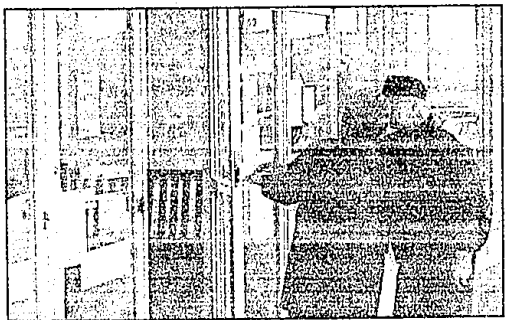


Shoppers: Employees and neighboring stores mourn the closing of Crowley's, but shoppers went looking for the sales this week. Nearby store owners worry that the lack of an anchor will hurt their business in the shopping center.



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Butler Farmington Associates owns Kendallwood Shopping Center, which includes an assortment of shops and eateries as well as the cornerstone retailer. The manager of the property was out of town and couldn't be reached for comment.

Another tenant is not as worried: Blockbuster video, Rite Aid pharmacy and Tim Hortons doughnut shop continue to bring a steady stream of people into the northeast corner of Farmington and 12 Mile, said Rick Dewinter of Nevada Bob's Golf.

"I don't know if it's that big a factor with Crowley's leaving,"

STORE CLOSING

Dewinter said. "Maybe it will even be beneficial for us because more people will buy clothes here instead of walking back and forth to Crowley's."

Business effect aside, one customer leaving the store sees Crowley's demise as similar to ones at Stroh's, Winkelman's and Sanders.

"It's sad," said A. Wallace of Walled Lake. "It's another Detroit-owned store that's closing."

LIBRARY Books In Demand



Editor's note: Every week the Farmington Community Library will provide the Farmington Observer with a list of books that are most in demand by patrons. For more information, contact the library, 553-0303.

HOT HITS

- The Testament
John Grisham
- Billy Knight
Jonathan Kellerman
- Southern Cross
Patricia Cornwell
- Memoirs of a Geisha
Arthur Golden
- The Simple Truth
David Baldacci
- The Greatest Generation
Tom Brokaw
- Angels Flight
Michael Connelly
- The Ghost of Hannah Mendez
Naomi Ragen
- Charming Billy
Alice McDermott
- The Poisonwood Bible
Barbara Kingsolver
- Midwinters
Christopher A. Bohjalian
- River's End
Nora Roberts
- Sudden Change of Heart
Barbara Taylor Bradford
- A Man In Full
Tom Wolfe
- Seize the Night
Dean R. Koontz

Rage

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The man told police he drove for 15 minutes south before he decided to return.

"Why did he leave? That's the big question that has to be answered," Stevens said. "If you're driving 15 minutes on I-275 at 70 plus miles an hour, you could be down to just about I-94. Then you've got to turn around and come all the way back."

"You have to say to yourself, if you knew you were involved in an accident why didn't you come back?"

COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Oakland County educators with professional backgrounds interested in leadership roles will converge on the Oakland Schools Kiva (auditorium) from 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, for a Leadership Career Day.

Oakland Schools headquarters is at 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, across Telegraph Road from the Oakland County Courthouse.

The Oakland Schools Educational Leadership Career Day will provide future education leadership candidates an opportunity to explore career opportunities within Oakland County's 28 local school districts.

Those interested in educational leadership will be able to network with school district representatives to discuss future leadership opportunities as principals, assistant principals, and directorships. Those attending are asked to bring 30 copies of their resumes to distribute.

For those who are building a resume, a special workshop on resume construction and critiquing will be held twice — from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Those desiring a detailed critique are asked to bring a copy of their resumes and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Potential leadership applicants are also encouraged to regularly visit the Oakland Schools Web site at <http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us/about/jobs.html> for Oakland County job postings. Job Fair updates will also be found on the Web site.

For those without access to the Web, Oakland Schools provides the Oakland County Schools Job Hotline at (248) 209-2237.

To attend the Oakland Schools Educational Leadership Career Day, register by calling (248) 209-2038, or e-mailing registration.central@oakland.k12.mi.us with your name, address, phone, fax and e-mail address. Please note any special accommodations required.

For more information on the Career Day, call Oakland Schools at (248) 209-2503 or (248) 209-2110.

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