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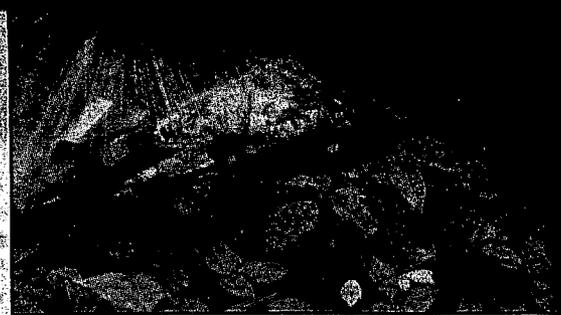
Mr. Samuel Skinner  
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...think it's important to at least  
 come out and work — even if it's for an  
 hour," said David Masters of Rochester  
 Hills, who stopped by the area around  
 the Sterling Heights Nature Center. "If  
 we don't do something to keep it clean,  
 who will?"

In addition to the cleanup itself, oth-  
 er sites were set up to remove invasive  
 plants, apply storm drain decals, and  
 collect hazardous waste in both Ma-  
 comb and Oakland counties.

New to Macomb County this year  
 was a cleanup effort at Riverbends

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Peter Starceski of Clinton Township works to clean  
 Bloomfield Hills and daughters Rose, 11, Maria, 13,  
 Sterling Heights Nature Center. The cleanup was pe

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## Two Selfridge facilities survive ax

■ Miller says base  
 exchange, commissary will  
 remain open despite cuts.

By Chad Selweski

Macomb Daily Staff Writer

Two popular facilities on the Selfridge Air  
 National Guard Base — the base exchange  
 and commissary, which provide discount  
 shopping for military personnel — will ap-  
 parently remain open despite a federal base-

closings commission's de-  
 cision to shut down many  
 Selfridge services.

U.S. Rep. Candice  
 Miller said that she has se-  
 cured an agreement from  
 two Defense Department  
 agencies to keep the ex-  
 change and commissary  
 operating after the Harri-  
 son Township base's Army garrison closes.  
 Thousands of active duty military person-



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on this country for several years is no longer there," he told The

in the first attack so close to the capital in some time, Interior

lems," Mashal told AP. Security forces aided by U.S.-led coalition troops captured 20 mili-

soldiers and 30,000 foreign troops were on alert to guard the election. In Kandahar, the former Taliban

sense that the legacy of the rule of the gun can be resisted is now taking root."

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ing the two stores would be "devastating" to the military and could hurt re-enlistment efforts.

The commissary handles about 24,000 sales a month.

The BRAC report, approved by President Bush last week, means that the Army will discontinue its role as landlord for the exchange and commissary. The closing of the Army garrison also puts many Selfridge services in jeopardy.

Officials assume that the base's 548 housing units will be shut down but the garrison also provides a medical clinic, street maintenance, police enforcement, garbage pickup, continuing education, religious services and recreational and "morale" activities.

The Michigan National Guard commander, Adjutant General Tom Cutler, has said that he hopes to keep services such as the pharmacy and golf course open. Miller said she believes pharmaceutical and medical services can be maintained for military personnel at a newly constructed \$9.6 million medical facility on Selfridge that is nearing completion.

As the future of Selfridge remains cloudy, even after the BRAC report is headed to Congress for final approval, the debate over 24 A-10 aircraft as-

signed to Michigan — and the fate of the Battle Creek Air National Guard Station — rages on.

The language in the BRAC report seems to indicate that all 24 A-10s will be stationed at Selfridge and the Battle Creek facility will remain only as a military "enclave" that could handle future missions.

But BRAC Commissioner Samuel Skinner has spoken out, saying the commission never intended to remove all 15 A-10 aircraft from Battle Creek. Skinner also lashed out at Miller for her

insistence that all the planes must be sent to Selfridge.

"The congresswoman for Selfridge is wrong, and she ought to start thinking about what's in the best interest of the nation and stop being so parochial," Skinner told the Gannett News Service. "It was clearly intended that the Battle Creek base be kept open for A-10 use."

Miller said she and her staff giggled when they read Skinner's remarks.

"He should have read his own amendment," the congress-

woman said. "The (BRAC) report is very clear. I think maybe he

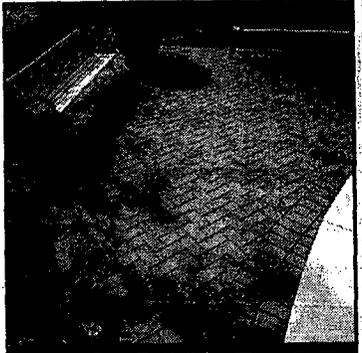
hoped that his amendment would mean something else."

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