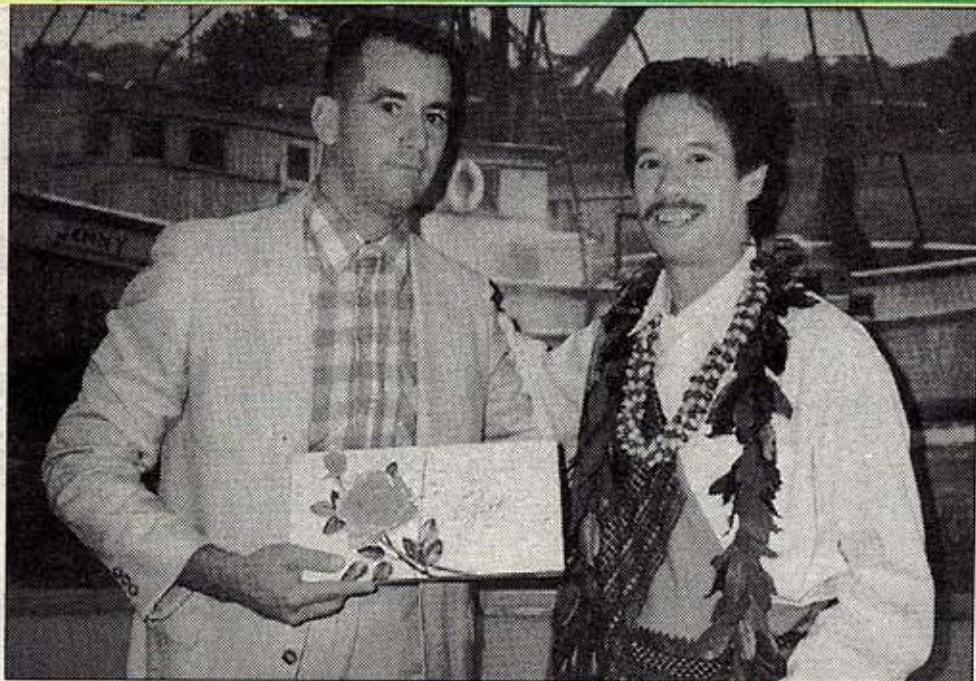


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No, it's not Tom Hanks. It's just Forrest Gump look-a-like Steve Weber, left, with Anoni Akana at the new Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. in Lahaina.

Lahaina's got 'Gumption'

Friday, Bubba Gump Shrimp Company Restaurant & Market will open its doors in Lahaina.

It's the third in a series of theme eateries based on the Academy-award winning film, "Forrest Gump."

Located in the former Lahaina Broiler, the restaurant is jointly developed by Paramount Pictures and Rusty Pelican Inc., a new chain of restaurants.

"We feel Maui is a natural fit for a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.," says Scott Barnett of Rusty Pelican. "We know that our restaurant will enhance the visitor's experience here, as well as offer an exciting place for the local

residents to dine."

Friday's opening is private. But Saturday, Bubba Gump Maui will donate 50 percent of all proceeds of the day's sales to the Lahaina public schools.

"Our restaurants are geared toward families," says Barnett. "We want to do something that will benefit Lahaina families right from the start."

The menu includes Forrest's shrimp net catch; Lt. Dan's drunken prawns; and bucket of boat trash.

Movie memorabilia abounds and a retail store sells souvenirs such as chocolates by the box, cookbooks and clothing.