

Tax proposal gets backing

The petition drive to remove sales tax from food and drugs is continuing to receive support from citizens, announced Rep. Thomas Guastello (D-71).

Recently Guastello began efforts to collect more than 250,000 signatures by July 8 to put the question of repealing the sales tax on food and drugs on the November ballot.

In response to his leadership in this petition drive the Sterling Heights Democratic Club passed a resolution favoring the repeal of this tax, and Guastello has contacted local units of government and citizens' groups asking for their support.

Guastello said he or a member of his staff would be willing to speak with any group regarding the petition drive and the importance of removing the tax.

"I have sent out more than 2,000 petitions and the response has been terrific," said Guastello.

"This is a nonpartisan effort to benefit all consumers in the state, and I have sent petitions to many different interest groups," Guastello said. "This is a time to unite to repeal a tax which will save Michigan consumers more than \$50 million a year or approximately two weeks free groceries."

Timothy Patrick oral surgeon

Timothy Patrick of Farmington has recently earned a doctor of dental surgery degree from University of Michigan.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton L. Patrick, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and will be stationed at the dental clinic at Port Hueme, Calif.

Sears will open Southfield store

SOUTHFIELD — Sears officially confirmed that it will be opening a new store in Southfield.

The store will open this fall in the building formerly occupied by the Federal's Department Store on the Southfield Plaza, located on Southfield Road, between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads.

According to S.T. Culp, Sears' general manager, the 107,500 square foot building will be converted into a department store equal to any new Sears building.

The building will include an eight-car automotive center for servicing and maintenance, as well as sale of car parts and equipment, Culp said.

The store will also carry a full line of family, home and recreational merchandise.

Art director
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Pontch to offer 2 nights of jazz

The Hotel Pontchartrain will expand its annual poolside P'Jazz program to two nights a week instead of the traditional one evening, as it begins its third 15-week season of big band jazz concerts. The expanded 6 to 9 p.m. concert schedule began Wednesday.

Nationally known groups like Woody Herman and Stan Kenton will be booked back-to-back for the Wednesday - Thursday night stands.

Festival planned

A trip around the world without leaving Oakland County is possible at the International Festival June 20-23 at The Pontiac Mall Shopping Center.

More than 25 nationalities will create an international marketplace in The Pontiac Mall with their costumes, ethnic cuisine, international gifts, craft demonstrations and sales and nightly entertainment.

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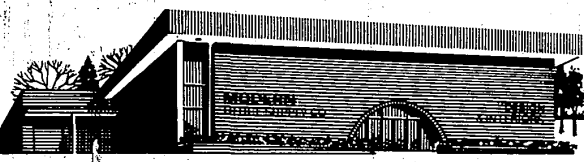


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