

Old Bojangles awaits new tenant

The old Bojangles location didn't work for Bojangles, but that doesn't mean it can't work for you.

The prime-time location on The Strip is currently available for lease, according to Bojangles representative Joe DosReis.

"We are securing a broker who will be the point of contact for anyone interested in the property," said DosReis. "We're really looking to sublease the property, although we would entertain an offer if someone wants to buy it."

DosReis said the broker will be Mike Baggett of Colliers International and he can be reached at (615) 289-2340. For anyone wanting information from Mr. DosReis, he can be



reached at (703) 314-7997 or by email at jdosreis@bojangles.com.

It's my hope a new tenant for Bojangles will be found soon so the building doesn't sit empty for months, or years. I've tried to convince Gary Prater to move world-famous Prater's BBQ into that spot, but I don't think it's going to happen.

For anyone out there searching for leasing information on the old Bojangles, my work is done.

NEW BUSINESS IN SIGHT

The building next to Rite Aid is in the process of being gutted. For motorists driving by the shopping center and seeing the construction work, they have one question: "What's moving in?"

I have the answer. Optometrist Terry Connor has bought the building and will be using the entire space for his office, which is currently located by the fairgrounds.

"Space wise, we really needed more room," said Dr. Connor. "It should be a good move for us. I'm anxious to get it done. I wish it was done now."

Terry says it's his goal to make a top-of-the-line facility that caters to the vision needs of local residents. Terry says his practice has experienced growth since he was joined by Dr. Jamie Keele earlier this year.

Anyone driving by Dr. Connor's current building may have noticed the large "For Sale" sign in front. Terry says the building is owned by Dr. Andrew Dean and it will be available for possession once he leaves.

Terry hopes to be in his new place by the end of



The big question of the week is what's going into this shopping center on Chancery Street next to Rite Aid. Eye doctor Terry Connor is remodeling the building and hopes to move in by the end of this year.

the year if there are no unexpected delays. Of course we know there are always unexpected delays.

HOTEL CLEARS STATE HURDLE

We here at the *Standard* have done a marvelous job publicizing the push for a new hotel that's been made by Industrial Development Board director Don Alexander.

Don put together a tax incentive program that will result in some serious tax relief for Hunt Properties to construct a Hampton Inn hotel on Sparta Street. According to preliminary plans, the



Dr. Terry Connor is moving his office after buying the building next to Rite Aid.

development will include an indoor pool, a conference center, and an adjacent restaurant.

Both city and county governments had to give their stamp of approval on the tax relief program

before the measure was presented to the state. Don called me Thursday afternoon as giddy as a gorilla to say the state had given the final OK and the project can proceed with full tax relief benefits to the developer.

Don says he's not sure when construction may begin, but the initial hope months and months ago was to start the project this fall. With construction booming and most available crews already hard at work, I'm not sure if the timetable has changed. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

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A new hotel proposed for McMinnville cleared its final hurdle for tax relief on Thursday when it received approval from the state.



Remember when ... think back to the days when the old Cowan Oldham Theater was only partially torn down.



Now the building is completely demolished and the property is ready for a fabulous new restaurant like Cheddars, perhaps.


Rates on rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell signaled Friday that he expects the Fed to continue gradually raising interest rates if the U.S. economic expansion remains strong.

Powell added that while annual inflation has risen to near the Fed's 2 percent target rate, it doesn't seem likely to

accelerate above that point. That suggests that he doesn't foresee a need for the Fed to step up its rate hikes. Next month, the Fed is widely expected to resume raising rates.



Powell said the Fed recognizes the need to strike a careful balance between its mandates of maximizing employment and keeping price increases stable.



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