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Andre Braugher ("Homicide") and Christine Lahti ("Chicago Hope") show off their awards for Best Actor and Actress in a Drama Series.

Emmy turns 50 in grand style

Television's history was the real star of last night's awards show

'Frazier' makes history. C-3

BY PHIL GALLO

N recalling his favorite television moment, Mark Harmon chose Mark McGwire's 62nd home run. As the actor detailed the event, the audience applauded, and it was clear that he moment had become as much a TV memory as a sports achievement.

On stage to present an Emmy Award, Harmon recounted the way McGwire, immediately after nitting his home run, acknowledged Roger Maris and his family, his own son and his home-run rival, Sammy Sosa. "Perfect at a time when we need a few heroes."

The 50th annual Emmy Awards accented those inks between past and present, between the universal and the personal, and between the real world and TV-as-chronicler-of-our-time — and those connections gave the telecast a strong

advantage over its Emmy predecessors. Sprawling in scope, the four-hour show was neavy on film clips, which placed historical moments side by side with some of TV's goofiest fictional characters. Gilligan shared a moment with Martin Luther King Jr. in a montage chronicling the 1960s: absurd, yes, but somehow an accu-

rate depiction of TV.

The 50th Emmys first and foremost celebrated TV's ability to bring the world into our living rooms. The evening's montages excelled at explorng the ability of TV to unite people on a grand scale, from conversations around watercoolers to

Executive producer Don Mischer, supervising producer Michael B. Seligman, coordinating producer Danette Herman, director Louis J. Horvitz and the team of writers clearly saw that this 50th anniversary was an opportune time to go after ears, celebrating TV's most famous characters and news flashes — and they did so in graceful and educating fashion.

The show's point of view was decidedly baby-PLEASE SEE SHOW, C-3

Puamana raced to beat the rising sun as they drove from Hauula to a narrow strip of beach fronting Kualoa Ranch. They wanted to be in the water emony. Seventeen halau members, wearing bathing suits and sarongs, ing to the sun. They had gathered at this early hour to perform one of the last in a



At dawn, the halau Na Hula O Puamana gathers at the Kualoa Ranch beach for an uniki ceremony.

Becoming kumu

In a rare graduation ceremony called uniki, a dancer's dedication and skill are rewarded

> By LINDA ARAGON Special to the Star-Bulletin

S the red and yellow streaks of the dawn peaked over the ocean's horizon, members of the hula halau Na Hula O

before daybreak for a cleansing cerwalked into the water holding hands to pray and chant a Hawaiian greet-

series of rituals known as the uniki, or graduation. About six hours earlier, they had gathered for a spare meal of dried red shrimp, white fish, limu, poi and Hawaiian salt. Portions are kept small to provide



Kapualani McElroy, second from right, is the graduating kumu hula. Holding her hands are Puluelo Naipo Park, left, and Bob Stauffer.

Alexis

the dancers with just enough energy to meditate, without making them drowsy. The meditation continued from midnight to 2 a.m.

The dancers get just a few hours of sleep before the sunrise prayer and cleansing ceremony. Later in the day, one of the halau members would earn the respected title of kumu hula.

"You can't just say you want to become a kumu hula," said Puluelo Park, the founder and kumu of the Kailua-based halau.

Only the most gifted and dedicated dancers make it to this level. After spending nearly half a century teaching, Park has only performed this graduation twice. Now, 13 years since the last graduation, she has decided Alexis Kapualani McElroy is ready to become a kumu hula.

The two other graduates have been Park's daughters, Puamana Park, for whom the halau is named, and Pumehana Featheran.

While McElroy may not have been born into Park's family, after 18 years of dancing with the halau she walks with the grace and speaks with the gentleness that is shared by the women in Park's hula family.

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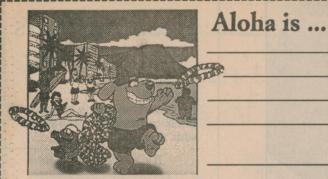
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KUMU: A new graduate

A bright full moon lit the night sky at the outdoor performance where Park performed a solo dance and was introduced to invited guests and kumu from other halau. At the close of the show, the other kumu stood to chant a welcome to their new peer.

"It's a great honor when they do that," said Park, who grew up in the 1920s in the Big Island's Kohala district. She said the person called kumu commanded the same respect as a high chiefess of ancient times.

"You never told your kumu 'no," " Park said. "It's more respect on

Park said that as a young girl, she studied under some teachers who guarded their practices so secretively that parents were not allowed to photograph their children dancing. When she asked her father why so many of the old traditions were lost, she said his answer was, "That's how the Hawaiians die, with all of their information."

She hopes to change that now with her philosophy: "Don't hide. Give out. That's why you are teachers.

At the same time, she doesn't believe in churning out dozens of

"I'm an old-time kumu," Park said. "We try to graduate a student who knows everything. Otherwise, what's the sense of a grad-

"I think today we tend to use the term kumu loosely," said Featheran. She and her mother agreed that some dancers in the community have gone on to lead their own halau, without having completed the steps leading to an

"You get people saying they're kumu hula, and then you ask where they puka (pass through or graduate) from, and they don't want to talk about it," Park said.
"They don't uniki, and then all of a suddent they are big-time kumu

Featheran said advanced dancers reach two intermediate levels of training before advancing to the teaching position of kumu. At this time, eight of the halau members are also being promoted to the title 'olapa, acknowledging dancers who have worked for years to achieve a level of competence in performing



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required chants and dances "It was understood you did the 'olapa, then the ho'opa'a, then you were a kumu," Featheran said.

To become a kumu, the student

must be proficient in chanting, drumming and customs of the ancient kahiko style of dance. "It's a lot of memory work," Park said.

Since the kumu are in a position to teach, she said that it's important for such individuals to preserve and pass on the ancient chants and rituals as close to their original forms as possible. As part of her training, Park would give McElroy 50 to 100 lines of a chant to repeat in Hawaiian, a language McElroy said she is still trying to learn.

In addition, the kumu must also create new chants and compose and choreograph new 'auana dances and songs. "You have to be creative to be a kumu hula, Park said.

While Park receives her inspiration from dreams, McElroy said she composes by recalling plces and memories that she holds dear, such as Kailua, where she was born and raised.

In March, McElroy and the eight students who were being promoted to 'olapa traveled to Kauai as part of the uniki.

"Our kumu is from there, and whenever we graduate we take our students back there," said Park, who counts among her teachers Lokalia Montgomery, who was taught by a dancer from King Kalakaua's court. In private lessons with Montgomery, Park learned the ancient styles of

The ceremony included a predawn dip in the frigid waters of Haena Beach, then a hike to a naturally carved altar in the mountain, Ke Ahu A Laka, dedicated to Laka, the goddess of

Here, the halau danced where many hula practioners have come before to perform the pilgrimage. McElroy said she considered that moment as her actual graduation.

The new kumu says she has not made plans for her new role. For now, she'll continue to help teach the halau's adult class and take care of her own children. She has three daughters, ages 1, 4 and 9.

"There's the halau right there,"



Memory walk scheduled

Walk or run for the memory of others Sept. 26 from the Fisherman's Wharf parking lot through Ala Moana Beach Park and back to Fisherman's Wharf.

The Alzheimer's Association Honolulu Chapter is holding participation drives for its 4th Annual Memory Walk/5K Run. From 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, members from the chapter will help people pre-register for the walk at Borders, Ward Centre. People in the Kapahulu area can visit The Running Room 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Satur-

Registration fee is \$25 plus a \$5 minimum donation fee. Teams are welcome, and incentives and prizes will also be awarded.

The Alzheimer's Association provides training, support groups, newsletters, programs and other help to families and people with the disease.

Author Frank A. Wall will sign copes of his book, "Where Did Mary Go," and talk story whith those who want to learn more about the disease, noon Saturday at the Borders store. "Where Did Mary Go" is Wall's account of caring for his wife who had Alzheimer's. For information or registration forms, call 591-2771.

Inside Abe's White House Harold Holzer, an authority of

Civil War era political culture, will speak on "Presidential Character During the Civil War: Abraham Lincoln in the White House" Sept. 26 as part of the Lana'i Visiting Artist Program.

Holzer, who is vice president for communications at The Metropolitan Museum Art, has written and co-authored several books and more than 200 articles for magazines and scholarly journals. He also was a consultant for the ABC documentary, "Lincoln."

The talk starts at 8:30 p.m. at the Lodge at Koele. Call 565-7300.

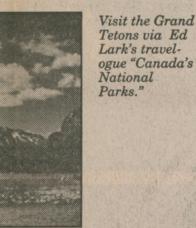
Gear up at Salvation Army

Food, fashion, bargains and celebrities come together at The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Honolulu's annual fashion show/luncheon being held Oct. 3 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom.

To start, shoppers can purchase new and used clothing, jewelry and other collectibles at a boutique open from 10 a.m.-noon, which re-opens at 1:30 p.m.

Fashions will be modeled by such local celebrities as First Lady Vicky Cayetano, former Miss Universe Brook Lee, Ramona Harris, Linda Jameson, Mary Zanakis, Pamela Young, Jill Kuramoto and more. Susan Page will give fashion commentary.

Tickets for the show are \$40, half of which is tax deductible. They can be purchased by calling



See Canada, America the easy way

The Hawaii Geographic Society welcomes travelogue producer Ed Lark, who will speak about 'America's Favorite Places," and about roughing it in luxury in "Canada's National Parks," while showing his new travel films.

The latter film, screening at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Tenney Theater, features 13 of Canada's most popular parks, with accommodations that encompass both unspoiled areas and luxury hotels.

"America's Favorite Places" will take viewers from Niagara Falls to Vail, Colo., to Napa Valley and Hawaii too. The screening takes place at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Tenney Theater, St. Andrews Cathedral, at the corner of Beretania and Queen Emma streets.

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Grants available

Applications are available from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for biennial grants in support of projects and programs that preserve and further culture and the arts, history and humanities in Hawaii.

Guidelines are available at the SFCA office at 44 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813. Or call 586-0307 to request a copy.

The deadline for project proposals is 4:30 p.m. Nov. 30.

In preparation, the SFCA is also offering assistance to those unfamiliar with the grants process. The SFCA will review draft proposals that it receives by 4:30 p.m. Oct. 30, and is scheduling statewide grant workshops this month and next. Additionally, it is recommeded that those applying for the first time contact an SFCA contracts officer at 586-0302 for more information.

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