

Garage called 'Rouge Friendly'

King's Garage of Farmington is the second business in the city to be recognized by the Rouge River Project. Customers can recognize a Rouge Friendly Business by the "SnoopySaurus" in the window.

These businesses are cited for recycling, not using their hose as a broom, not treating storm drains as garbage cans and making sure they keep pollution out of the Rouge River. King's Garage is at 31690 Grand River. Owner Paul King offers certified and specially trained technicians to service vehicle needs.

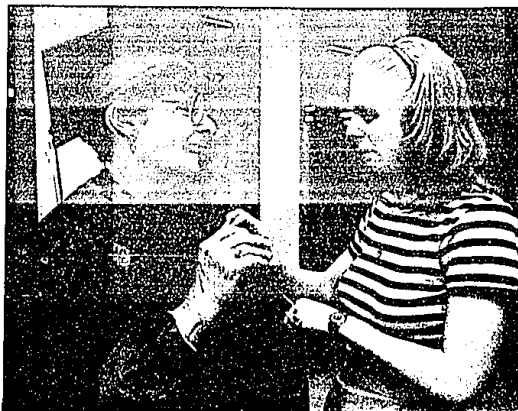
For more information regarding the Rouge Friendly Business Program call the business coordinator, Karen Reume, at (313) 961-0730.

Make an exclusive tie
The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills will host its annual tie making day from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 12. For only \$15 kids can create a unique tie for dad for Father's Day. This is an outdoor event and will take place weather permitting. The Shirt Box is located at 32500 Northwestern Highway. For more information, call 851-6770.

Turn back the clock
Dr. Howard Shapiro, M.D. of Farmington Hills has published a brochure outlining a new program that specializes in human growth hormone treatments. This treatment is directed towards individuals over the age of 50 who wish to "turn back the clock" on their physical status. "While no one can literally turn back the clock of advancing age," says Dr. Shapiro, "there

are treatments available that can limit, and often reverse some of the changes in the body that occur over time." To obtain free copies of the new brochure, call 865-9448.

New MOA president
Dr. Max McKinney, F.A.C.F.P., was installed as president of the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) May 14, during the organization's 98th Annual Postgraduate Convention and Scientific Seminar at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. The Farmington Hills physician who has served on the MOA Board of Directors for six years brings nearly two decades of experience as a specialist, active volunteer and professional leader to the elected position. "We are very proud to have Dr. McKinney as our new president," said MOA executive director Dennis Paradis.



Helping hand: Adele Thompson, left, gets a hand from her granddaughter, Kristy Moore, who is graduating Thursday night from Churchill High School in Livonia. Kristy helped pick out Adele's outfit under the robe and wanted to see it.

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education, works as a paraprofessional in the Head Start program at Farmington Community School. She was one of two scholarship recipients. "You can never quit learning," Lesondak said. "When I was in high school, I was bored. When you're a teenager, you're bull-headed and you think you know everything."

Adult ed students are finding out those lessons earlier. This year's graduating classes included 59 students — 82 percent — under age 20.

"People are finishing and getting their diplomas faster," Leeland said. "I think they realize it's more out of necessity because they realize they're not going to get a job without having a diploma."

Younger students are changing — not to mention stabilizing — the face of adult education. Adult ed staff find they're working with families rather than only the students, Leeland said.

Some 71 percent of the graduates attended one of the district's three public schools at one time. Attendance, transportation and other personal problems cause them to drop out in the first place, Leeland said.

"The program is getting younger and younger every year," she said. "We are getting referrals from high school counselors much earlier than we used to."

The district receives a state per-pupil grant for each adult ed student under age 20, which has maintained consistent stream of

funding for the program.

Last year, the state required adult ed departments to apply for grants. Farmington received partial funding through an Oakland County grant application.

Adult ed funding looks secure

for next year, Leeland said. The state House of Representatives added money to the program figuring the Senate will make cuts.

"That's politics, I guess," Leeland said.



Achivers: Patricia Lesondak, left, and Keyda Brown are recognized for overcoming many obstacles.

Rewards of a diploma: Lesondak gets a hug from her husband Andrew, as family friend Brittany Dennis strikes a victory pose.



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