

Washington Report

# Esch Sees Signs Of \$\$ Slowdown

There are some welcome signs of late that Washington may slowly be headed toward fiscal responsibility. The voice of the people, way last November, calling for sound spending policies is finally beginning to be heard and reflected in our nation's capital.

Most significant of recent signs in this direction was the refusal of the House to raise the national debt ceiling, as requested by the President, for the second time this year. This time he asked for an increase of \$29 billion bringing our total national debt to an all time high of \$185 billion.

The House defeated this request by a vote of 197-211—a vote which reflected the concern of both parties and will philosophies over the continual lack of fiscal integrity in national spending practices. My own vote was with this new majority against the increase.

This action did not come as a complete surprise. Actually it was preceded by several cuts in the President's budget—the total reductions now amount to nearly \$12 billion. There has been a real failure on the part of the White House to recognize these growing economy trends and to realize the fiscal mood of Congress and the people.

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## Livonian Held In Pipe Theft

Eugene C. Respondek, 46 of 20451 Milburn, Livonia, has been bound over to Circuit Court for trial on two counts.

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## Finishes Training

Pvt. Gene D. Burger, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Burger, 11515 Burger Drive, Plymouth, has completed eight weeks of military police training at the Army Training Center, Ft. Gordon, Ga.



NEITHER ABSENT nor tardy during their recent five semesters at Franklin High School were Seniors Deborah DeBald, Joanne Koski, Deborah Salmer, Bonnie Totten, Joshi F. Wilson, Marilyn Wojtowicz, and Kathie Zang. In recognition of their efforts, Assistant Principal Roy Montambau presented each with a special pin at the Honors Convocation.

# Trucks Are Banned From Hubbard to Ease Jam

The "no trucks" sign has gone up on Hubbard road between Schoolcraft road and the dead end at Six Mile.

The order came from Robert A. Shaw, director of Public Works, in an effort to ease the traffic congestion in Livonia while Farmington road is closed for widening from Five to Eight Mile Roads.

The Wayne County Road Commission, which is doing the construction five-lane job for the three-mile stretch, has control over most of the main highways in Livonia, and has designated most of the detours.

No plans have been announced for installation of a traffic light at Hubbard and Six Mile, where drivers complain of difficulty of making right or left turns from Hubbard because of the flow of cars and trucks on Six Mile.

Shaw said that Levan road, north of Five Mile, should be open to Six Mile Road within a week, the half-mile of paving having been completed. However, the road will not be designated as a Farmington detour because it goes through residential sections and is not intended for through traffic.

The city faces traffic problems for the next 30 days because of the Farmington work, widening the road from 33 to 60 feet, but must learn to live with it, Shaw said.

Lieut. Robert Thorne, of the Police Department, is keeping close watch on the situation and is working with the county commission officials to control the flow of cars.



TRAVELOGUE sponsored by the Livonia Central Kiwanis Club paid off, not only for those attending, having an opportunity to see and hear about faraway places, but for the Livonia Family Y Building Campaign Fund. At the close of their season the Livonia Central Kiwanis Club pledged \$1,000 — (above), Carl Demek and Richard Borth turn over the first payment of the pledge. The series was a success and the Kiwanians plan another travel tour next year.

## Three Bills For Suburbs

Legislators have pumped new life into three once-dead bills designed to promote cooperation among suburban cities.

Lt. Gov. William G. Milliken cast the tie-breaking vote to bring the bills back from a committee pigeon-hole.

Rep. Louis Schmidt (R-Livonia) said the bills were steered from the Municipalities Committee and certain death to the Senate Taxation committee where deadlines for passage do not apply.

The bills would approve the creation of voluntary regional associations of local governments, provide inter-governmental transfers of functions and responsibilities and allow cities to jointly exercise powers with other agencies of the United States and Canada.

Passed by the House and now before the Senate is a bill providing a limit of three attempts to pass a millage proposal for establishing a community college district in Wayne County.

The wrangle between Detroit and suburban legislators will go to a House-Senate conference committee in the drying days of the session.

Detroiters want a single district covering the county and suburban legislators are fighting for a greater number to allow hometown people a bigger voice in the institutions.

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## Jr. All-Stars To Meet In Plymouth

All-Star teams from the American and National divisions of the Plymouth Junior Baseball Leagues will clash Saturday (June 24) in the traditional mid-season game. The 18-member squads will meet at 1 p.m. in a nine-inning contest at Little League Park.

The T-Ball Leagues, for eight-year-olds, and the Minor Leagues, for those between ages 9 and 12, will start play next Monday. That day also is the final registration of new players.

All should report to Max Sommerville, League Director. The T-Ball teams will play at 9 a.m. and the Minor Leagues at 1 p.m. each weekday.

STANDINGS NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dodgers	1
Red Sox	2
Cubs	3
Pirates	4
White Sox	5
Indians	6
Tigers	7
Yankees	8
Phillies	9
Brewers	10
Giants	11
Braves	12
Mets	13
Astros	14
Mariners	15
Padres	16
Reds	17
Angels	18
Senators	19
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Twins	21
Blue Jays	22

Last week's Results  
Red Sox 6, Braves 2, Dodgers 8, Cubs 15, White Sox 1, Pirates 2, Cubs 2, Giants 2, Red Sox 1; Dodgers 7, Braves 1.

SCHEDULE (Wednesday, June 21)  
Braves vs. Giants  
Red Sox vs. Pirates  
Dodgers vs. Cubs  
Pirates vs. Cubs  
White Sox vs. Orioles  
Red Sox vs. Giants

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Red Sox	3
Phillies	4
Indians	5
Tigers	6
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## Michigan State Laws Order Junkyards Be Screened

By ATTY. GEN. FRANK J. KELLEY

(This is a public service article explaining in general terms a provision of Michigan law, which states that anyone who wishes to determine the effect of the law upon their private legal affairs should consult a private attorney.)

In 1966 the Michigan legislature provided for the control of junkyards and automobile "graveyards" located next to state highways. The legislature felt that it was in the public interest to beautify highways and thereby promote safety, enjoyment and the convenience of travel.

The new law specifies that any junkyard in a non-industrial area, and within 1,000 feet of the nearest edge of the highway right-of-way, must be screened so not visible from the main highway. Natural objects, plantings, fences, or other appropriate means are to be used for screening.

Junkyards located within areas zoned for industrial areas as determined by actual land use and state highway department regulations are permitted without screening.

Junkyards lawfully in existence on the effective date of the state law (July 11, 1966), and which are located within the prohibited areas, will be screened or removed by the Michigan Department of State Highways as a cost of highway construction by July 1, 1970.

If new junkyards are established or existing ones expanded into prohibited areas after July 11, 1966, the Department of State Highways may apply to the courts for injunctive relief to compel conformity with the act.



FORNHER Livonia resident Leonard K. Kane, now of Garland, has been appointed superintendent of estimating, planning and scheduling for Detroit Edison, construction division and maintenance department. Kane holds a mechanical engineering degree from Detroit Institute of Technology and is a registered professional engineer. He joined Detroit Edison in 1957. Before moving to Garland early this month, Kane, his wife, Helen, and their four children had lived at 30410 Puritan.

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