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Lousy Landlord

3Cups coffee shop leaves downtown

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CHAPEL HILL - Lex Alexander closed his 3Cups coffee shop Sunday at The Courtyard off West Franklin Street.

Alexander, the founder of the old Wellspring stores, now part of the Whole Foods chain, had been feuding with landlord Spencer Young over parking and had been paying his rent into an escrow account. Young locked the business out for a day several weeks ago and last week filed eviction papers.

Alexander plans to reopen the shop this fall at 227 Elliott Road, near the ABC store in Village Plaza. That shopping center also houses Whole Foods.

Young's dispute with Alexander is tied to a larger dispute that Young has been having with businessman P.H. Craig. Young owns The Courtyard, but Craig owns most of the parking attached to it.

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