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Coming soon a theater near you

Movie house
eyed for rerun

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The big screen may make a return engagement to Redstone Arsenal.

Lack of patronage forced the Post Exchange to close its movie theater July 15, 1996. Now an effort is under way to open a contractor-operated movie house at an existing building.

"Right now we're soliciting with the local theater houses," PX general manager Kim Sumpter said at the RSA Community Town Hall Meeting held Oct. 14 at the Recreation Center. "The post is going to let us use an existing facility. The two proposed sites are Heiser

Hall (the former post theater) and Rocket Auditorium."

The old theater was a Post Exchange venture, but this will be a contractor venture where the business would pay the PX a fee for providing this service to the soldiers. And unlike the former operation which limited its patronage to soldiers and their families, this will be open to the entire Redstone community.

"It'll be a community theater which will be a great thing, a Redstone community theater," Sumpter said.

The theater won't have first-run flicks but will feature movies before they become available on DVD. Proposed show times include Fridays, two shows, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturdays, three shows, 4, 7 and 9 p.m.; and Sundays, three shows, 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

BACK TO THE FUTURE— Heiser Hall, formerly the post theater, is one of two proposed sites for a contractor-operated movie house.

President nominates Dodgen for third star



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GENERAL'S DESK— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen arrived Sept. 10, 2001.

AMCOM commander
selected for assignment

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld announced Friday that the president has nominated Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen for appointment to lieutenant general and assignment as commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, Arlington, Va.

The nomination is subject to Senate approval. Dodgen has served as commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal since Sept. 10, 2001.

From 1999-2001, he was director of the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization in the Pentagon.

Dodgen, 54, is a New Orleans native who received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Louisiana State University in 1972. He also holds a master's in public administration from the University of Missouri and a master's in national security and strategy from the U.S. Naval War College.

From June 1989 to December 1991, he commanded the 8th Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery; and he led his battalion into combat in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.

His wife, Leslie, volunteers her time in the Redstone community with organizations such as Army Community Service.