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TWENTY-SEVEN members of the Downtown Farmington Business Association gathered for lunch June 3 to meet the Downtown Development Authority's new executive director, Wendy Strip Sittsamer.

After Jerry Wingerter, association chairman, described upcoming advertising campaigns, DDA president Harry Wingerter, introduced Strip Sittsamer, who joined the DDA staff May 26.

"I've been wandering the streets, walking in and out of businesses, and I decided I like the town. But I knew that before I even took the job," said the two-year Farmington Hills resident.

POLLUTED waterways have no place in a residential community.

So says 12-year-old Shannon Hatley of Farmington.

While dodging the raindrops during Rouge Rescue '87 Saturday morning in Shiawassee Park, Shannon said she likes to play in water although she's aware you can't swim in the Rouge — yet.

The Power Middle School sixth grader said she decided to accompany her dad, Don, to the cleanup because she "wants the river to be clean. When I do go in, I don't want to feel sick or anything."

Added Don, "I get too much enjoyment out of the river being here to see it dirty."

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Alton Bennett, a veteran councilman and former mayor, resigned his Farmington City Council seat to begin new careers in the world of theology.

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Alcohol-sales sweep angers store owners

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By Joanna Maliszewski
staff writer

The latest crackdown on liquor sales to minors has again raised the ire of Farmington Hills business owners.

During the Farmington Hills Police Department's third major liquor law crackdown Friday night, 12 of 34 licensed packaged liquor establishments were ticketed on charges of selling to minors. Lt. Richard Murphy said.

Six of the businesses were ticketed in the last crackdown in late October/early November 1986.

In early June, police warned owners of restaurants, party stores and bars they would be checked for sales to minors. Despite the warning, store owners were ticketed in the latest crackdown as angry.

"This is terrible. They are tricking

'They are tricking people. This is just like trapping people.'

— BJ's Party Store owner

people. This is just like trapping people," said the owner of BJ's Party Store, 28728 Grand River, who asked not to be identified by name. "They sent someone in who looks old."

Another store owner who also asked not to be identified offered similar complaints. "This is not fair for the police to set up a store. It's unfair," said the owner of Andy's Country Market, 22595 Middlebelt.

As in the police crackdown in late 1986, licensees are complaining about undercover police cadets younger than 21 posing as young people trying to buy liquor.

"There were a couple of guys who

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Coming home



Major Shirley Younis, from the Detroit headquarters, embraces a member of the contingent for a Salvation Army "coming home" festival after June 2 services at the Salvation Army Corps and Community Center in Farmington Hills. Corps members from around the state and nation gathered June 1-5 under a tent for a Salvation Army "coming home" festival and centennial celebration. For the story and more pictures, please turn to Page 3B.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Don't straighten Drake — residents

By Joanna Maliszewski
staff writer

Drake Road and neighboring subdivision residents have no qualms about paving the winding, gravelled stretch between 11 and 12 Mile.

But they have plenty to say about any attempts to straighten the curving and scenic stretch.

"Our concern again is the environment and the speed," said Ed Krol, an Old Homestead resident.

Krol presented the Farmington Hills City Council Monday with a press release detailing concerns about any plans to straighten the gravelled stretch in light of paving plans.

"I would hate to have anything de-

stroyed in the name of progress," said Quakerstown Lane resident Janet Chekrida.

Petitions bearing more than 500 signatures were shown to the Farmington Hills City Council Monday declaring opposition to "any changes in road design that would alter or destroy its current beauty and environment."

Plans to widen the gravelled portion of Drake, between 11 and 12 Mile, are included in the city's major road improvement program that's being financed in part by \$7 million in bonds.

THERE'S LITTLE debate about the need to pave Drake. But city officials and engineers are still studying

how to pave the road with its sharp curves. Options range from paving it as is to straightening out the curves, city manager William Costick said.

"People I have talked to have expressed concern about the character of the area . . ." Costick said. "We have made no decision. Our goal is to

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Edward Hodges III (left), chairman of the on hand to dedicate Botsford General Hospital's new addition.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Growing Hospital unveils new tower

BOTSFORD GENERAL Hospital is celebrating a new addition to the facility.

Friends and well-wishers gathered Wednesday to welcome a new \$13.5 million addition, two years in the making.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for joining us on our family reunion," hospital president Gerson Cooper told a crowd of 150-200 that gathered on the hospital's front lawn.

The six-story, 67,000-square-foot addition represents not only an expansion of the hospital's facilities and services but a continuation of founder Dr. Allen Ziegler's dream, Cooper said.

Also on hand for the Farmington Hills hospital's celebration was Edward Hodges III, hospital board chairman; Farmington Hills Mayor Ben Marker; Farmington Hills City Councilwoman and board member Jan Dolan; and Ed Lanleski, past president of the American Osteopathic Association.

"Under Gerson Cooper, Dr. Ziegler's visions have become a reality," Hodges said.

The dedication's theme, "A Botsford Family Reunion," demonstrates Botsford's commitment to providing quality medical care within a family environment, officials said.

LATER IN the formal dedica-

tion, Dolan presented Cooper, son-in-law of the hospital's founder, with a Michigan Senate resolution commemorating the hospital's expansion and continued health care commitment.

The expansion "is a \$13.5 million investment of faith in the future of Farmington Hills," according to the resolution, as well as a "commitment to family care."

The new tower will increase Botsford's licensed capacity to 336 beds. Included in the addition are increased surgical facilities, patient day rooms, dining rooms, a new lobby and gift shop and medication rooms. Conference rooms,

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Harrison grads eye college with varied emotions

□ Meet the leading graduates,
3A

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Succeeding in college is the biggest concern facing the five top graduates of Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. But even that concern is minor.

Brian Murphy, 17, Scott Bissell, 18, Kurt Lindberg, 18, Lori King, 18, and Michael Happold, 18, all graduated with honors this week.

Murphy knows he wants to be an engineer. But he admits to some concern about "backing" it next fall at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"Competition is going to be a lot tougher than it was in high school," he said. "I have some fears about failing, but if I do, it won't be because I didn't try. I plan to work, work, work."

In high school, Murphy was a member of the 4.0 Club during his junior and senior years. He earned straight-A grades.

He will spend the summer working as a combination cook and dishwasher at Franklin Terrace Apartments in Southfield, and playing golf, basketball and tennis.

ADJUSTING to college is also Bissell's biggest concern at the moment. A varsity football and basketball player at Harrison, he will attend Albion College, where he plans to major in business management.

Bissell earned a partial scholarship from the West Bloomfield Optimists Club. Still, he is looking for a second summer job to augment wages earned by delivering pizza because "Albion is private and expensive."

Adjusting to college from high school, becoming used to living on campus and making enough money to even get there in the first place" are his primary concerns.

For now, however, "high school

graduation is done and over and I'm looking forward to summer."

LINDBERG WELCOMES the unknown challenges that will face him at U-M. "I'm excited about moving onto college," he said.

Lindberg, a math finalist in Michigan competition, is not concerned about keeping up academically. "If I

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Dober is ordered to prison

By Casey Hans
staff writer

A 19-year-old Livonia youth, convicted of attempted murder, told a psychiatrist he did not pull the trigger that wounded a security guard at a Farmington Hills arcade in the fall of 1985.

According to testimony during a pre-sentencing hearing Tuesday, Paul Dober told Dr. J. Scott Allen the rifle shooting was an accident.

"Mr. Dober told me he did not do the shooting," the Southfield doctor said, recounting a pre-sentencing examination of Dober. "He said he wouldn't tell me who did the shooting. He said that it was an accident; that they did not mean to shoot anyone — they wanted to teach him a lesson."

"The plan was to shoot in the air



Paul Dober

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