WE HAVE AN ODDITY to report, in regard to moai sightings. For years a fake moai sat out in front of a restaurant in Cambridge, MA with the name Aku-Aku, and which served ersatz Polynesian food. Well, the restaurant is now a seafood place, called "Summer Shack"—but what to do about the moai out front? They added a hat, beard, pipe and fisherman's jacket, transforming the moai into a Maine fisherman! (photo by William Liller).

ANOTHER MOAI sighting from El Lay has been reported by Rapanuiophile Suzanne Williams who submitted photos of North Hollywood's "Tonga Hut" where a large wood moai stands in front to welcome customers. The Tonga Hut is sandwiched between a bridal salon and a gift shop.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROFESSOR Terry Hunt was startled to discovers a new moai (sand sculpture) on the beach at 'Anakena. The eyes were Styrofoam, not coral (photo by Scott Nicolay).

THE ISLAND OF POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia, harbors the remains of four victims of the U.S. Civil War, dating to 135 years ago. These are the wrecks of four whalers—three are of U.S. registry and one of Hawaiian registry. They were sunk by the Confederate raider Shenandoah in April 1865. The Shenandoah attacked and burned the whalers during its first stop in the Pacific. At this time, Gen. Robert E. Lee had already surrendered at Appomattox, but the ship's captain didn't hear about the end of the war until several months later. Evidence of the three vessels was found during an underwater archaeological survey over the past month.

Leading the team were Suzanne Finney, doctoral student at the University of Hawaii-Manoa Department of Anthropology, and Frank Cantelas, Eastern Carolina University staff archaeologist. Anthropology professor Michael W. Graves is the project's principal investigator.

Ms Finney plans to return to Pohnpei next summer, and hopes to find a fourth wreck in Pohnahtik Harbor, Madolenihmw Province. She believes that the team found two of three U.S. whalers and the Hawaiian whaler, Harvest. According to accounts, three whalers burned together, drifted onto the reef and sank, and the Hawaiian vessel burned last. The remains of the other two ships are "almost end-to-end," she said. "We were hand-sifting and realized we had material from two wrecks—not one." A tip came from a local fishermen who asked what they were doing and then said he knew where there was another wreck, a few hundred feet away.

The scuba divers found the three wrecks in about 25 to 30 feet of water, despite poor visibility from silt washing into the harbor from rivers. Finney said they recovered large sections of keel and some pieces of copper sheathing, which may help them date the wrecks. The Shenandoah was sent to the Pacific during the final months of the Civil War in 1865 to destroy the American whaling fleet. In 18 months, it captured more than 30 whaling ships, including the four at Pohnpei.