

# Metro makeover more than just cosmetic change

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

It's easy to see why Metro Airport employees need a herd of Jeep Grand Cherokees to tool around the 6,600-acre field when one tours all the construction sights (or sites).

Driver Danilo Lah put it in layman's terms: "There are areas where there's a lot of mud and a lot of goop that we need to access," she said while piloting one of the airport's 25 Detroit-built Jeeps.

While bumping around in the dirt over precipices and small mountains, it soon becomes obvious that no ordinary car could hack it. Photographer Jim Jagdfeld grabbed the overhead strap and lifted himself off the seat because the four-wheeling action was doing a number on his ailing back.

The Jeep, with 19,000 miles on the odometer already, was purchased just last year. Lah, a Westland resident, usually drives it around, checking remote equipment, patrolling certain areas and inspecting the airport's four runways.

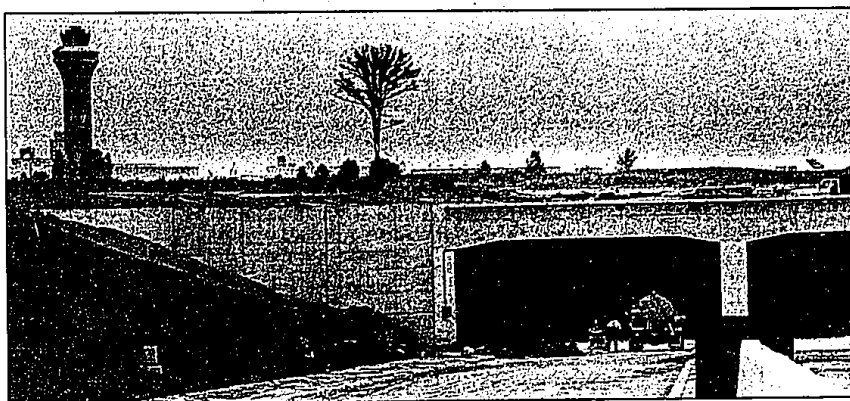
inals are reported on the runway, and it's her duty to run them off. Pointing to the Jeep's siren controls, she said, "I use this a lot to scare the groundhogs off the runway."

With a \$930-million expansion and renovation project under way, the biggest in the history of Metro, construction sites abound around the airport lately.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara believes the new-and-improved airport will bring 20,000 new jobs to the area by 2000, mostly because an increase in the number of Metro's international gates from six to at least 15 will be a boon to companies that ship goods overseas.

The new terminal, a \$368-million item, is not one of the projects currently under construction, but international travelers should benefit from shorter waits when it's done.

During the recent tour, a Boeing 747 arriving nonstop from Tokyo was compelled to wait several minutes behind several little DC-9s were queued up for take-off. The tiny jets blocked the 747's



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Open wide: The south access road tunnel looms menacingly as a lone tree and the new control tower rise in the background. Once the crosswind runway and the road under it are completed, aircraft will occasionally take off and land right over the cars passing through the tunnel.

See MAKEOVER, 7A

**DOLL REPAIR**  
Antique & Modern  
Doll & Bear  
Restoration  
In our 43rd  
Year

Appraisals, Doll Clothes, Shoes, Beds,  
Buggies, Trunks, Display Cases & More.  
Antique Dolls, Too!

1947 W. 12 Mile Rd.  
Gerkley  
(conveniently located  
near I-75)  
Mon.-Sat. 10-5:30; Fri. 10-5  
SUNNY  
SHOP 543-3115

**BRANDEIS**  
Michigan's Largest  
Used Book Sale!

12-12 Mall  
Telegraph at 12 Mile Rd. • Southfield  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Daily  
Sunday - 2 Mail Hours

**USED BOOK SALE**  
**BOOK SALE**  
**AUG. 11**  
**thru**  
**AUG. 18**

Sponsored by:  
GREAT LAKES DISTRICT CHAPTER  
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
NATIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE  
Proceeds benefit:  
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

**SAVE UP TO 40% ON**

**SHAKER**

Purely Stated from Pennsylvania House... clean, contemporary and versatile.

Asymmetrical Chest sale priced from \$649  
Table and 4 Chairs sale priced from \$1969  
Occasional Tables sale priced from \$319  
Queen Size Sleigh Bed sale priced at \$849  
Vertical Mirror sale priced at \$239  
70" Dresser sale priced from \$1049  
Door Cupboard sale priced from \$1249

**Stewart Glass**  
of Bloomfield Hills

**2600 N. WOODWARD**  
JUST SOUTH OF SQUARE LAKE RD.  
FINE FURNITURE SINCE 1917

**332-8348**  
OPEN MON., THURS., FRI. 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.  
TUES., WED., SAT. 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

**Leewards**  
arts & crafts  
**NOW Open**

**BIRMINGHAM**  
Woodward Ave.  
13 Mile Rd.  
433-3880

Join us in the opening of a grand new Leewards. Brilliant colors of the season's best floral, crafts, needlework, framing, and art fill the store for all your crafting or decorating. Plus, check out all the exciting classes offered by Leewards.

The celebration begins with spectacular extra saving coupons!

**Aug. 11 thru Aug. 14**

**Crafts**  
33% off ANY 1 REGULAR PRICED ITEM  
33% off The Regular Price of Any 1 Item in the Store!

**Frames**  
50% off ENTIRE CUSTOM FRAME ORDER  
50% off regular price of labor  
50% off regular price of materials  
50% off mfg. sugg. retail of mouldings

**Floral**  
25% off ANY 1 PREMADE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT  
25% off The Regular Price of Any Premade Floral Arrangement

COUPON