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After hours: The Farmington / Farmington Hills Chamber and Max & Erma's Restaurant will host an "After Hours" gathering from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 19. The restaurant is at 31205 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington
Hills. Admission is \$10 in
advance, \$15 at the door.
Call 248-474-3440.

WEDNESDAY

Internet travel: Instructor Bob Cowen, a seasoned traveler who teaches classes on travel at local school districts, will discuss how to save on airlines, hotels, cruises and cars at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Farmington Branch Library. Call (248) 474-7770 to register.

Mental health forum: The Interim Executive Director of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, William J. Allen, will be the featured speaker at a town hall meeting 7-9 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road in Farmington

THURSDAY

On display: The photography of Monte Nagler is on exhibit through Feb. 21 in the city gallery at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. The gallery is located in the lobby of the center and is open during regular office hours; 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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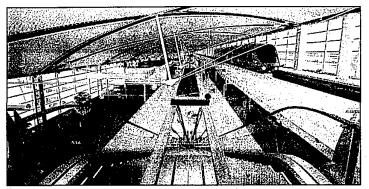
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Taking flight



New vistas: These escalators are at the south end of the terminal to reach the tram seen on the right. The tram runs the entire one mile length of the terminal to help get passengers to their gates instead of walking.

McNamara Terminal will open with all the bells and whistles

BY CRAIG SULLIVAN SPECIAL WRITER

Wint's or secial about the Market of the Wayne County Detroit Well, in a nutshell, says County Executive Ed McNamara it comes down to four

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Terminal

new features that the \$1.2

that the \$1.2 billion project law brought about at the anew southern access road (the John Dingell Drive) that links up with Eureka Road of 61 £275; a 10-story garage with 11,600 spaces; an additional runway, bringing the total to four; and,

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of course, the new 97-gate ter-

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"Any one of those features by itself is a gangbuster, but put them all together in one airport and it's just incredible, said McNamara, for whom

said McNamora, for whom the new terminal is named.
Wayne County officials first began making plans in 1986 to update the metro airport, Since then, the existing facility has seen passenger volumes more than double—

Please see TERMINAL AS seen out the window.



Getting ready: Michael Barry of Detroit washes some of the many windows in the new terminal. The new control tower and

Home Depot takes on new look for Hills

BY JONI HUBRED STAPY WILLIER

It's not your father's Home Depot

It's not your father's Home Depot store.

With cornices, a peaked roof, asphult shingles and brick exterior, the latest addition to the huilding supplies store seen in Farmington Hills bears little resemblance to most others of its kind. Home Depot and Grand Sakwa Properties, developer of the triangle at Northwestern, Orchard Lake and 14 Mille Ronds, presented a plan Monday night that easily gained unanimous approval from city officials.

"Home Depot has gone way beyond what is a normal Home Depot store, said Gary Sakwa. "It cost them a lot more money than they anticipated."

The store is considered part of Phase 1A of the final development, which is governed by a Planned Unit Development agreement reached between city officials and the developer. Stormwater management, roadway and pedestrian walkway plans were designed to dove-tail with those for a future retail shopping center.

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tail with those for a future retail shopping center.

Two entrances are planned off Northwestern; the primary entrance will be linked to a major roadway when the size is fully developed.

Stormwater that flows into a retention pond on the southeast portion of the site will flow through natural vegetation, be slowed by dams and acerated, to slow it down and clean it.

Planners from Vilican Leman suggested a proposed entrance on the southern end of Northwestern would be a better location for the development's main access. They also recommended a standard sidewalk in front of the store, because the future tie with other retail shopping could result in more foot traffic.

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Officials were also concerned about a deficit of more than 500 trees in the Phase 1A replacement plan. While some of the deficit would be made up in Phase 1B, final approval also included a formula for tree replacement costs.

Approval also incorporated 35 points from the Planning Commission's review of the project. Their concerns ranged from requiring that undeveloped lots he seeded and maintained to reducing the intensity of lighting wherever possible.

Local car nuts rev up for 50th Autorama

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Dennis Koss of Farmington Hills
wanted a 1952 Pontlac Catalina at the
time it was being made, but just
missed the chance to buy one at the
end of its production cycle.
The 57-year-old ended up with a
1963 Pontiac Grand Prix instead, but
always hoped he could get his hands
on the Catalina.
About a year ngo, he managed to

on the Catalina.

About a year ago, he managed to find one that was restored. He spent the money to have it redone in the original balmar red factory color to match the interior.

"It's all stock," Koss said of the rare

"It's all stock," Koss said of the rare machine.

He and several other Farmington area car enthusiasts will be displaying their classic cars and hot rods at the Murray's Discount Auto Stores Detroit Autorama. It will be the 50th anniversary of the show, held Feb. 22-24 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. The event also marks the 50th anniversary of the Michigan Hot Rod Association.

More than 1,000 hot rod and custom vehicles and their owners will be at the ovent.

the event.
Koss and his wife Mary put the GTO



which he'll display at this year's Autora

Socher dusts off his 1940

Ply-mouth,

Donations sought for Turn Around program

By JONI HUBRED STAFF WRITER jbubrod@ne home

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One student has conquered a drug
addiction and found success in the
classroom. Another simply decided to
approach school with a different attitude.

tude.

A program that recognizes those kinds of "non-traditional" achievements will honer 26 students at a March 6 iuncheen, held at Farmington Hills Manor. Sponsors are asking local service organizations and businesses for assistance, either through financial contributions or donating items for "goodie bags" that will be given to each student.

Farmington Public Schools Superin-tendent Bob Maxfield points out that



while some children regularly receive positive recognition, others may not.

"There's nothing more special in the life of a kid than being identified as

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special in some way," said Superintendent Bob Maxfield. "This unique program provides us with an opportunity to say to kids that we're watching and

to say to kids that we're watching and we care.

Turn Around Achievement Award winners were nominated by teachers from Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington High Schools, the Alternative Academy, Farmington Community School and Dunckel, East, Power and Warner Middle Schools. All students have made significant life improvements, such as positive changes in grades, attitude, attendance and behavior.

Three students from each high school and middle school and one student each from the alternative programs will receive a Lucite "Turn Around"

star and recognition certificate.

Donations for the "goodic bags" may include passes to movies, miniature golf, skating rinks or other recreational activities, gift certificates for music or books, pizza or other "fast food" coupons.

coupons.
"Contributing to this program gives you a chance to make a difference on behalf of the entire community," Max-

behalf of the entire community." Max-field said.
Farmington Public Schools, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the Farming-ton Public Safety Department and Farmington Hills Police Department and Farmington Hills Police Department are co-sponsoring the Turn Around Awards. For information, call Maxfield at the school district offices, 248-489-339 or the Farmington Observer, 248-477-5450.

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