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Rob Lake floods Sharkey with **Magic** and Laughter

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The only thing that international illusionist Rob Lake revealed during a one-hour presentation of prestidigitation was the reason why he is considered to be the fastest rising star in the ethereal realm of magic.

In a joint venue between Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE) and Navy Region Hawaii Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), the 25-year-old Lake enchanted the audience with a performance that put a spotlight on his mystifying sleight of hand and spellbinding mind tricks at Sharkey Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 26.

"I know that he had everybody saying, 'like wow,'" said Information Systems Technician 1st Class Damien Gross of the USS Crommelin (FFG 37), who joined the packed house at Sharkey with his wife Tosha and five-year-old son Damien Jr. "That's what it's all about."

Lara Katine, special events and sponsorship director for MWR, said that Lake was the perfect showman in delivering the type of family-oriented entertainment that Navy Region Hawaii values.

Prior to the show, Katine, along with fellow representatives of MWR and

Sharkey Theater program director Millie Gomes, worked tirelessly to seek out every available seat until the theater reached capacity.

"Navy Region Hawaii MWR looks to either put on our own program or to partner with organizations, like AFE, to bring family entertainment on a regular basis," noted Katine. "When I walk out and hear the laughter from the kids and their parents, that's exactly what I want to hear. He (Lake) was a hit."

According to Lake, he is in his second year of working with AFE, which he said is something that he always wanted to do, but had difficulties in the past to make it fit within his busy schedule.

Lake, who grew up in Oklahoma and still maintains a home base there, said that it was a talk that he had with his grandfather that inspired him to offer his services.

"My grandfather served in World War II in the Pacific, and he told me how Irving Berlin and other renowned performers of the era came and performed for the troops overseas," recalled Lake. "I've always wanted to do this, but it took about two years before we found an opening in our schedule."

While the tours take a substantial chunk out of Lake's own personal itinerary, the award-winning magician stated

that he considers it a privilege to visit the men, women and their families that serve our country.

Some of the places that he has appeared on behalf of AFE, said Lake, have been areas that offer very little to keep the troops entertained.

"It has been very humbling and gratifying," related Lake, who is the youngest magician ever to win the coveted "Merlin Award," the highest honor in the industry. "We've been to several very remote areas where they have very limited TV as their only entertainment. Some of these kids have never been to the United States. They've lived on base their entire life."

"The least that we can do is to provide that sense of wonder and magical excitement of joy for a few

minutes. It's our way of saying thanks for their service," said Lake.

While in the islands, Lake also made stopovers to hold magic classes for children at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the School Age Program at Hickam and Catlin Clubhouse at Pearl Harbor.

Meanwhile back at Sharkey, attendees such as Senior Chief Quartermaster Tony Bastidas were still talking about Lake's performance long after the magician's grand finale.

Bastidas of Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC), whose wife Piera was selected to help Lake with the show's curtain closer, was a good sport as the routine involved his spouse in a mock romantic date in Europe.

However, if there was at least one a u

diene member who went home a bit unhappy, it was Bastidas' five-year-old son Noah, who was quite disappointed that he wasn't selected to be one of Lake's helpers.

"He did enjoy it until the very end, but he got mad because his momma got picked," said Bastidas with a laugh. "He was trying to get picked for the whole show along with the other kids."

The next free show that has been scheduled by MWR is an appearance by ventriloquist act Willie Tyler and Lester as part of Springfest 2010.

The event will take place at Ward Field from 2-5 p.m. on April 24 and will also include arts, crafts, games, food booths and other activities to commemorate the "Month of the Military Child."

"We know that there isn't enough good, clean, free entertainment for families," acknowledged Katine. "Hopefully, we're meeting the goal of providing that on a regular basis. We'll almost have something in every month, leading up to Simbad on the Fourth of July. And it's free."

Chicago blows past Santa Fe in hoops showdown

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USS Chicago (SSN 721) overcame a one-point deficit at halftime to defeat USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) in an Afloat Intramural Basketball League battle of submarine commands at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 27.

With the win, Chicago captured its second-straight victory and evened out its league record to 4-4, while Santa Fe fell to 1-2.

Logistics Specialist Seaman Jerry Acosta of Chicago led the comeback by scoring 13 of his game-high 22 points in the second half, while a switch in the team's defense held Santa Fe without a field goal in the third period.

Early in the game, Santa Fe was able to keep pace with Chicago by burning the defense with outside shots. Senior Chief Electronics Technician Marcus Hensley tossed in two bombs from beyond the

three-point arch to help Santa Fe take a 10-8 lead after the first period.

"We were playing a zone (defense) and switched to a man," noted Acosta, whose basket and one gave Chicago a 20-18 lead with 6:20 left in the third. "And on offense, I tried to push it down court. Once we got in the open court, I passed it to the open man. If not, I tried to make a play."

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Salvator Williamson, who led all Santa Fe scorers with 11 points, said that a breakdown of focus on offense contributed to its lack of firepower. Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Jered Shaw's two free

Logistics Specialist Seaman Jerry Acosta of USS Chicago (SSN 721) is about to score two of his game-high 22 points during an Afloat Intramural Basketball League matchup against USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 27. The victory helped Chicago even out its league record at 4-4.



throws were the team's only two points for the entire third period.

"We were trying to focus on defense," said Williamson. "We didn't have good shot selection in the third and the ones we got were missed opportunities."

Besides putting up a tight man-to-man defense, Chicago did a superb job of getting second-opportunity baskets and limited Santa Fe to only one shot on offense.

"We were too focused on what the refs were saying and not crashing the boards," explained Williamson. "We were allowing a lot of easy shots."

Chicago's Machinist's Mate Fireman Abel Vigil was the biggest beneficiary of Santa Fe's soft play inside the post.

Vigil was the second highest scorer for Chicago with 16 points, most of which came on fast-break opportunities that were initiated by Acosta.

"He (Acosta) was giving me good passes and I was just taking advantage of them," said Vigil.

By winning its second-con-

secutive game, both Acosta and Vigil believe that the team has now turned the corner and is poised for bigger and better things for the rest of the season.

Although the team did suffer through a few losses that were hard to swallow, Acosta said that the victory over Santa Fe should send a message to the league that Chicago would come to battle in each and every game.

"We lost three games in a row, but we know that if we play our game, we can beat anybody," stated Acosta. "We just need to stick to our game plan and if we need points, go to our go-to guys."

Vigil said that the two back-to-back wins have gone a long way toward erasing Chicago's previous hard-luck defeats.

"Those losses we got could have easily been wins. They were all down to the wire," said Vigil. "We got to pick it up, but I'm pretty sure that we can beat anybody. When we make those adjustments, like we did today, we can actually dominate."

Chung-Hoon edges O'Kane in intramural soccer

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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) overcame a one-player handicap in the first half to get past USS O'Kane, 2-1, in an Intramural Soccer League duel at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 27.

Chung-Hoon evened out its league record to 2-2 in defeating O'Kane, which dropped its second-consecutive game after opening up the season with back-to-back victories.

Despite playing the showdown with one less player on the field, Chung-Hoon managed to keep O'Kane shooters

off the scoreboard in the first half.

Meanwhile, Lt. j.g. Mike Tuddenham of Chung-Hoon was able to get out in front of O'Kane defenders to score the first goal of the game and give his team a 1-0 lead at intermission.

"As soon as I popped my head up, I saw that I was the last guy," said Tuddenham about his goal. "I was coming in and had a good angle on goal. I hadn't tested the keeper yet so I pulled the trigger and it worked. It felt good coming off my foot."

After the break, both teams struggled to get things going on offense, but a foul on Chung-Hoon's defense setup a penalty

kick for O'Kane.

Facing the Chung-Hoon goalkeeper straight on, Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Nick Johnson, a recent addition to O'Kane, booted a laser shot that hit nothing but the back of the net to tie the score at 1-1.

Later, as the clock approached the game's 10-minute mark, Chung-Hoon received a huge break when Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Donatus Eze found himself all alone with the ball as he approached the O'Kane's goal.

Eze faked once, before going for the kill with a booming kick that got past the O'Kane goalkeeper and into the net for the game-winning shot.

"At that moment, I was look-

ing at it good, and all I was thinking was to kick the ball inside the net, which I did," said Eze. "I was happy that I did it because it was the best opportunity, so I knew that there was no way that I could miss it."

Tuddenham, who got a good view of Eze streaking to the goal, said that he was confident that his teammate would succeed.

"I knew he had it," stated Tuddenham. "He's a talented player."

Although O'Kane gave a valiant effort in the final minutes of the game, Chung-Hoon's defense denied its opponent at every turn and was instrumental in pre-

serving the victory.

Tuddenham said that because Chung-Hoon competed with one less player than O'Kane, the team used a basic strategy to keep its foe from scoring.

"Even though we were down a man in the first half, we were able to organize and keep them close and tight," explained Tuddenham. "We gave them the outside, but didn't sacrifice the middle. We just kept it simple, hit our marks and didn't let the ball get behind us."

Johnson, who kicked in the only goal for O'Kane, said that the team is still finding itself and hasn't fully come together as a team.

However, he is hopeful it will

happen, and when it does, he believes that O'Kane will be tough to beat.

"We just got to practice more," said Johnson. "We haven't gotten a full turnout, but once we get that, things are going to turn around real fast. We're going to be just fine."

After losing by a single goal the previous week, Tuddenham said it felt great to get back on the winning track.

The win over O'Kane, noted Tuddenham, gave the team a boost of confidence as it prepares for the coming week.

"We've got a positive take on it," claimed Tuddenham. "We feel good, now we got go out and win next week."

(See photo on page A-5)



Forest City's first electronic newsletter has recently been made available to Navy family housing residents.

Forest City goes interactive

Forest City Navy Hawaii Residential Management

For the first time ever, Forest City created an electronic newsletter for the 4,500 families living in Navy family housing. The newsletter is currently posted on the Forest City Web site, www.fcnavyhawaii.com.

Residents received an email with links and brief descriptions for stories that are posted on the Forest City Web site. Those stories contain a PDF download of the newsletter, which can be read electronically or printed. The newsletter also has links to external Web sites and additional Forest City information.

Forest City said one of the many benefits of an electronic newsletter is that the amount of information isn't limited by the size of the paper. "Each step is really just a window to more information," said Ryan Wilson, communications coordinator. "First, you have the email which links to individual stories on the Web site. Those stories have a link to the full newsletter. And the newsletter has links to other sites and longer stories. So a simple email opens up a world of information."

According to Forest City,

it's also saving trees, which makes sense for a company named Forest City. "This is a very exciting development for us and our valued residents because it's another step toward sustainability," said Kari Diaz, general manager.

"We're not wasting resources of any kind. There is no paper to recycle and no vehicles involved in the delivery of the newsletter. Every little step toward sustainability matters. Email is the best and most efficient method to communicate our newsletter," explained Diaz.

"Our Forest City team is committed to implementing best practices to be excellent stewards of the environment. Developing creative strategies to fulfill that commitment while improving communication with our valued residents is a two-fold benefit," said Diaz.

Residents received emails that were individually tailored toward their communities. Forest City said that kind of interaction will help to develop the relationship between its team and the residents. "We want residents to receive the information that impacts them," said Diaz. "We're always working to connect with residents and effective communication is critical to that goal."



USO plans Easter egg hunt

USO Hawaii is inviting all military children to an Easter egg hunt from 9 to 10 a.m. on April 4 on the grassy area of the Hickam Officers' Club. An Easter buffet will be available, by reservation only, at the club. The cost for the buffet for adults is \$26.95 and for children ages seven to 12 is \$13.50. Children ages three to six can dine at the buffet for \$6.75. There is no charge for children under two years old. For more information, call Barb Troegner at 256-7744.

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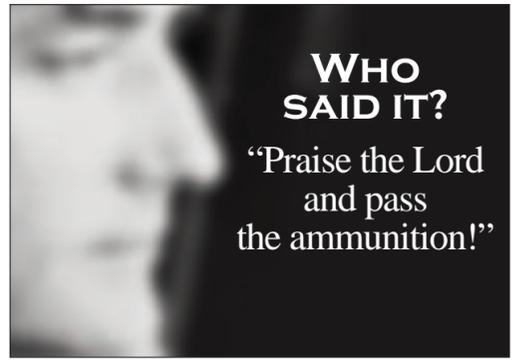
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WHO SAID IT?
"Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!"



LAST ISSUE'S **WHO SAID IT?**
"WOMEN, IF THE SOUL OF THE NATION IS TO BE SAVED, I BELIEVE THAT YOU MUST BECOME ITS SOUL."
- Coretta Scott King, civil rights advocate

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Find the names of these 65 EXPLORERS

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This Week's Trivia

What is the year the U.S. Navy established the rate of the chief petty officer?



Last Issue's Question:

Who were the first two female African-Americans to become Navy officers and what was the year they were commissioned?

Answer:

In November 1944, Harriet Ida Pickens and Frances Wills graduated from the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School (Women's Reserve) at Northampton, Mass. Commissioned as Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) officers, they were the first female African-American to become U.S. Navy officers.

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation



EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT
 Pearl Harbor Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host an Easter egg hunt from 9 to 11 a.m. April 4 at Scott Pool. There will be goodies for youngsters and prizes will be given away. The event is open to children of all ages. The event is open only to authorized military patrons. FMI: 473-0394.

HAWAII ALL-MILITARY BOWLING TOURNAMENT
 A Hawaii All-Military Bowling tournament will be held beginning at 10 a.m. from April 6-9 at various military bowling centers. Watch the best bowlers of each military branch compete for the championship at military bowling centers at the bowling centers at Pearl Harbor and Hickam at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe and Schofield Barracks. FMI: 473-2574.

For more information on Navy Region Hawaii MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

April

4 - Keiki will receive a free treat from Sharkey's Easter basket at the Sharkey Theater. FMI and for movie listings: 473-0726.

6 - A free golf clinic will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: Robin Hashimoto at 221-9275.

22-25 - An Earth Day Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the NEX. Come join the fun and learn earth-friendly tips to keep our planet a cleaner, greener, healthier place to live. There will be vendors, exhibitors and giveaways to show the military and their families what they can do to promote recycling, planting, keeping our Hawaiian sea life from harm and much more. This is a free event. No purchase is necessary. FMI: 423-3287.

At a glance

As of Oct. 1, the Center for Service Support learning site at Pearl Harbor will no longer offer the following courses: R-supply, barber, culinary specialists records keeper, galley watch captain and food service attendant. FMI: contact Logistics Specialist 1st Class Miguel Melendez at miguel.a.melendez@navy.mil or 472-3200.

Sharkey Showtimes



Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG 13)

Trouble-prone teen Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of school -- but that's the least of his problems. The gods of Mount Olympus and assorted monsters seem to have walked out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology texts and into his life -- and they're not happy. Zeus' lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect. Now, Percy and his friends must embark on a cross-country adventure to catch the true thief, save Percy's family, and unravel a mystery more powerful than the gods themselves.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
 8:15 PM Shutter Island (PG-13)

SATURDAY
 2:30 PM Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG)
 5:15 PM From Paris with Love (R)
 7:30 PM The Crazies (R)

SUNDAY
 2:30 PM Valentine's Day (PG 13)
 5:00 PM Dear John (PG 13)
 7:15 PM The Wolfman (PG 13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
 6:00 PM TBD (PG 13)
 8:30 PM TBD (R)

SATURDAY
 4:00 PM TBD (PG)
 7:00 PM TBD (PG 13)

SUNDAY
 2:00 PM TBD (PG 13)

