2. At what time between 1pm and 2pm do the minute hand and the hour hand of a clock coincide exactly?

Q3. In a darts competition each dart scores either 40, 39, 24, 23, 17 or 16 points. How many darts must be thrown to score exactly 100 points?

#### **ONE WORD**

Find the same five-letter word which can be added to each of the letters in the box to make a series of six letter words.



#### **GOLF LESSON**

Find the golf terms in this word puzzle. Some of the letters are used more than once.

BALL, BIRDIE, BOGEY, BUNKER, CADDIE, CHIP, CLUB, COURSE, CUP, DIVOT, DOGLEG, DRIVER, EAGLE, FAIRWAY, FLAG, FOLLOW-THROUGH, FORE, GOLF, GREEN GRIP, HAZARD, HOLE, HOOK, IRON, LEAGUE, LIE, LOFT, MARK, MATCH, PAR, PLAYER, POWER, PUTTER, ROLL, SAND, SCORE, SHOT, SIGN, SLICES, STANCE, STROKE, SWING, TEE, TREE, WEDGE, WOOD.

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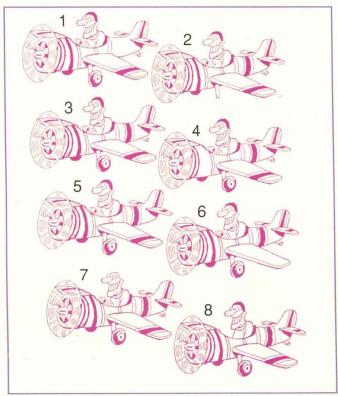
#### WHERE IS IT?

There are 3 clues to each place. Can you guess which city, country or place it is?

- 1. (i) In 1985, a large earthquake destroyed much of this city and an estimated 2,000 people died.
  - (ii) Its Metropolitan Cathedral took 250 years to build.
- (iii) With more than 20 million people living there, it is the second largest population centre in the world.
- 2. (i) The Bridge of Sighs leads from the Doges' Palace over a narrow canal to the old prison.
- (ii) The first people to live in this city were refugees fleeing the Barbarians in the 5th century.
- (iii) Few cars are allowed in the city centre but it is still in great danger from pollution.
- 3. (i) This capital city celebrated its 800th anniversay in 1947.
  - (ii) There are more than 2,500 monuments in the city.
  - (iii) A vodka and ginger beer drink is named after this city.

#### **AIRCRAFT**

Each of these eight pictures has one thing missing. Identify the part that is missing from each one.



Answers are on page 48.

## **The Last Papua Gazette**

#### The end of civil government in Papua

Story by John Meehan

The Government of the Australian Territory of Papua came into being on 1 September 1906 with the publication of Government Gazette No 1 (pictures below), which advised that the new Government had that day taken over the area from the Government of the Colony of British New Guinea.

It should be remembered that the northern half of the mainland and the were at this time Schutzgebiet Deutsche Neu Guinea (German New Guinea). Over the years the business of the Papuan Government continued to be notified in the Gazettes. which in content and format look remarkably similar to our present National Gazette.

The last Papua Gazette however was a single, typed sheet of plain paper which advised that the Civil Government had ceased, temporarily, and that the Australian Army's General Officer Commanding had assumed supreme control of the Territory of Papua. But the Civil Government of Papua had ceased forever. The Japanese Army was in the process of enforcing the amalgamation of the two separate Administrations that had run Papua and New Guinea as virtually separate states since Australia had officially taken control of ex-German New Guinea on 9 May 1921.

The reason for the military take-over in Papua seems obvious enough in view of the Japanese capture of a large part of what is now Papua New Guinea. Nonetheless, the events leading up to the decision are worth recounting briefly, as the facts have been largely forgotten and are usually ignored, or overshadowed by the military situation in the histories of the period.

The Japanese Armed Forces struck Pearl Harbour on 7 December 1941, and so began the 'Pacific War'. On 13 December the Australian Cabinet decided that all European women and children were to be evacuated from Papua and New Guinea.



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No. 1.

Government Secretary's Department, Port Moresby, Territory of Papua 1st September,

HIS Excellency the Administrator is pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the following Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dependencies thereof.

A. MUSGRAVE, Government Secretary.

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the India Empire, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

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Whereas by Letters Patent of His Majesty the King, bearing date the eighteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and two, the Possession of British New Guinea was placed under the authority of the Commonwealth, and it was thereby provided that the Governon Common Comm

thereunder:

And whereas by an Order of His Majesty in Council, bearing date the sixth day of Marchone thousand nine hundred and two, it was provided that the Governor-General, so soon as the Parliament had made laws providing for the hearing of appeals from the Courts of the Possession of British New Guinea, should issue a Proclamation signifying and declaring that the Parliament has made such haws accordingly, and that thereupon the therein recited Orders in Council of the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-sight, and the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and micry-one, should be revoked, and should cease to have effect without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, provided that any appeals from any Court of the said Possession to the Supreme Court of Queensland, at Brisbane, under the provisions of the said Orders in Council which should be pending at the date of such Proclamation, should be heard and determined by the Supreme Court of Queensland, at Brisbane, in the same manner and in all respects as though the said Orders in Council had not been revoked:

Most had gone by the year's end, but as late as 19 January 1942 the Cabinet decided that civil administration should be maintained 'for as long as is necessary and possible'. Rabaul was captured on 23 January, and Cabinet decided two days later that all able-bodied white males in Papua and New Guinea between the ages of 18 and 45 years should be called up immediately for military service. The Army circulated the call-up notice in Port Moresby on the morning of Tuesday 27 January and advised all concerned to report for enrolment between 2pm and 7pm that same day! The callup effectively ended ordinary civilian life in the town, but the Administrator was still legally responsible for the Territory.

Considerable confusion reigned during the next few days. The Administrator asked that men in essential services, eg, the Bank, be exempted from the call-up but the Army would not relent. On 3 February Port Moresby was bombed for the first time but Canberra still dithered, even when bombs again fell two days later. The time for dual or divided control between the civil and military authorities was clearly over, as it was no longer possible for normal civilian activities to continue.

On 12 February 1942 the Australian Government passed the National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations, which legally gave the Senior Military Officer supreme power in any part of Australia (once notified in the Gazette) to do 'or direct to be done any act or thing which he thinks necessary for the purpose of meeting any emergency arising ... out of the war'. In Port Moresby the Administrator, Leonard Murray, and the Senior Military Officer, Major General Basil Morris, had lengthy meetings. Morris proposed to enlist the District Officers and Resident Magistrates and to form two administrative units (one each for Papua and New Guinea) 'to carry on civil and native administration' as soon as Murray had left the Territory.

On Saturday, 14 February 1942, the typewritten Government Gazette Extraordinary announced the end of 36 years of (relatively independent) Government in the Territory of Papua. The Administrator and the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils left the following day, by flying boat, for Australia. General Morris and his Army successors from then on had 'supreme control' of the entire area not under Japanese occupation. The two administrative units were soon amalgamated and renamed the 'Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit' (ANGAU). organisation ran the non military aspects of life in Papua and New Guinea until it finally handed back total control to the new combined Administration of Papua and

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H. W. CHAMPION, Government Secretary. New Guinea, with the handover Rabaul in June 1946.

Administrator Leonard Murray never again returned to the beloved Papua where he had lived since 1909.

John Meehan, for many years a Public Works adviser in PNG, has a keen interest in 19th and 20th century Papua New Guinean history.



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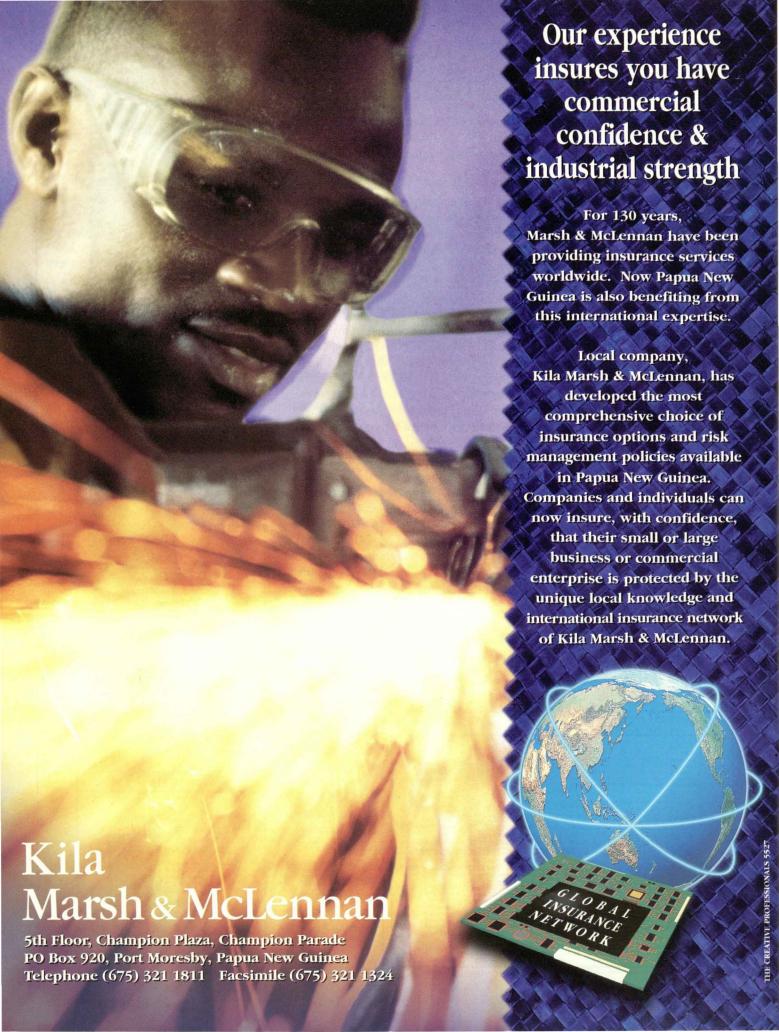


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## **LOCAL GOURMET FOOD**

#### A taste of Franco — Papua New Guinean style

By Céline Peter

Being married to a Papua New Guinean, especially a Sepik, and trying to adjust to local cuisine while at the same time keeping your own, is quite a challenge. But if you love cooking and roaming around markets, you can always create a new blend mixing local produce with a little bit of style. Since French cooking ingredients are not very familiar and are quite expensive in shops in Port Moresby, I've tried my best to invent a new cooking style. After some initial frowns and grimaces, my family and friends have come to enjoy my Franco-Papua New Guinean way of cooking. These are simple recipes for you to try. Bon Appetit!



#### Yam Hachis Parmentier

1 kg yam
2 onions
2 tbsp oil
2 tbsp butter
salt

400g minced meat
2 litre milk
2 tbsp butter
pepper

Peel yam and boil until soft. Drain and mash yam in a dish. Boil the milk and add it with the butter to the mashed yam. Mix well. Season with salt and pepper.

Peel and slice onions and fry lightly in oil. When cooked, add minced meat and simmer for 10 minutes.

Pour a layer of yam in a greased tray then cover with the meat and onion mixture. Top with a layer of the remaining yam.

Bake in the top of the oven until brown. Eat warm.



Local Ratatouille and Fish en papillotte

Ratatouille 2 onions

3 cloves of garlic

1 chilli 2 capsicum 2 eggplant 2 tomatoes

Fish

4 fish fillets, or a whole fish

rock salt pepper

2 tbsp olive oil 1 tbsp rosemary

Aluminum foil

Pre-heat oven at 200°C.

Prepare vegetables: slice onions & chilli, crush garlic, cut capsicum, eggplant and tomatoes in small cubes.

Heat olive oil in a saucepan. Stir fry onion, chilli and garlic for 5 minutes, then add capsicum and fry for 2 minutes. Add the eggplant and tomatoes, rock salt, pepper, rosemary and a small glass of water. Simmer for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile wash fish fillets. Put them in individual aluminum foil parcels; spread a little rock salt and pepper and seal the *papillotte* well. Bake in oven for 15-20 minutes. The fillet should have given off a little juice. If it is dry, it means it is overcooked. If you cook a whole fish, allow approximately 20 minutes per 300gms and check that you can detach the flesh easily from the bone.

Serve immediately with coconut creamed rice and *ratatouille*.



Kaukau Gratin

4 medium size Kaukau (sweet potato)

2 capsicum 3 onions

3 eggs app.  $\frac{1}{2}$  litre milk

150g grated cheese

salt pepper Pre heat oven at 200°C.

Peel kaukau and cut into thin slices. Slice capsicum and onions. In an oven tray, make layers of kaukau (seasoned with salt and pepper), then onion, capsicum, kaukau again and so on up to the top. Finish with a layer of kaukau.

Beat eggs with milk, salt and pepper. Pour milk mixture over the layers of vegetables. Spread grated cheese on top. Bake in oven for app. 45 minutes, until the cheese forms a nice brown crispy gratin on top. Serve with green salad.



#### Orange Cake by Tante Léone

2 oranges 1 cup sugar 2 cups self-raising flour 50gms butter 1 glass of milk Pre heat oven at 180°C.

Prepare oranges: grate the rind of both oranges. Peel one orange and slice it. Squeeze the juice of the second orange.

Melt butter on very low heat. (It should not froth or change colour.) In a bowl, mix sugar with flour. Add in melted butter and milk. When well mixed, add the orange rind and juice. Sprinkle a thin layer of sugar over a lightly greased cake tin. Place orange slices on top of the sugar and then add the cake mix. Bake in middle of oven for 45 minutes until golden. Let the cake cool down in the tin for 15 minutes, then turn the cake upside down on a plate, the orange facing up. Serve when cold.



Banana - Ginger Jam

1kg very ripe bananas 1kg raw sugar 1 root of young ginger

Peel and mash bananas. Cut the ginger into very small pieces. Mix bananas, ginger and sugar in a saucepan. Let stand for 30 minutes, then boil on low heat for 45 minutes. Cool jam completely in the pan. Bottle and store in the refrigerator for up to 6 months.

## Welcome!

Getting Around: At Jackson's Airport, which is 11km from the centre of Port Moresby, there are rental car counters, a bank and duty free shops. Major hotels have a courtesy bus to and from the airport. Taxis have meters. Within the city, PMVs (public motor vehicles) cost 50 toea per journey.

Elsewhere, PMVs, taxis and hire cars are available.

*Useful Port Moresby Numbers:* Air Niugini Information 3273480; Reservations & Confirmation 3273555 (Domestic) and 3273444 (International); Police 000; Ambulance 3256822.

*Currency*: Papua New Guinea's unit of currency is the Kina which is divided into 100 toea. Exchange your money at Jackson's Airport or in banks which are open from 8.45am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday and until 4pm on Friday. Credit cards are accepted in leading hotels and shops.

Customs and Quarantine: Adults over 18 have a general allowance of new goods to the value of K250 and are allowed duty free:

- · 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250grams of tobacco
- · One litre of alcohol
- · A reasonable amount of perfume

Drugs, pornographic literature or video tapes, firearms and weapons are prohibited. Food items, seeds, spices, live or dry plants, animals, animal products and biological specimens such as cultures and blood need special import approval.

*Languages:* Although over 800 languages are spoken in Papua New Guinea, English is the language of education and commerce. Tok Pisin is widely spoken and Hiri Motu is common in Papua.

*Time:* Papua New Guinea is 10 hours ahead of GMT, in the same time zone as Eastern Australia. There is no daylight saving.

*Communication:* ISD, STD and facsimile services are available in most areas. Large towns have public telephones. Phone cards can be used in some. Many rural areas have radio phones.

**Driving:** Drivers' licences issued in other countries are valid for 3 months after arrival. Vehicles travel on the left side of the road; speed limits are 60kph in built-up areas and 80kph out of town.

*Electricity:* Electricity supply is 240 volts AC 50 Hz. Some hotels have 110 volt outlets for shavers and hair dryers.

*Health:* Water quality is within WHO standards in most towns. Bottled water is available. In rural areas it is advisable to boil water. As malaria continues to be a health risk in the country, anti-malaria tablets should be taken two weeks before arrival, during your stay and for 4 weeks after departure. Use insect repellent and wear long-sleeved shirts, trousers and shoes in the evening. Dentists, doctors and hospitals are in all major centres. Rural areas have health centres and aid posts staffed by trained health workers.

*Dress:* For most occasions, dress is informal. Thongs and shorts are not allowed in some bars and restaurants. Lightweight clothing is suitable for coastal areas but a sweater or jacket will be needed in the highlands.

**Restaurants:** Western cuisine is available in hotels, restaurants, guest houses and lodges. Port Moresby has several Asian restaurants. Some hotels especially in the provinces serve local food such as roast pork, chicken or fish with sweet potato, taro, yam, pumpkin, banana and greens cooked in coconut milk.

Tips: Tips are neither expected nor encouraged.

**Shopping:** Large stores and artifact shops offer a variety of goods for sale. Saturday is a half day for most shops and nearly all are closed on Sunday. Artisans sell their craft beside the roads or in markets. All markets sell a wide range of fruits and vegetables.

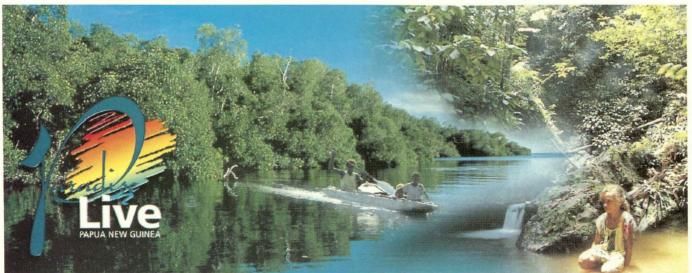
Cultural Events: Celebrations of traditional culture include:

June Port Moresby Show August Mt Hagen Show

September Hiri Moale Festival Port Moresby; Goroka Show October Maborasa Festival Madang; Morobe Show

Export Rules: Many artifacts, historical and cultural objects are prohibited exports. Others require a permit from the National Museum. Export permits for wildlife and animal products are issued by the Nature Conservation Divison of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

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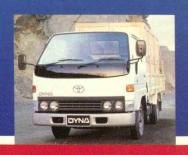




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