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Wolf sticks with stand against tax

Farmington Hills Councilman Joe Alkateeb's hopes for unanimous council support of a piroposed city charter amendment to levy additional millage have been dashed. Councilman Donn Wolf solidified his anti-tax posture last week by voting against the proposed amendment. The final council vote was 5-1. Council members Jan Dolan, Jod Soronen, Joan Dudley, Alkateeb and Mayor Charles Williams voted for the proposed amendment. Robert Amilovar was absent. "I was certainly hoping the charter

was absent.
"I was certainly hoping the charter amendment vote would be unanimous so no one would play political football with it." Altaceb and in a telephone interview last week.
The amendment would create a new section to the charter asking for authority to levy up to an additional 1.5 mills for 20 years for capital improvements.

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If approved, the city's total taxing authority would be increased from the current 10-mill charter limit to 11.5.
Following council's yole on the hallot inginage last week, "Allathority consultanguage last week," which you consult is yold to 1.5 yet on the same reason I worde no last week," Wolf said, referring to an earlier worder of opposition on the harter proposal. Wolf is opposed to the proposed charactery of the proposed of the proposed charactery is not to the proposed charactery in the proposed of the proposed charactery is not to the proposed charactery in the proposed that the proposed charactery is not to the proposed charactery in the proposed that the proposed charactery is not to the proposed charactery in the proposed that the proposed the proposed that the proposed the proposed that the p

ter amendment because it would in-crease the city's total beyond the cur-rent 10 mills.

Instead, Wolf said he prefers taking
1.5 mills for capital improvements out
of the authority do do that. But Wolf said
he would still prefer asking voters for

"I feel very good that it is going to a
vote of the people," Wolf said, despite
his opposition to the proposed charter
amendment.

"I just want people to know what
they are passing," Wolf said, "I just
want them to know the facts . . . that
they (council) are taking our statutory
limits to 11.5 mills."

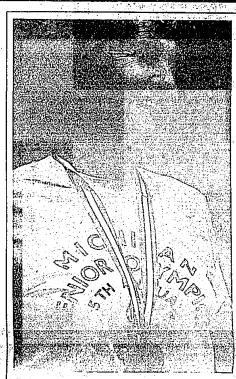
Wolf said council members may

limits to 11.5 mills."

Wolf said council members may have expected him to vote in favor of the proposed amendment because they are following his philosophy of going to the voters when it comes to tax issues. "Now, an I going to reward them?" Wolf saked. But council must get voter approval for any change to the city charter. Although some of the council and city administrators have referred to the charter proposal as the city's "vot be charter proposal as the city's "to the charter proposal as the city's "vot

city administrators have reterred to the charter, proposal as the city's "vot-ers choice amendment," Well balks at that researce.

"It's really not a vote of choice of the people," he said.
The statewide Voters Choice Amend-ment, also to be on the ballot in No-





Gold form

The personal battle for athletic excellent and the hope for a gold medal was felt in more places than in Los Angeles this yeer. Senier citizens from around the area gathered at the Ornhard Ridge campus of Octatend Community College to compost in the Senier Olympica Among those perticipating were Elarge Clark of Fermington tillisistic, who gives a big smille effor recovering her modal in the 100 yard death; above, from loft, are the colving her modal in the 100 yard disht, chow, from 161, are the top modelists in the man's one mills run, Harold Celmelder of Reyal Ock, Dronco modelist, Elli-Vittant of Fermington Hells, Celdado Front, Duffy, of Schuffledt, Chors, Al. right is, Fermington Willer, Fall right is, Cardinaton Litton, To read more about the composition. To read more about the composition, turn to Page \$4.



Traffic relief depends on cities' cooperation

Scheduled for completion sometime in 1988, I-696 running east and west through metropolitan southern Oakland County, is expected to be a motorists'

blessing.

But Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials are concerned that 1-698 motorists will bit a snag when they reach the existing ninemile stretch between Telegraph Road

way.

Unless improvements are made, the
stretch running through Southfield,
Farmington Hills and Novi will be a
traffic bottleneck, according to MDOT
officials.

But improvements can't be made or paid for with the help of federal money until the state, Oakland County Road Commission, and the three local com-

problems.

The three communities, state and county road officials county recently formed a special committee to study

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The committee's task is to review
the need for widening the section of I690 between Telegraph and I-375. The
committee will also consider adding
one or more interchanger along the
nine-mile stretch of highway.

"You don't build any highway anymore without knowing what you're

doing," said tity manages transactive.

The committee must document and justify the need for improvements in order to get the federal government to pay 90 percent of the total cost. The remaining 10 percent of the improvements cost would be paid by the state and the local communities.

A couple of the aspects that will have to be considered, Costick said, are the environmental issues and how another interchange will affect local traffic.

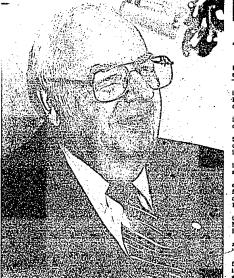
The only interchange along the high-

Orchard Lake stose in surrangues with the Corchard Lake interchange is overloaded already? Costick said, considering the future traffic conjection with the completion of 1-94.

Costick said interchanges have been considered and the considering that the in Southeld and for an area and brake flood in Farmington Hills. But the effects of putting interchanges near these areas, particularly are residential areas have to be sind-

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Family doctor sticks to his vow to make his patients come first

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