

PATCH ME THROUGH TO...

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IN MEMORIAM

KHIGH DHIEGH
1910-1991

Chief among the "Villains We Loved to Hate," he gave us much entertainment with his dynamic portrayal of Wo Fat --a role he obviously enjoyed.
"We will meet again."

MY BUDDY, WO FAT
by Maryann Gallant

Wo Fat appeared in the Five-0 pilot movie and in the last episode of the series, "Woe to Wo Fat." According to the production numbers, these two shows were actually filmed first and last. Wo Fat appeared in a total of ten episodes after the pilot movie:

Forty Feet High, And it Kills
And a Time to Die...
The Ninety-Second War
Presenting...In the Center Ring...Murder
Nine Dragons

A Bullet for McGarrett
F.O.B. Honolulu (I & II)
The Jinn Who Clears the Way
Murder--Eyes Only
Woe to Wo Fat

In the second and third seasons, he appeared in two separate episodes. In the second season, "Forty Feet High, and It Kills" and "A Bullet for McGarrett." His part in "A Bullet for McGarrett" is so small, however, that many fans forget it in their list of Wo Fat episodes. In the third season, there were "And a Time to Die..." and "F.O.B. Honolulu," a two-part episode.

There were three seasons Wo Fat did not have a single episode--the sixth, tenth, and eleventh seasons. If you don't count "Cocoon" as part of the first season episodes, then you would have to add that season as being a "Fat"-free season.

Out of Wo Fat's ten episodes, he had three season openers: the third season with "And a Time to Die...", the eighth season with "Murder--Eyes Only," and the ninth season with "Nine Dragons."

GENE RODDENBERRY
1921-1991

The Great Bird of the Galaxy, who gave us all a vision of a brighter future. From all of us "Hawaii Five-0" fans who are also "Star Trek" fans, Aloha and Mahalo.

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More on Khigh Dhiagh...

(Gratitude to Maryann Gallant, who called with information from a newspaper article, for much of this item. Other information comes from The Complete Directory to Prime-Time TV Stars, 1946-Present, by Tim Brooks, and from The Complete Directory to Prime-Time TV Shows, 1946-Present by Tim Brooks and Earle Marsh.)

Khight Dhiagh was born in 1910 in Spring Lake, New Jersey, but lived most of his life in New York City. During his life, he wrote eleven books, crafted jewelry, and taught philosophy at the University of California at Los Angeles. He was a follower of the I Ching, and recognized as one of its leading advocates. He owned a Taoist shrine in Tempe, Arizona.

His acting career began when he was "discovered" while working in his mother's New York City book store. A customer asked him if he would like to be in a Broadway play. His acting career led, as we all know, eventually to "Hawaii Five-0" where he took on the role of Wo Fat in the pilot movie. In the original script, Wo Fat was killed at the end, but Jack Lord took a liking to the character as a nemesis for McGarrett, and wanted him to reappear in the series.

Khight Dhiagh had a series of his own, called "Khan," in which he played a private detective who solved crimes with the help of his two children. Khan's daughter Anna was played by Irene Yah-Ling Sun, who appeared in many "Hawaii Five-0" episodes, including "Yes, My Deadly Daughter." Also in the cast of "Khan" was Vic Tayback, who played Raymond Parmel in the "Five-0" episode "Bones of Contention." "Khan" was canceled after only four weeks on the air (Feb. 7-28, 1975).

Khight Dhiagh also appeared with Pierce Brosnan in the mini-series "Noble House," based on the James Clavell novel. Another fine performance he gave us was in an ABC-TV movie, "Judge Dee in the Monastery Murders," based on a character created by Robert van Gulick in his retelling of ancient Chinese tales of a fictional judge of the T'ang dynasty.

Khight Dhiagh died at age 81 of heart and liver failure at Desert Samaritan Hospital. He had been living in Chandler, AZ.

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HELEN HAYES AND JAMES MACARTHUR GO TO THE MOVIES

There's a classic-movie series in syndication--"Canterbury Cinema Classics." They run classic movies such as Alfred Hitchcock's "The Lady Vanishes" and other fine films.

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At the Movies with Helen Hayes and James MacArthur - continued

The best part is that the series is hosted by Helen Hayes and her son, James ("Book 'em, Danno") MacArthur. He's outgrown cute cuddly Danno; Mr. MacArthur now sports a head of white hair. That doesn't matter--the same soft voice is still there. He does wear an Aloha shirt for the show. He and his mother discuss the movie being aired that week during an informative intermission. It's terrific to see the two of them together.

Independent stations in your area might be the most likely to carry it. It may NOT be listed in your newspaper's listings or in TV Guide under the name "Canterbury Cinema Classics." But phoning around and talking to program directors of your local stations ought to reveal to you if the movie series hosted by Miss Hayes and Mr. MacArthur is being run in your area. And if not, you can ask that they pick it up.

Happy viewing! (Local members note: Jacksonville's Channel 47 runs these films on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m.)

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THE EAGLE EYE

In "Draw Me a Killer," as "Officer Danny" is walking down the alley to the place where he'll meet the killer, there is someone's head visible just behind him and to his right. It is one of the production crew, possibly the dolly grip.

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BETA OWNERS--TAKE NOTE

One of our members has 22 "Hawaii Five-0" episodes on Beta and is willing to provide these episodes to other Beta owners. For a copy of his list, and his address so you can contact him, please send a business-sized SASE to BETA List, c/o the Iolani Palace Irregulars, P. O. Box 1509, Orange Park, FL 32067-1509.

PROGRESS REPORT -- "PAU HANA", our "Hawaii Five-0" zine

"Pau Hana" ("After Work"), our "Hawaii Five-0" fanzine, should come out next summer. Stories are being written, edited, rewritten (our writers and our artist could tell you I'm a tough editor), and all other ducks being got into neat rows to produce what we hope will be a fine and enjoyable zine.

We're still looking for stories, poems, artwork, essays, articles for the zine. If you'd like to write something for us, let me know. If you would like merely to pitch an idea to me,

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Pau Hana - continued

I'm all ears (or eyes), or you can submit a finished product.
But remember--no writing is finished until the rewrite is done!

We have some good adventures, a "missing scene" story based on "Man in a Steel Frame," and a story from McGarrett's past. So stay tuned for some fun reading.

--Karen Rhodes, editor, "Pau Hana"

A "FIVE-Ø" CHRISTMAS TALE...

(...or, "Book 'em, Elias!")

[Related by Robert S. Sandla. Mr. Sandla recently retired to Florida after 23 years in Honolulu. He may be seen in the "Hawaii Five-Ø" episodes "And the Horse Jumped Over the Moon," "The Two-Faced Corpse," and "A Jury of One," among others.]

About fourteen years ago, Elias Freij, mayor of Bethlehem (in Israel) was making a fundraising tour of the United States to raise money to repair/expand the parking lot at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, for the tourists. I was named by the Mayor of Honolulu to put together a reception for Mayor Freij, who was accompanied on his tour by a professional fundraiser.

I met with Mayor Freij and his representative, and asked him if there was anything special we could do for him while he was in Honolulu. "Yes," he told me. "There is one thing: I would love to meet Jack Lord!"

It turned out, according to Mayor Freij, that "Hawaii Five-Ø" was a favorite show in his strife-torn part of the world. In fact, he told me, when "Hawaii Five-Ø" came on, the shooting would stop and everyone would go inside to watch the show!

I called Jack Lord's wife, Marie, and explained the situation to her. The reception was to be held near their home. A couple days later, I received a call from Jack Lord, and he said he'd be happy to meet Mayor Freij. When he appeared at the reception, he brought with him a present for the Mayor--a beautifully-wrought "Hawaii Five-Ø" badge in a folder, just like they used on the show. Mayor Freij was delighted. He then left for the mainland.

Two weeks later, I received a call from the professional fundraiser, conveying thanks to me and to the Mayor of Honolulu for a wonderful reception. He told me also that Mayor Freij, during the entire tour, proudly displayed his badge identifying him as a member of Hawaii Five-Ø to everyone he met.

"To have no enemies, a man
must say nothing, do nothing,
and be nothing."

SCOOPED--AND LOVING IT!

New member Jackie Edwards and her friends are going to scoop the Iolani Palace Irregulars by publishing the first "Hawaii Five-0" fanzine! Their zine, "Force of Waves," will be in two volumes. The first is due out around Christmas time and the second in May. They seek submissions, and welcome same from other members of the Iolani Palace Irregulars. To inquire about ordering information or submissions, write to Jackie Edwards, 12255 Burbank Blvd. #225, North Hollywood, CA 91607. Way to go, Jackie!

The following members have indicated on their Member Information Forms that they are interested in pen pals:

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Steven Schumacher
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Jacksonville, FL 32217

Dianna Lyn Willis
Rt 3, Box 160
Roanoke, TX 76106

Kelly Ann de los Santos
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Del Rio, TX 78840

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Oakland, CA 94609

THE LATEST ON THE "HAWAII FIVE-0" MOVIE!!

From the Sunday, October 20, 1991, issue of the Los Angeles Times comes this information on the "Hawaii Five-0" movie in development by Producer Steve Tisch at Hollywood Pictures. (This information was interspersed with comments about several other TV-show-based movies in development.)

"A trip to the movies is supposed to mean a reprieve from television. But a night at the multiplex won't seem much different from a night in the living room, as more and more classic television shows make their way to the big screen.

"The trend is not entirely new: We've had 'Star Trek' and its sequels, 'Dragnet' and 'The Untouchables,' to name a few, but at last count there were more than a dozen projects in development based on hit television shows of the '50s and '60s, including 'The Fugitive,' 'Hawaii Five-0,' 'Mission: Impossible...'

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The "Hawaii Five-Ø" Movie - continued

"What is it about TV shows that makes studios want to spend millions to turn them into movies?..."

"For one thing, there's the familiarity factor. 'From the studio's point of view, these films are pre-sold,' says Steve Tisch ('Risky Business'), who is developing 'Hawaii Five-Ø' for Hollywood Pictures and has plans for a 'Have Gun, Will Travel' feature. 'The cost of exploiting a movie is so high that a pre-sold idea is an asset.'

"There's also the built-in marketing tool of the old shows' music--usually a theme song already familiar to moviegoers....an executive at Hollywood Pictures already imagines the 'Hawaii Five-Ø' trailer: 'All you need is the theme song and a bunch of action shots.'

"...Producer Tisch describes his 'Hawaii Five-Ø' movie as 'a state-of-the-art cop movie with a lot of special effects and a strong action leading man like Jeff Bridges or Mel Gibson.'"

What's your reaction? Patch through to the Iolani Palace Irregulars and let us know.

ERRATA

Gradually, as postage is available and as time is available to get to the overcrowded Orange Park post office, member packets are being mailed out. The packet consists of a complete (but by no means completely correct, alas) episode guide to "Hawaii Five-Ø," including episode title, original air date, major guest stars, and brief description. The following corrections need to be made:

The episode listed as "Standing Tall on a Wave" (#231)--the correct title is "Tall on the Wave."

The episode listed as "The Hara-Kiri Murders" (#157)--the correct title is "Hara-Kiri: Murder."

The episode listed as "Sing a Song of Sixpence" (#176)--the correct title is "Sing a Song of Suspense." (The awful thing is that I KNEW better!)

The episode listed as "The 24 Karat Kill" (#6)--the correct title is "Twenty-four Karat Kill."

For "My Friend, the Enemy" (#236), add guest star Luciana Palozzi.

DEPARTMENT OF RUMOR CONTROL
An Editorial of Sorts by Karen Rhodes

Through the "pineapple wireless," as they called it on "Hawaii Five-Ø," a rumor has come to my attention.

First, let me climb up on my editorial soap box and state that I am not fond of rumor. The tabloid newspapers make me crazy. They are fiction. Some of them even solicit material via the Fiction Writer's Market, an annual book for fiction writers which lists markets where they can sell their works. FICTION. Rumors travel 'round the grapevine, we all know. But as Marty Cooper, who used to run Jack Lord's fan club, says, "...such vines usually only produce the sour grapes!"

Secondly, up here on the soap box, allow me to proclaim that I like even less the perpetuation of rumors without any time or effort devoted to their verification or refutation. I will never --I say again, never--print rumor in these pages. I will gleefully print their refutation. Like McGarrett, I'm only interested in facts. There are too many wonderful facts and true anecdotes (like Bob Sandla's delightful tale of Mayor Freij of Bethlehem) about "Hawaii Five-Ø" to bother with rumors.

The rumor: I received a letter from a fan telling me that she had heard from another fan that Jack Lord was allegedly suffering from severe Alzheimer's disease. We all know what that is; it's been in the news enough.

The fact: No way, José! I checked with Marty Cooper. She is in contact with two former members of Jack Lord's fan club who live in Hawaii and who see him "2 or 3 times in a year at the grocery store or a Honolulu mall. The last report I had was last Christmas and both [Jack Lord and his wife Marie] were fine then." Even though that was 11 months ago, there is no way (and I'm a former registered nurse, y'all) that a severe case of Alzheimer's could develop in that span of time. It takes years. I also have had a recent report from someone who has had recent written communication from Jack Lord--in June of this year. I am informed that the letter was lucid and gave no indication whatsoever that he was in any but the best of health.

So let's stop this rumor right here. Please. If other rumors come to your attention, please refer them to me and I will do my darnedest to verify or refute them, and will give the facts as I am able to gather them, here in the newsletter. I do not have direct contact with the stars of the show. "Hawaii Five-Ø" passed out of their lives over a decade ago, and they've moved on to other things. I do, however, have access to people who are in the know, and will not hesitate to call upon these resources in running rumors to ground.

Rumors? "Book 'em, Danno!"

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance last report		\$ 81.59
Income		
New memberships (11)	55.00	
Sale of hats	90.00	
Total Income		\$145.00
Expenses		
Stamps	17.40	
Misc. Postage	6.46	
Zine postage		
(sending mss. for revision,		
sending artwork with		
suggestions/comments)	3.11	
Newsletter (Sept.) postage	11.64	
Postage for hats		
(shipped insured)	7.30	
Boxes for hats	3.15	
Copying of Episode		
Guide	38.40	
Copying of Sept.		
newsletter	6.40	
Cost of hats	76.68	
Total expenses		\$170.54
Balance		\$ 56.05

Hats were mailed October 17. PLEASE let me know if you ordered one and did not receive it yet. They WERE insured!

The September newsletter copying was so inexpensive because the clerk at Office Depot made a mistake. She had the integrity to stand by her original quote, refusing to raise the ante on me after giving me the \$6.40 figure. Now, that's honor!

BAD NEWS... Because of the escalated cost of postage and the rise in copying costs, dues to the Iolani Palace Irregulars are going to have to be raised. I've tried to avoid it, but just can't any longer (I do pay costs of general correspondence out of my own pocket, and have been paying out of pocket to mail episode guides, too). Dues for this year, beginning with those renewing in November, will be \$7. Sorry...

A photocopy of our membership form has been circulating. It is now out of date, as it carries the \$5 dues amount. Whoever's been kind enough (THANK YOU) to send this membership-form copy around, please let me know, and I'll send you a new one if you'd like! We've gotten some new members with this copy that's been floating around, and I think that's wonderful! Again, MAHALO!