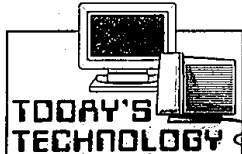


The open house is over, but the new McNamara/Northwest Terminal will not actually be open for business until Sunday, according to Wayne County Detroit Metro Airport officials.

Following the open house at the new terminal, officials sent out a reminder that both the new terminal and the John Dingell Drive south access road won't be open until Sunday. Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will fly from the new terminal.

All other carriers will remain in their current locations today and after Feb. 24. Air Canada, American, America West, Delta/Comair, Spirit, Southwest, United and U.S. Airways will fly out of Smith Terminal. American Trans Air, British Airways, Champion Air, Lufthansa and charter flights will fly out of Barry Terminal.



Can't go a day without your PDA? Does it seem like a cell phone is surgically attached to your ear? Do you have TiVo? The Farmington Observer is looking for tech-savvy residents to document how the microchip revolution has changed their ways. We'd like a volunteer to keep a week-long diary of high-tech habits for a story on the local impact of the Internet and other technology on daily life. If you're interested in participating, e-mail Juhl Hubred, Farmington Observer community editor, at: jhubred@oc.homecomm.net

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Kentucky crash claims four lives

McKennetts remembered as good friends

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They were best buddies for years. Now Jeff Godre, 13, an eighth grader at Power Middle School, can only share memories of a carefree youth spent with his friend Mike McKennett, 16, a Farmington High School freshman who died Monday morning with three other family members on I-75 in Kentucky.

"He was kind of crazy," Godre said. "He liked to do daring things like jump off roofs. He liked the roller coaster at Cedar Point. He liked to skateboard and go swimming."

Mike's family was returning from vacation in Florida when the accident

occurred. Also killed were his parents Richard, 47, a security supervisor at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Milan, wife Judy, 48, an area manager consultant for the state's day care licensing agency, and Megan, 11, a sixth grader at Power Middle School.

"Megan was a meek and mild young lady," said Don Hammond, principal of Power Middle School. "She will be sorely missed."

Daughter Lindsey, 17, a Farmington senior, and Godre were both treated and released from the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Godre remembers nothing about the

accident but recalls waking up in the hospital with Lindsey lying near him.

"They told me that I was in a car crash and that Mike died," Godre said. "I was bummed."

According to news reports, the McKennetts' van hit the back of a semi-trailer about 3 a.m. Monday. The semi was stopped because of another freeway accident.

The crash happened about a mile north of Dry Ridge, in the northern part of the state. The driver of the tractor trailer wasn't injured.

The group was returning from a family time-share condominium near



'Posting ball' for Muscular Dystrophy Association



Locked up: Joan Morrison is only a temporary jailbird, for a good cause. She and co-worker Kathy Draft raised "bail" of \$1,328 last week to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The mock lock-up was held at Glen Oaks Country Club. Jeri Schuchert (left) was among the volunteers who spent time on the phone at Glen Oaks, calling for donations to bail themselves out. Schuchert works for Applied Industrial Technologies in Farmington Hills.

Project's complete, but post office can't deliver

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David Heidt thought the worst was over when construction was pretty much wrapped up on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills last year. But he has been forced to pick up his mail at the local postal annex for eight of the last nine weeks.

"We're really frustrated with how this has been," said Heidt, who lives

near 10 Mile. "We're not sure if this is progress."

Orchard Lake Road was widened this past year under the authority of the Road Commission for Oakland County. The mailboxes that were on the road were put on a side street while construction took place.

That was all fine, said Heidt.

But when the actual road portion of the construction wrapped up last December, the sidewalk for the east side of Orchard Lake was not finished

in time for the season and the post boxes were put back on Orchard Lake. And that is the problem.

Since then, postal carriers have complained to their supervisors that they don't feel safe stopping their vehicles along the 45-mph road for fear of being rear-ended by another vehicle, said Debra Redmond, manager of customer service for the U.S. Postal Service.

Before, the carriers pulled onto the road shoulder to put mail in the boxes. The ultimate plan is to have the carriers

use the sidewalks to deliver along the road.

"It's a difficult situation for all involved," said Redmond. "The sidewalks need to be in on Orchard Lake."

She said the carriers have the right not to deliver if they don't feel safe.

Heidt said he and his neighbors were never informed what was going on with their mail service.

"I don't fault the post office for this,"

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Citizens honored for efforts to save lives, raise funds

Three people from the community were honored Tuesday by Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer for their efforts in helping police.

Several recipients were also recognized for their time and effort in helping the police department raise more money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from the department's annual 10K Run.

Those receiving civilian citations at Farmington Hills City Hall were Melissa Antionu, Ernestine Taylor and Dr. Sammi Siegel.

Call for help

While working at Free Market Inc. in Farmington Hills, Antionu received a phone call from a man who said he wanted to kill himself. Unsure if the call was genuine or a prank, she began to investigate its origin. The corporate switchboard provided her with caller I.D. information and she notified the police.

The number was tracked to Berkley and their police department responded to the address where officers found a distraught and suicidal man. He was committed for observation and treatment. Antionu is recognized for

her concern and initiative which likely resulted in the prevention of a suicide.

Ending a crime-wave

In response to several burglaries at three apartment complexes over several months, officers in the detective bureau and SONIC combined their efforts to end a one-man crime wave. Officer Jon Haupt followed up on the use of stolen credit cards and developed a description of the suspect. He was assisted by Taylor, who works at the Livonia Rite Aid Pharmacy.

Taylor was extremely co-operative in assisting Haupt by reviewing tapes of the suspect using the credit cards taken in one of the burglaries. SONIC used the information to plan a surveillance of the apartment complexes, which resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator during the commission of another break-in.

This person was responsible for 23 burglaries in the Greenhill, Fairmont Park and Muirwood apartment complexes. The information and assistance that Taylor provided was instrumental in capturing a dangerous felon.

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Honored citizen: Chief Bill Dwyer places a pin on Ernestine Taylor, one of the citizen citation recipients.

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