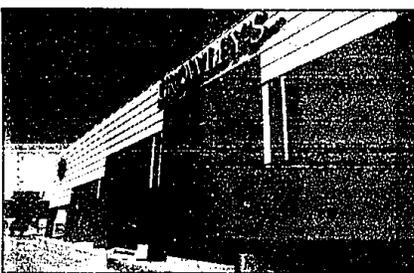


Making way for Crowley's makeover



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Change: Crowley's neighbor, Diane & Company, is moving out temporarily to make way for changes at the former department store.

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Diane Barringer has been styling hair in the former Crowley's building at 12 Mile and Farmington roads for 10 years; her mother, Joan Carnes, owned the business 20 years before that.

In a few weeks, though, Diane & Company Hair Studio will pack up its hair dryers and shears for quarters in a shopping center at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, not too far down the street. The move is just temporary, to accommodate a remodeling project that will bring in a new anchor tenant to a space

that has been vacant almost a year.

"We're going to take everything, lock, stock and barrel to the leased shop," said stylist Gloria Howard, who is serving as "team leader" for the move. "We hope there will be a few years. There's three or four of us who have been there 25 years. Everybody's staying."

Howard and Barringer hope that goes for their customers, too. They will be sending out fliers and talking to all of their "regulars" to make sure everyone knows after the construction dust settles, they'll be back - located between the new anchor store and Hercules Coney Island

Restaurant.

The shop will close at the end of the day on Friday, Feb. 25, and re-open in the new location on Wednesday, March 1. How long they will be there likely depends on how long construction takes.

While the project was denied by the Farmington Hills Planning Commission last month, city planner Ed Gardiner said that's not unusual with redevelopment plans.

"When you try to rebuild part of a developed site, there's always issues that arise," he said. "These issues typically happen when you have a redevelopment because the zoning stan-

dards have changed over the years."

In addition to reducing the size of the building from three stories to one story, plans call for a change in the building's footprint, which created setback issues. As a result, developers will have to obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. A hearing is scheduled Feb. 8.

The Observer attempted to contact property owner Butler Farmington Associates for comment; however, the company failed to return repeated phone calls.

Arthritis Today
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WEIGHT BEARING FILMS
If you have pain in one or both knees, your doctor has good reason to take x-rays of your knees.
However, the pictures ordinarily used to take knee x-rays will not bring out the extent of osteoarthritis in your knee. To do that, you should have weight bearing films, or as these films are also known, standing films. The reason is that when you stand, you place nearly maximum stress on your knee joint. Standing knee flexed films are even better to see how the knee holds up to the wear and tear of standing, walking, and arising from bed, chair or commode.
Standing films allow your doctor to make judgments concerning if your knee pain can be explained by osteoarthritis. If your knee pain is likely to respond to medical and physical therapy, or if you need knee surgery, standing films can often determine that if surgery is necessary do you need complete joint replacement or will uncomplicated or nonarthroscopic suffice. That is, you may need an operation that addresses that part of the knee joint that is wearing out, and spares intervention on a part of the knee joint that still functions well.
If you are being evaluated for arthritis of the knee, be sure weight bearing films are included when x-rays are ordered.
Note: patients have brought my attention another good web page for arthritis. It is www.knee.com. On its home page, go to the heading CONDITION, and look under arthritis, or specific arthritis like osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis, post, etc.

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HILLS PLANNING AGENDA

Farmington Hills Planning Commission
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10
Council chambers, City Hall,
31555 11 Mile

Preliminary hearing
Old business:
a Landscape site plan for the north side of Eight Mile, east of Cass Avenue. The plan is for an office building in the planned office service district. Proponent: John J. Angelo. Owner: Echo Investment.
a Revised site condominium plan, Whispering Woods, on the east side of Halsted, north of 12 Mile. Proponent: Sam Baki,

Baki's Unique Home Builders.
Owner: Donald Millington, Fadi Daouk, Bernard Ludwig.
a Revised site plan for the expansion of a mosque in a single-family residential district on the west side of Orchard Lake, between Eight and Nine Mile. Proponent: Hakim Shakir, Engineering Services. Owner: Dawat E. Hadiyah.
New business:
a Rezoning request for the southeast corner of Middlebelt and Dresden, from office service district to single-family residential. Proponent and owner: Kenneth and Marion Wallace.

Orthodontics
by *Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.*

MORE THAN FOR APPEARANCE'S SAKE

The word "orthodontics" is derived from the Greek words for "straight" and "tooth." And while most people associate this branch of dentistry with teeth straightening, there is much more to it than that. In addition to straightening mal-positioned teeth, orthodontists also treat abnormalities and discrepancies of the bones of the jaws. Thus, another goal of treatment is to improve occlusion (bit) so that the jaws may meet properly for chewing and swallowing. Orthodontic treatment also strives to avert the decay and periodontal disease that can arise from crowded or otherwise badly aligned teeth. Furthermore, orthodontic treatment can result in improved speech since 18 letter sounds require the assistance of the teeth for clear enunciation.
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by *Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.*

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MILITARY NEWS

Senior Airman Amanda Johnson, originally from Osceola, Mich., was recently assigned to the U.S. Air Force recruiting office on Farmington Road in Livonia.
Johnson is a recent graduate of the Air Force Recruiting School in San Antonio where she was trained in various areas of study including job classification systems, testing, enlistment processing procedures and public speaking.
She was selected for the special course and recruiting duty as a volunteer with an outstanding Air Force record.
Prior to Johnson's assignment here, she was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., as a health service administrator.
Johnson lives in Wixom with her children Amber, 5, and Jessica, 3.

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