

# PATCH ME THROUGH TO...

## *the Iolani Palace Irregulars*

Correspondence & Information Exchange for fans of Hawaii Five-0  
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CONGRATULATIONS to Dick Cunningham--his next year's dues will be waived, since his suggestion won the Name the Newsletter Contest. "Five-0 No Ka Oi" was a very close second.

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### OPINION AND COMMENTARY

Is Steve McGarrett Catholic?  
by Maryann Gallant

To answer this question, I decided I would have to go back all the way to Genesis, and found...

In the beginning there was Jack Lord and Leonard Freeman, and Leonard Freeman said, "Let there be Steve McGarrett." After much time spent in the agony of creation, Jack Lord and Leonard Freeman, locked in the embrace of collaboration, begat Steve McGarrett. Leonard Freeman looked to Jack Lord and said, "Make him strong but compassionate, fearless but God-fearing, short on patience but long on understanding, not given to open emotions but deeply passionate." Together they made him fiercely dedicated and unshakably loyal to his position as well as the task at hand, whatever that may be. Leonard Freeman stood back and after studying his creation he smiled and said, "This is good. Now let there be 'Hawaii Five-0.'"

This time, locked in the embrace of collaboration together with Jack Lord and Steve McGarrett, Leonard Freeman brought forth "Hawaii Five-0."

Leonard Freeman said to him, Jack Lord, and him, Steve McGarrett, "Let us strive for perfection and reality but above all let us strive for quality and entertainment." He stood back and said, "This also is good. It will weather the passage of time and shall be handed down from generation to generation coming to rest on endless syndicated cable networks. Together Steve McGarrett and "Hawaii Five-0" will be so strong that even the three minutes edited out by these cable networks will harm them not." And it was so...

Remember what I said: At times, in order to understand the child, you must first look to the parents. I now know I didn't go far enough, for you see, Steve McGarrett is actually a

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composite molded by Leonard Freeman and such superior writers as Jerome Coopersmith, Al Sapinsley, Abram S. Ginnes, Ken Pettus, Eric Bercovici--not to mention the directors: Michael O'Herlihy, Paul Stanley, and even Jack Lord himself. Catholics, non-Catholics, Christians, non-Christians, and Jews alike.

The answer, therefore, can only be that he is all of these, and isn't that fitting? After all, Steve McGarrett touches the hearts of all of us and yes, we are Catholic, non-Catholic, Christian, non-Christian, and Jewish in the same manner. God go with you--aloha!

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### THE EAGLE EYE

From Helen D. Volk:

"In 'Follow the White Brick Road,' 1972, when McGarrett is brought out to a Navy ship via a smaller ship, the motor boat which ferries between the two contains the cameraman and he can be seen with his camera taking the pictures of the docking of the motorboat to the smaller ship. It is very obvious."

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### THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS?

On Monday McGarrett was kidnapped;  
On Tuesday, McGarrett got shot.  
On Wednesday he got a fine present,  
A box with a bomb that was hot.  
On Thursday the boss was arrested;  
(But that night, the real crook was caught.)  
On Friday McGarrett was hoodwinked,  
L. A. Filer had hatched a new plot.  
Saturday Steve was in trouble,  
The Gov had our man on the spot.  
When on Sunday Wo Fat came a-calling,  
McGarrett sailed off in his yacht.

Karen Rhodes

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### UBIQUITOUS FIVE-Ø

In the current movie, "Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey," at the end Bill and Ted are left with the Grim Reaper, who looks at them and says, "Book 'em, Danno!"

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"Hawaii Five-Ø", at 12 years on the tube, had the longest continuous run of any police series in the history of television.



#### A PAGE FROM MCGARRETT'S COOKBOOK

In the episode "Blind Tiger" (1969), Kono brings McGarrett a bowl of lomi-lomi in the hospital. If you've wondered what it is, here's a recipe for lomi-lomi.

Should be prepared ahead. Serves 8.

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| 1/2 lb. smoked salmon or lox | 3 scallions, chopped    |
| 4 fresh tomatoes             | 1 medium onion, chopped |
| 1 lg. green pepper           | 1 cup crushed ice       |

Shred salmon. Peel and cube tomatoes; dice green peppers. Combine salmon, tomatoes, green pepper, scallions and onions. Chill. Fold in crushed ice and serve cold.

An attractive way to serve lomi-lomi salmon is in tomato halves. Scoop out pulp, seeds of tomato. Dice and combine with rest of ingredients. Chill. Refill tomato halves with mixture and serve.

*"MAHALO" TO TERRY CONAWAY*

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#### HATS ON!

The Iolani Palace Irregulars is offering to its members a distinctive baseball-style hat made of a comfortable cotton blend material. It's an "Aloha" hat, done in a lovely and vibrant "Aloha shirt" pattern. It comes in red, blue, or black, and one size fits all. On the front panel (which is plain rather than the "Aloha shirt" design) is a label which reads, in a color matching the hat, IOLANI PALACE IRREGULARS. (It is possible to have the patch say HAWAII FIVE-Ø rather than Iolani Palace Irregulars, if you'd like. Please say so on your order.)

We need orders for at least ten hats to make it worthwhile. To order, just drop a note with the color preference (blue, red, black) and label preference (IOLANI PALACE IRREGULARS or HAWAII FIVE-Ø), and number of hats, together with a check, to the Iolani Palace Irregulars, Post Office Box 1509, Orange Park, FL 32067-1509. Hats are \$12 each, including postage and packaging. Make checks payable to Karen Rhodes. Order deadline: October 1.

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#### INFORMATION EXCHANGE

One service fan organizations perform is to keep their members informed of other fandoms and organizations. We're currently exchanging newsletters with U.N.C.L.E. HQ, the focus of which is obvious from its name. They sponsor Spycon 7, a flyer for which was included in the July newsletter.

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## Information Exchange--continued

Their newsletter, "HQ Newsletter," comes out four times a year. #157/158 (May 1991) had several reprinted articles, an original short-short story (with a PUNchline), a detailed analysis and review of one of the "Man From U.N.C.L.E." episodes, and other newsbits. They're publishing a yearbook, and the Iolani Palace Irregulars will have a listing and an ad. For information on U.N.C.L.E. HQ, write to Darlene Kepner, Secretary, U.N.C.L.E. HQ, 234 Washo Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

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### "FIVE-0" IS STILL KNOCKING THEM DEAD

July was local "sweeps" time for television, the time when performance of local stations is measured as a means of determining what they will charge for advertising time. It's like the national ratings, done on the local level. In Jacksonville, Florida (where I see "Hawaii Five-0"), the show is airing at 11:30 on Sunday nights. That's not a heavy viewing time, as most people have to go to work Monday morning. But "Hawaii Five-0" in that time slot did a respectable 4 rating and 18 share. The 11:00 news, on just before "Hawaii Five-0," did a 10 rating and a 30 share. The disparity between the two programs in part reflects the numbers of people going to bed.

The good news for local fans is that as of September 14, Channel 4 will also be showing "Hawaii Five-0" on Saturday nights at 11:30, as it did better in the ratings than "The Love Connection," the bit of fluff [a little editorial opinion, here] that has had that time slot. It looks like eleven years after hanging up his badge and gun, McGarrett is still the boss.

Your local station's program director may be able (or, more important, willing!) to tell you how the show did in the July sweeps in your area. A polite and to-the-point phone call may yield you the information. If you do find out, how about letting us know? If we can compile enough good data, those who do not have "Hawaii Five-0" running in their local areas might be able to use the data to convince their local stations to pick it up.  
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### HOW ABOUT FIVE-0 ON HOME VIDEO?

One of the projects of the Iolani Palace Irregulars is a letter-writing campaign to convince Viacom, the syndicator which owns the show now, that it should be released on home video for the fans. The point is to have the episodes complete, including the teasers and trailers (the trailers being the "scenes from next week" which began "This is Jack Lord inviting you to be with us for...").

(See HOW TO CONDUCT... next page)



## HOW TO CONDUCT AN EFFECTIVE LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN

The primary element is that it should not look like a letter-writing campaign. That is, it should not look like an organized effort, but rather seem to be the spontaneous outpouring of fan opinion. So there are some DO's and DON'T's in letter-writing:

DO be polite; phrase your letter in the form of a request, with an air of "Gee, wouldn't this be NICE?"

DO tell how much you have enjoyed the show over the years, point out that it is a classic (for example, that it is the longest continuous run of a police series in television history and that it has become part of the culture).

DO give an indication that you are willing to shell out the bucks to buy the episodes, should they become available.

DO phrase the letter in your own words.

DO, if the series is currently running in syndication in your viewing area, cite the ratings (especially the July "sweeps" ratings, if you can get them) as an indication of what kind of following the show has. If the show is not running in your area, you may want to let Viacom know that you surely would like it on videotape so you can see it again!

DO cite any other evidence you can in support of the show. For example, everywhere I go that I mention "Hawaii Five-0" around the North Florida area, I have people say things like, "That's still my favorite show!"

DO mention that September 20, 1993, will be the 25th anniversary of the premiere of the pilot movie, and/or September 26, 1993, the 25th anniversary of the premiere of the series.

DON'T mention the Iolani Palace Irregulars! The less organized a campaign seems to be, the more likely it is that "they" will pay attention to it!

WHERE TO WRITE: Viacom International, Broadcasting Dept., 1515 Broadway, New York, NY, 10036. The person to address the letter to is Henry S. Schleiff, Chairman and CEO.

Good luck, and mahalo!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Member Anna Labbate has the following for sale:  
Movie star magazines with JACK LORD. Also other movie stars. Send a list of your favorite stars. Anna Labbate, 63 Oxholm Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301.

## BACK ISSUES

Several members have requested back issues. Finished issues are not available; however, all newsletter text is on diskette and draft copies are available. For draft copies of back issues, send a SASE for EACH issue desired. Available now: #1, #2, #3, and #4. Do be sure to indicate which issue you want!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Yes, it's time once again for the boring portion of the newsletter! Here's what your money is doing for you...

Balance from last report: \$ 60.67

Income:

New Members (13\*) 70.00

Expenses:

General Postage \$ 13.46

July Newsletter copying 20.88

NAFC 6.00

Zine (mailing manuscripts  
for comment or changes) 1.96

Flyers for Spycon  
(way to get new members) 4.65

Postage for flyers 2.13

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Total Expenses: \$ 49.08

Balance: \$ 81.59

\* 13 members would total \$65, but one member paid for TWO years at once.

NAFC: Affiliation for the year 9/91-9/92 with the National Association of Fan Clubs. Affiliation fee is \$12, but we share our membership with Star Sector: Northeast Florida; therefore, each group pays half.

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### THE CHAMBER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

A "Beauty and the Beast" Fan Community

...Come ye, who seek the knowledge of love and light...beyond the Crystal Cavern into the Chamber of Enlightenment.

Our dues are \$15 per year, and include the quarterly newsletter OF LOVE AND LIGHT. We are a social and literary organization dedicated to the ideals expressed in "Beauty and the Beast," Vincent and Catherine, love and romance, sharing knowledge, friendship, compassion, and the arts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEND A S.A.S.E. TO

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