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Keeping Up With Mal



Happy New Year! 2003 is the Year of the Ram, Sheep or Goat, depending on your perspective. In the Chinese astrological calendar, the year 2003 refers to these three animals interchangeably. In reality, however, we know that one would prefer to be called a Sheep if one is female and a Ram if one is male, but no one wants to be called a Goat! In any event, we did our research as usual for the first article of

the year to learn about the attributes of persons born in the years 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003. For those born prior to 1943, just subtract 12, as the cycle repeats every 12 years. Anyway, we surfed the "net" and found out the following:

"Those born in this animal year are true artists. They are happy and contented when doing something creative. These people are pessimistic, puzzled about life, and seem to lack a sense of direction. Sheep people are followers (naturally), not leaders. The need to be guided because of their basic insecurity. However, despite their shyness and timidity, sheep people usually manage to eat well, wear nice clothes, and live comfort-

ably. They have elegant tastes, a passionate nature, wisdom, and an inborn gentleness, demonstrating these traits not only with loved ones but also in the causes they believe in. Their concern for the underdog often has them lending someone unfortunate a helping hand. However, they prefer to keep their philanthropies anonymous."

*"I am nature's child.
I trust and am rewarded by trust.
Fortune smiles upon my countenance.
All things blossom
in the gentleness of my love.
I strive to find beauty in all I behold.
I am fair of face
and full of grace.*



I am the Sheep. "

Couldn't have said it better myself! Some famous people born in the year of the sheep are Michelangelo, Mark Twain, Orville Wright, Mikhail Gorbachev, George Harrison and Kristi Koga.

So that's it for the year of the sheep and "Keeping Up with Mal."

Aloha!



From "Da Boss"

By Glenn Nohara

2002 was an outstanding year for our company in terms of exceeding revenue and profit goals. We believe this was a direct result of having excellent customers, suppliers and dedicated employees committed to the Deming-based

management system. As firm believers and subscribers of the Deming method, which focuses on the "system," the "customer-supplier relationship," and the "power of the critical mass of employees," a great deal of time and effort was spent this past year on exploring and reaffirming Dr. Deming's theories. An example of the powerful results that can be

attained is the song contest performances at our annual Christmas party, where the "stage shows" are approaching Broadway caliber quality. It's kind of spooky! Read Lori Isara's reviews in the "Bits & Pieces" article on page 4 for the details.

Reflecting on Koga Engineering's positive performance of the past few years, we truly appreciate our dedicated employees who willingly embrace further education and devotion to work. At the same time, we are grateful to our loyal customers and suppliers with whom we share mutual professional trust. Management at Koga Engineering pledges to protect and nurture these delicate and critical factors to ensure continued success for everyone involved.

Thank you for a very successful 2002. All of us look forward to even greater things in 2003. Please visit our website at www.KogaEngineering.com to see more pictures of our recent projects.

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News from Kaua'i

By Marc Johnson



Happy New Year!! Now this is a first...M-M-M-Marc (a.k.a. "Toothless") writing an article for the K-K-K-Koga Report. Even I gotta chuckle, or as Andy would say, "I WORRY!!" With the threat of war, billion dollar companies going under and C.E.O.'s being shuffled like a deck of cards, Koga Engineering is fortunately in the throes of our better years. One of the reasons why is

because we are doing it the DEMING WAY!

Completed projects last quarter include the Kalapaki Marketplace Parking Improvements and Waimea Tech Center Phase II. Ongoing projects include Kapā'a Homesteads Well No. 2, Lydgate Park Bike & Pedestrian Path, and Marriott Waiohai Phase II. Kuhio Highway

Intersection Improvements @ South Leho Drive (D.O.T.) has just started in mid-January and slated to start in February is the Kaua'i Judiciary



Marriott Waiohai project with Maryl/Unlimited Construction Services JV.



Waimea Tech Center project with Unlimited Construction Services Inc.



Kalapaki Market Place Parking project for Aina Hou Development Corp.

Complex (U.C.S.I.). Later on this year we'll be starting Kuhio Highway Resurfacing – Hardy Street to Kuene Road (Jas. W. Glover). A big mahalo to our estimating department for all their hard work. Like Sam Choy says on TV every week, "It's unbelievable."

Until next time, keep the wind at your back and don't lock your keys in the truck!!! 'A hui hou malama pono.....



News from the Big Island

By Kyle Sakaitani

It was a quiet quarter on the Big Island, hopefully the calm before the storm. Not much to report. Irving and gang are swervin' back and forth between Kealakehe High School with Dick

Pacific and Allied Cold Storage with ConTech. In addition, we are getting ready for the Kailua-Kona Wharf Improvements with Hawaiian Dredging. Other than that, work safe and remember, there's always a better way...



Finishing off the cinder track surface at Kealakehe High School with Dick Pacific Construction.



Pristine waters at Kailua-Kona Wharf Improvements, next project with Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company.

News from Oahu

By Clay Asato



Greetings! About this time a year ago some of us were just settling into our newly constructed office building, Jits was contemplating tying himself to the old office, and half of the project managers were on Kauai and the Big Island. 2002 passed by much too quickly and we are already in the second fiscal quarter of 2003. Wow!

The volume on Oahu was a little below average in 2002, but with the help of our "core team" we did manage to complete a number of successful projects. We would like to thank all of you for your loyalty and efforts. Also, a big Mahalo to all of the "travelers".

Although the volume in the first quarter was low, I don't expect this trend to continue. In fact, it looks like we will be fairly busy with some interesting projects on the books. We have already started the Honolulu Advertiser, and look forward to starting several projects in the federal sector as well as several City & County projects. One of them involves a short river crossing. Thanks Glenn! Piece of Cake??? All kidding aside, I'm sure the "system" will help us to accomplish this task.



Marriott Ko Olina project with Dick Pacific Construction.

Trade Publishing's Construction Preview

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Honolulu Advertiser project with Dick Pacific Construction



Honolulu Advertiser Crew

standing: Alvin Fujioka, Billy Acosta, Clayton Nii, Asotasi Afi, Richard Panui, David Arruda, Emilio Placencia, Lee Iboshi

kneeling: Derek Ebesu, Celso Saragena, Rudy Espejo, Gil Rafael

issue looks pretty impressive this year and there should be enough work for everyone on all islands. Let's hope all of the economic indicators are correct and everything holds true.

Here's to a healthy and successful 2003.....cheers!

Crunching Out The Numbers

By Gregg Ichimura



Well, what to write? It has been over a year since I was last tasked to write the Estimating Department's quarterly newsletter article. Keun has been doing such a good job that I thought it was a permanent assignment. Well, what to write?

I recently heard the prophetic song "1999" by Prince. It was originally released in February 1983 (think about that, 20 yrs ago) and talked about the coming of the new millennium. It was my freshman year in high school and besides thinking that Senior Year would never ever get here, the year 2000 seemed like science fiction. The one line of lyric that I always remember is "we are going to party like its 1999!" I told myself that if/when December 31, 1999 ever did come around, "Hell yeah, I'm going to have one big party!"

Well it is now 2003. The year 2000, with all of its hoopla about the new millennium, has come and gone, quickly turning into a faint memory. Somehow, our computers, telephones and bank accounts all made it. There was a party, but somehow I didn't have the same energy I thought I would have, back when I was a high school freshman. So what does this have to do with estimating? Absolutely NOTHING! Ok, Ok, I know "thank-you for sharing." Like I said, what to write?

Jobs that we have recently acquired and look forward working on are: New Parking Lot – Tripler Army Medical Center (JHL), Keolu Hills Neighborhood Park – Sewer Connection (C&C of Hon.), The Honolulu Advertiser – Kapolei (Dick Pacific), Whole Barracks Phase 4A – Renovate Quad "F" (NAN, Inc.), P.H. B.E.Q. 1506 (NAN, Inc.), Kuhio Highway Resurfacing – Hardy St. to Kuene Rd. (Jas W. Glover), P.H. B.E.Q. Replacement (1+1) (Dick Pacific) and Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Water Line (C&C of Hon.).

Bits & Pieces

By Lori Isara



Dennis Okazaki or "Mr. O." has recently joined the board of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii. The volunteer board oversees the organization which has facilities to assist seriously ill children and their families. Kudos to Mr. O.

The annual Koga Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 15, at the Waikiki Beach Marriott. This year like last year we were able to fly in our outer island employees and their guest. As usual Jits did a fantastic job of emceeing our party. Jits rapped like Eminem and imagine with a name like Jits he had to be really creative because all the words that rhyme with Jits sounds like _____. With the help of Keun Pak, Jits rapped away with audience participation. The Rock made a special appearance but there was no special appearance of Michael Jackson this year... maybe next year? If anyone ever needs an emcee or a rapper for their next party, be sure to ask Jits. Santa Claus visited from the North Pole and posed for pictures and passed out gifts to the employees and their children. Thanks to the generosity of all our sponsor companies, every employee in attendance went home with a door prize. Jordan Kahananui Sr. won the grand prize of a \$1,000 travel certificate. This year because of the perpetual trophy or because of the BAM Retreat picnics...the Koga men

really put their hearts and souls into the singing contest. The teams from Kauai and the Big Island all stepped it up a notch and were very creative with their introduction of the men and their singing. The jobsites on Kauai and Hawaii must have been working overtime with choir practice, because the men all knew the words to the songs that they had to sing. Although Andy, Russell and Garrett had a great basketball introduction with lights and music of the Kauai men, the Big Island men took the first place honors with their rendition of "KYLE the Red Nosed Reindeer". For all the other teams, you have one year to practice.

We are sad to report the passing in November of Melvin Corpuz's father and Paul Aniya's father who was also Danny Aniya's brother. Melvin is an equipment operator on Kauai, Paul is a project manager in Honolulu and Danny is our equipment manager. Our sincere condolences go out to the Corpuz and the Aniya families.

Best Wishes and Good Luck to Mark Harvey, who retired in November. Mark aka Lucky was an operator/mechanic on the Big Island.

We have a correction to last quarter's edition of the Bits and Pieces. Chaziah Alvarez was born weight 7 lbs. 8 oz. not 1 lb. 8 oz. as previously reported. Remember, if you have any news to share please let us know for the next newsletter.



Tripler Army Medical Center Parking Lot with JHL Construction.

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