

LIFE & TIMES

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On Post

Offshore Fishing

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division unit financial advisor Staff Sgt. Mike Lyons, is offering offshore fishing trips for interested Soldiers on weekends.

Great-tasting King Mackerel are in season. Bait and fuel are provided for a small fee.

For more information, contact Lyons at 767-1806.

Volunteers needed

The ACS volunteer coordinator and the installation volunteer coordinator have information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS center and other agencies at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at Hunter ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are always welcome and much-needed at ACS. For more information, call 352-6816.

Brown Bag Lunch

The American Red Cross is hosting weekly Brown Bag Lunches at their office in Building 623, every Monday from 12 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunches provide military families with opportunities to network with other families and the Red Cross. No RSVP necessary, just show up with your lunch and get ready to socialize. For more information, call 767-2197.

Free baby layettes for OEF/OIF vets

Families who have had children since being deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or have had them since their return, are eligible to receive a free layette offered by Spencer's Children's Clothing Company, Inc. A \$70 retail value, the gift set is a great chance to add to a family's baby supplies. Children must be under 18 months of age.

For specific guidelines and applications, contact the American Red Cross office at 767-2197.

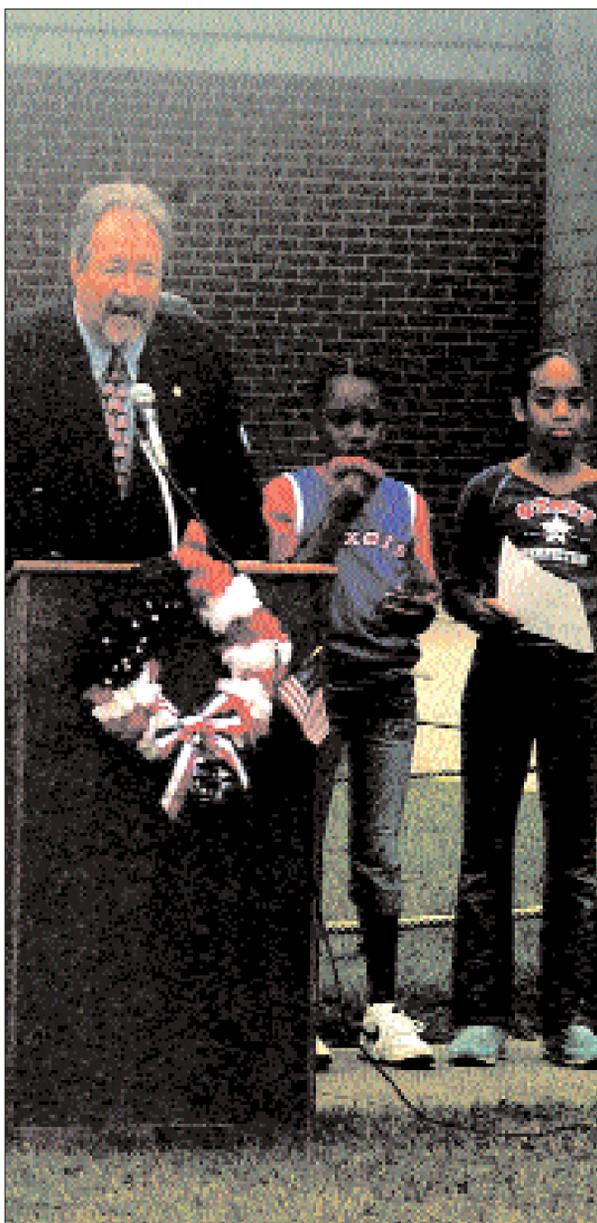
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MILES Program

Don't buy a vehicle until you are armed with knowledge. This program is designed exclusively for active duty servicemembers who cannot obtain bank or credit financing when purchasing a vehicle.

For information, visit or qualify online at usmiles.com or call the Military Installment Loan and Education Services Assistance Center toll free at (866)-466-4537.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-4951. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.



Noel Tillman, the principal at Brittin Elementary School speaks during the 9/11 memorial Friday.



Photos by Pvt. Dan Balda

Brittin Elementary School students stand next to the 9/11 memorial.

School dedicates memorial

Pvt. Dan Balda
Staff Writer

For the 3-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Brittin Elementary School staff and students held a memorial service Friday to honor those that lost their lives and loved ones on that infamous day.

The ceremony began at 8:30 a.m. with the 6th grade class lowering the flag to half-mast and leading a salute for the attendees.

"We wanted to honor those who sacrificed their lives for others on Sept. 11 and the families who lost loved ones," said Rachael Yorgey, school music teacher.

She has been working with the students for the last four weeks teaching them the song, "Everyday Heros" to sing during the ceremony.

The school also dedicated a memorial to the event. They planted two yellow Lady Banks rose bushes in the front of the school.

"The color yellow has symbolized wisdom throughout the ages," said Noel Tillman, Brittin principal, in his dedication speech. "Yellow also symbolizes joy, happiness and peace. We have hope that out of these tragic events we can unite to spread joy happiness and peace. The Lady Banks Rose was chosen for its' beauty as a Rambler to grow over the trellis that was used last year to create the United States flag."

The students did most of the work for the memorial to demonstrate the trait of responsibility, which was the character word of the month for the school, said Marilyn Carter, the reading

teacher at Brittin. Carter and Vickie Byrne, the talented and gifted teacher at Brittin hope to have a more permanent monument donated in the future.

"We held the ceremony to keep the image and message alive which is always important to do, especially at a military support school," Tillman said.

"As an educator and a parent you have to think differently about how you portray the incidents of 9-11," Tillman said. "It's important to learn and talk about that day in a tasteful and educational way, and music helps us accomplish that."

Tillman added, "I feel we have a mandate to keep the events in their historical context and teach the children about it, but we can't terrify them."

Home childcare... a place in the heart

Nancy Gould

DMWR

The minute you step through Lorie Rubert's front door you know you're in a kid-friendly environment.

It's naptime, but two of the six children that the 28-year-old caregiver keeps are now wide awake. They peek from the adjacent playroom to see Josephine Richardson, Fort Stewart's Family Childcare outreach worker, and me as we enter the foyer. The other four children sleep soundly to lullabies that drift melodiously through the house. The small area where we stand contains a neon-colored fish tank with a large bug-eyed goldfish inside. A large box of stuffed animals is stowed neatly below. A corner table on the opposite wall holds a spiral notebook and the small poster over it instructs us to "Please Sign In."

Richardson speaks softly as she enters our names on the page, "It's policy," she said. "Parents and visitors must sign the register daily."

This is just one Federal requirement that Richardson checks for compliance when she visits the 35 Fort Stewart Family Childcare homes each quarter. But she says visits are more for guidance and support to caregivers than for

punitive action. "If I find something wrong, we fix it," she explained, adding that infringements are almost always minor. And if they're not, a home could close temporarily, but would reopen as soon as it's brought up to standard.

The 23 childcare providers who live on Stewart and the 12 off-post in surrounding areas are trained thoroughly before they begin their childcare business as independent contractors, according to Richardson. They set their own hours and fees. Children are referred to providers by the registration office of Child and Youth Services.

Parents of the children seeking home-based childcare make appointments with providers for interviews. A mutual selection is eventually made and a contractual agreement signed.

FCC staffers train prospective providers in the developmental areas of childcare, fire safety, child abuse recognition and prevention, communicable diseases, health sanitation and nutrition, drugs and alcohol, special needs recognition and more. Some training qualifies providers for a Child Development Accreditation and can also be used toward an associate degree in early childhood education.

"We have a very capable group of caregivers

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Nancy Gould

Full time childcare provider Lorie Rubert, plays with 8-month old Tamais Clarke and 3-year-old Linnea Singley while four other children nap. Two of the four include Rubert's own children.

Hunter parishioners gather 'Under the Oaks'

Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Staff Writer

The Hunter Army Airfield Chapel hosted an all-inclusive picnic for its parishioners Sunday afternoon behind the chapel.

The event, called "Under the Oaks" because of its shady location, is the second annual of its kind, according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John M. Foxworth, Hunter installation chaplain.

"This is a combined parish picnic for both Protestants and Catholics," Foxworth said. "We're hoping to get people to come to the chapel, but mostly just to get together to celebrate Christ."

The day's schedule included games, socializ-

ing and plenty of food, brought in by various parish members and eaten by all.

There was also a table for face-painting which children of all ages took advantage of, judging from the numerous colorful cheeks that grew in number as the day continued.

"This is great because it brings the community together," said Spc. Raymond Reyes, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command. "I see a lot of people here that I normally don't ... it's a good get-together."

Although the weather wasn't ideal for an outdoor get-together — the day was dominated by thick, gray clouds and peppered

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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John M. Foxworth, Hunter installation chaplain, offers a prayer for the food served at the "Under the Oaks" picnic at the Hunter Chapel Sunday.



Photos by Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Peter Trompeter and his wife Sheryl discuss an artillery display as their son Peter looks on. The museum staff encourages visitation by Soldiers' family members, but is more geared toward educating Soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div. on the long proud history of the division since its inception during World War I.

Museum offers more than meets the eye

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

The 3rd Infantry Division is an entity with a long, proud history of victories and campaigns. A living, visual history is available for people wishing to know more about the 3rd Inf. Div. at the Fort Stewart Museum.

The museum located on Stewart, displays artifacts from every time period. Beginning with World War I and following through Operation Iraqi Freedom, the museum has everything from weaponry and uniforms to personal effects of some of the Soldiers who made the 3rd Inf. Div. what it is today.

"When you walk through this gallery, you are confronted with over 80 years of 3rd Division history," said Walter Meeks III, the Stewart museum curator. "As you look at the exhibits, you realize you are part of something really special. From World War I and II through the Korean war and even OIF, the last one though knows they are part of something special."

The museum is more than just a place to house artifacts. It offers a variety of services to the Soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div.

"We are willing to hold impromptu ceremonies here such as promotion and reenlistment ceremonies," said Jeff Reed, museum technician. "Some people enjoy reenlisting in front of the wall of Medal of Honor recipients. We are willing to hold just about any kind of small ceremony on short notice."

"As far as our educational programs, we do a variety of on-site and off-site programs," Meeks said. "They include threat vehicle identification classes and Fort Stewart and 3rd Infantry Division history classes. Think of it as a museum visit with a curator narrating."

One of the most interesting opportunities for Soldiers is called staff rides, Meeks said.

A group of Soldiers, with the right amount of notice, can go on a tour of historic sites in and around the coastal Georgia area. Staff rides are geared toward educating Soldiers on the historic area they live in.

"We are after the barracks rats," Meeks said. "You can do an entire tour of duty here and never go past the local shopping center. That's no fun. There is so

much to see and do right here in this area, and people don't realize it. I am a native of coastal Georgia, so I grew up learning the history around here. Coastal Georgia has always had Soldiers, and the military history is very rich. From the War of 1812 and the Civil War up to the present, the Army has always been here."

Many of the artifacts that can be found at the museum are donations, Jeff said. While every once in a while the staff purchases an item, most of the collection comes from retired Soldiers and their family members.

"We've got a few pieces from Anniston Arsenal in Alabama," Reed said. "But the story behind a particular item is more important than just some weapon you got from an arsenal. We have personal effects of real Soldiers here, telling a real story with the actual pieces that were there at the time."

"This is the story of the 3rd Infantry Division, your story," Jeff said. "We want to have the actual artifact to go with the actual story."

Some of the larger pieces such as vehicles and large caliber weapons were donated by the Army.

"I think we got the last actual jeep on Fort Stewart before they switched over to humvees," Meeks said.

"Without the division occupying Stewart, the museum would not exist," Meeks said. "People come from far away to visit the museum, as it is advertised all the way out to the interstate."

"We want the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers and their leaders to understand that this entire museum is about them," Meeks said. "With that being said, the last thing a visitor will see when they take a tour in the museum is called the Rogues Gallery."

"The idea is if a Soldier has pictures that he took or has a story about something he or she did while they were in battle, we want to use it in our exhibit."

"This is your museum, your story and I am privileged to be the curator here. Our primary responsibility is to the Soldiers, but it is part of our philosophy to adapt to the needs of the community," Meeks said. "We try to think outside the box and get outside the box. This place is like the (commanding general's) front room, where he gets to show off the history of the division. But this place isn't just for the CG, it's for all the Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division."



Items originally issued to Soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div. during World War I are displayed in a now and then exhibit at the museum.



A wall displaying 50 photographs of the 3rd Inf. Div. Medal of Honor recipients can be found in the middle of the museum.



(Above) The museum has a collection of vehicles and artillery on the premises that include helicopters, tanks, troop transports and cannons. All were donated by different sources.

(Right) Before missiles and modern air defense equipment, Soldiers relied on more practical measures of defending their turf. This M-55 Quad 50 anti-aircraft machine gun was designed for a Soldier to be pulled to any location to be able to fire upon attacking enemy aircraft.



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here," said Richardson, adding that several have a degree in the areas of education, physical education and physical therapy, sports fitness, sociology, business administration and criminal justice. "As independent contractors and small business owners, they also develop skills as teachers, nurses, bookkeepers and in other areas of responsibility. They work hard to stay in compliance with program guidelines and to make money."

Military retiree, Alicia Williams, former state childcare provider who recently switched to the FCC program at Stewart, said this training is the most thorough curriculum she's had. Federal laws and regulations that direct the program protect children and providers, and the training, along with the FCC equipment that was temporarily loaned to her, gave her the tools she needed to start her business. Williams says her delight is to give children the foundation they need to prepare them for school. Getting paid well for doing that is an added benefit.

Providers determine the amount of money they make, Richardson said. It varies according to the number of children they keep, the fees and hours they set, the pay-back incentives they utilize regarding menu choices and the quality of their care.

But most providers agree, it's not the money that fuels their passion for their business. It's their love for children.

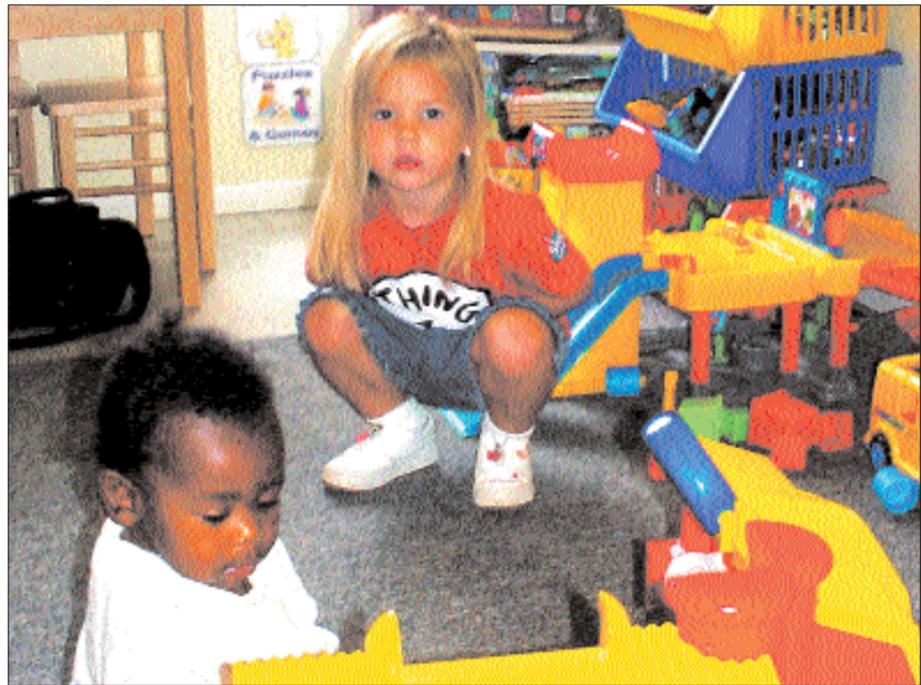
Felisa Brown, called "Ms. Lisa" by children and parents, views her business as an extension of her own family.

"I believe that if you're only doing it for money you won't be successful," Brown said. "When your heart is involved, you don't always get paid what you're worth

but you get rewarded in many other ways."

Brown, who has an elementary education degree and a two-year teaching stint under her belt, prefers the FCC profession she began more than four years ago, working most of that time at Fort Hood, Texas. She recently came to Fort Stewart as an Army spouse and temporary guardian of a three-year-old boy she had kept since infancy. When his mother deployed to Iraq in 2002, she granted temporary guardianship to Brown so he could keep the loving environment he was used to. And when Brown relocated to Fort Stewart with her husband that same year, she brought the boy with her, at his mother's request, instead of placing him with family that he hardly knew. In June 2004, mother and son were re-united at Fort Gordon.

"I would gladly do it again," Brown said. "But when he left, we all cried. That's the way it is. I used to tell myself not to get emotionally attached, but for me that's not possible." With the full time help of her mother, she keeps four children in her home during daytime working hours. The maximum allowed is six, including her two younger children. (The program allows her eight-year old to be exempt from that count unless he has special needs.) Brown started as a back-up provider but now offers extended childcare, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Legally, she may keep a different group of children in her home at one time. Brown's family, like all FCC family members, has undergone extensive screenings, including background checks for child abuse. If incidents are found, potential providers will not qualify for the program, and longtime providers who house an offender are disqualified.



Nancy Gould

3-year-old Linnea Singley and 8-month-old Tamais Clarke play quietly in the playroom after their afternoon nap.

"It's a tough but rewarding business," Richardson said, adding that she is looking for more providers, especially in the Richmond Hill area where many soldiers live. "We would love to have military retirees as providers. Many of them are still young but don't want to start a second career outside the home. And some may already keep a grandchild."

If you're the spouse of an active duty

Soldier, National Guardsman, reservist, Department of Defense civilian, a retiree or spouse of a retiree in those categories, you can apply to be a provider. The spouse of a deceased soldier who has an active military identification card may also apply.

For additional information, call Richardson at 912-767-2311. You can reach her by email at josephine.richardson@stewart.army.mil.



Photos by Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

(Above) Joanna Foxworth, 7, and Erika Iwule, 5, compete in a sack race during the "Under the Oaks" picnic at the Hunter Chapel Sunday afternoon.

(Left) Attendees of the "Under the Oaks" picnic serve themselves from a potluck buffet at the chapel.

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with rain showers — there was a sizeable turnout at the chapel, and every table was filled with people eating and mingling.

"Any time we can do something to get people to meet and get to know each other it's a good thing," Foxworth added.

The picnic was not limited to military members and their families, but to all attendees of the chapel, as well as anyone else who cared to participate.

"We moved to Savannah four years ago, and the Hunter Chapel is where we feel most comfortable," said Mike Carswell, who attended the gathering with his wife, Heather, and 2-year-old triplets Brianna, Cole and Cody.

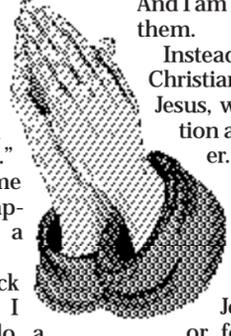
He added, "This camaraderie and fellowship is why we go to church and why we do what we do."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Is Jesus republican or democrat?

Chaplain (Maj.) Paul J. Yacocon
 Div. Spt. Bde., Senior Gospel Pastor

It's another election year and some are speculating that President Bush and John Kerry will go at it like the AVP movie, Aliens Versus Predators. With return deployments looming for the 3rd Infantry Division and the Marne express, I have heard many, including soldiers, questioning leadership decisions and wondering if there will be any changes if a different leader is elected. We all know that the higher you go in leadership the more criticism will fly. In humor, one soldier said, "Why can't we have more options when we vote? When they pick Miss America they get 50 options." And then another soldier asked me an interesting question, "Hey chaplain, Is Jesus a Republican or a Democrat?"



I wasn't ready to fire off a quick answer like He's Independent. I remembered Dr. Tony Campolo, a well known speaker and sociologist, once wrote a book with a similar title but, with such a polarizing issue, I really didn't know what to say. I wanted to think about it more. How could I be politically, militarily and spiritually correct? Wasn't Jesus a radical revolutionary?

If we were to look back at the parties over the years one might find many stereotypes such as: conservative versus liberal, rich versus poor, laissez faire versus big government, personal responsibility versus the power of the government, and so on and so forth. The Republicans may dress Jesus up

in a 'dress for success' suit and tie and the Democrats might put Him in the work clothes of union workers. George Bernard Shaw, in his cynicism about religion, recognized this tendency and said, "God made man in his image, and we have decided to return the favor." The Bible calls it idolatry, I do believe.

Each party has positives and negatives. Both parties are partly right and partly wrong. Jesus is neither. I am glad we have a two-party system in this country we all love. And I am glad that God belongs to neither of them.

Instead of embracing polarizing views, Christians should embrace the politics of Jesus, which are a ministry of reconciliation and a doctrine of loving one another. In (2 Corinthians 5:18) we read,

"And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation." In Christ, said Paul, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, bond or free, male or female" (Gal. 3:28). If he were among us today, he might add "there is neither Republican nor Democrat."

We are all one in the cause of Kingdom building for the Lord. This is the higher politic that honors our God. We all have differences and see things differently at times. Let's go beyond looking for common ground to looking for higher ground. We may have theological differences but at the end of the day, His banner over us is Love. We may have political differences but at the end of Election Day, our banner is still 'Ole Glory!' Help us, Lord, to choose correctly. Amen!



Pet of the Week

Loverboy is a four-year old male. He purrs at the slightest provocation and loves to be held. He is the perfect example of a lap cat and would make a great addition to any family.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Loverboy for your home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant	Location	Time
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Volunteer Spotlight



SHEILA WILLIAMS



Sheila Williams, wife of a retired sergeant major, is from Fayetteville, N.C. She volunteers at Army Community Service as a relocation assistant. Williams says volunteering is her way of giving back to the community. Williams claims that working as a relocation assistant helps her learn a variety of marketable skills and allows her the opportunity to socialize with a good working community.

If you would like more information about becoming an Army Community Service volunteer, contact **Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058/5059.**



WOODRUFF THEATER

Sept. 16 - Sept. 22

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

General admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Harold/Kumar go to White Castle (R)

Starring: John Cho, Hal Penn

Tonight at 7 p.m.

Both underdogs, Harold and Kumar decide to spend what would have been an otherwise uneventful Friday night satisfying an oddly intense urge for White Castle hamburgers. However, finding a suitable White Castle proves a highly difficult task, and the two friends wind up on an epic road trip.

Run Time: 88 minutes

The Village (PG-13)

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Bryce Dallas Howard

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.

The village seems picture perfect, but this close-knit community lives with the frightening knowledge that creatures reside in surrounding woods. But when curious, headstrong Lucius Hunt plans to step beyond the boundaries of the town and into the unknown, his bold move threatens to forever change the future of the village.

Run Time: 120 minutes

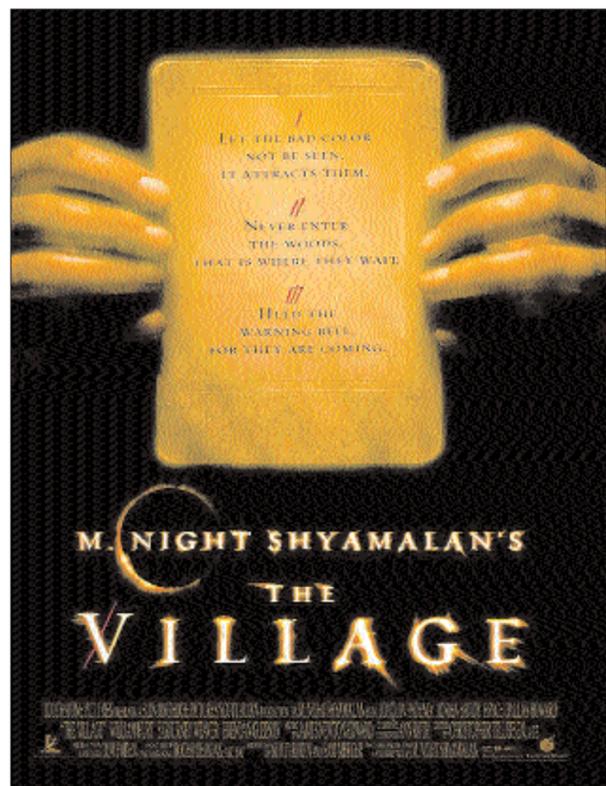
The Manchurian Candidate (R)

Starring: Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

During the first Gulf War, two U.S. Soldiers are taken prisoner and brainwashed into becoming assassins by the enemy. They return home as heroes, though Marco is troubled by dreams and vague memories of his brainwashing. Eventually, Marco remembers and tries to get to Raymond Shaw, who is running for office, to convince him of what happened.

Run Time: 130 minutes



Birth Announcements

Aug. 19
Conner Joseph Campbell, a boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Jeremiah D. Campbell and Alaina M. Campbell.

Aug. 25
TWINS! Morion Benard Champion, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and **Maurion Bernard Champion**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Larry Champion and Nakisha Champion.

Aug. 26
Steven Keith Ramsey, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Jimmie S. Ramsey and Kimberly Mary Bebee.

Aug. 29
Melody Ann Dominguez, aa girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc.

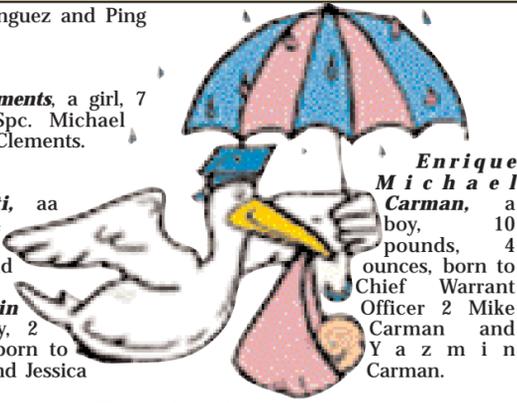
Gerson Abner Dominguez and Ping Dominguez.

Aug. 30
Haylie Grace Clements, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Spc. Michael Clements and Stacie Clements.

Aug. 31
Anna Rose Reosti, aa girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Anthony Reosti and Jennifer Reosti.

Stephen Austin Leigh Cox, a boy, 2 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Brian D. Cox and Jessica Leigh Cox.

Christopher Steven Hartley III, a boy, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Christopher Steven Hartley Jr. and Lashonda Lynette Hartley.



Sept. 1
Joven Jennings Arrington, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. David T. Arrington and Marjorie Arrington.

Christopher Ryan Douglas Horner, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Ryan Horner and Danialle Horner.

Kierra Jamila Simmons, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Franklin Dwight Simmons and Sharonda Tomeia Simmons.

Sept. 2
Tai Nani DelaO Lucena, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Richard Lucena and Candice Nicole Lucena.

Dylan Louis Craig, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Adam S. Craig and Stephanie A. Craig.

Jamie Lynn Tucker, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Randall Wilson Tucker and Holly Kathleen Tucker.

Emily Paige Cassidy, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. John

Tyler Cassidy and Merrienne Cassidy.

Sept. 3
Mason James Tyler, a boy, 9 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Joshua J. Tyler and Nancy M. Tyler.

Robert Thomas Erickson, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua Matthews Erickson and Amanda Lynn Erickson

Sept. 5
Joshua Everett Fleming, a boy, 9 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. James Fleming and Lauren Fleming.

Sept. 7
Ethan Arthur Pillasch, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeff Pillasch and Carrie Jo Pillasch.

Randy James Deems, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Albert A. Deems and Betty Jo Deems.