

Family in line, Murphy's now after GOP voters

By Teri Bonas
staff writer

Dan Murphy, Oakland County executive for the past 12 years, launched his campaign for governor this week by relating a story about his five children's reaction to the announcement.

With one exception, the Murphy children live out of state, and voiced the same question: "And what are you doing that for, Dad?"

Murphy, 62, convinced them and now must convince thousands of Michigan Republicans that he should be the GOP nominee for governor. Three other candidates have announced, including Wayne County Executive William Lucas, who many think is the front-runner.

Also in the race are Brighton auto executive Dick Chrysler and John Laue, who two years ago led an unsuccessful recall campaign against Gov. James Blanchard.

SPEAKING at Roma's of Bloomfield Township Tuesday night, Murphy said several things distinguish him from others in the GOP field:

- His 30 years of governmental service, a record longer than any other candidate, including Blanchard.
- His leadership of the state's second-largest county.
- His 40 years of grassroots work within the Republican Party, an obvious slap at Lucas, who only switched from the Democratic to the Republican party last May.

Murphy later told reporters, though, that as GOP candidates, "We should not be eating each other up." His campaign speech criticized the Blanchard Administration and hit hard at the 38 percent tax hike engineered by Blanchard in early 1983. The tax rate has been cut since that time. Murphy also claimed Blanchard is taking undue credit for the turnaround in the state's



'Now he's (Blanchard) trying to be a tax-cutter. But it is his own tax hike that is being reduced.'
— Dan Murphy

HE CRITICIZED the state's unemployment rate, saying it was "continually worse than the

national average," criticized unemployment compensation rates, and bemoaned Michigan's population losses in the early 1980s, which he said equaled the size of Lansing's population.

"The truth is that he (Blanchard) dug deep into the pockets of Michigan taxpayers by raising taxes 38 percent. And then he raised state spending 33 percent only to apply one-seventh of that money to the deficit. Now he's trying to be a tax-cutter. But it is his own tax hike that is being reduced," Murphy said.

Murphy, who lives in Sylvan Lake with his wife Carolyn, said he would advocate instead tax reforms and pledged not to raise taxes. He said he would streamline the government's bureaucracy through privatization. And he would support efforts to place a capital punishment question on the Michigan ballot.

Murphy said he will talk about specific programs later in the campaign. He declined to address which areas of state government he

would recommend for privatization, other than saying, "there are many."

ASKED BY reporters where he would make cuts in the state's bureaucracy, he said, "I'd look at the departments. I don't know until I look and see as to the specifics."

Faced with the reputation as "Dull Dan," which his young and energetic staff is working to combat, Murphy appeared aggressive and animated. "We're working on him," said 27-year-old campaign manager Paul Welday.

To win support, Welday, an experienced campaign manager who worked on Richard Headlee's 1982 gubernatorial campaign and was an aide to U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp (R-New York) before that, said Murphy will try to show he can "craft a coalition" of moderates, liberals and conservatives.

He said he will start by tuning his campaign machine this weekend in Kalamazoo, the site of the state GOP convention.

Laue is also in race for governor

The Grosse Pointe Farms engineer who led a three-year recall drive against Gov. James Blanchard, will run for Blanchard's job.

John Laue, 44, an engineer for General Motors' Cadillac Division, made his announcement at a sparsely attended rally at the Clark St. Cadillac Plant in Detroit Monday.

Laue, a Republican, said he made his decision "just last week," after receiving written notice from the Michigan Supreme Court that it had rejected a request to hear his group's arguments in the recall case.

The issue centered over state-imposed rules blocking the petition drive, which had collected 600,000 signatures statewide.

A 16-YEAR auto industry employee and Vietnam veteran, Laue said his candidacy will focus on the recall issue. Asked if he planned to introduce other issues, he told a reporter this week, "That's enough for now."

Laue said, however, he is concerned about crime in Detroit. "I'm a Vietnam veteran, and I tell you, it was safer in Saigon.

"Detroit is a disgrace. People aren't safe. They don't protect the citizens, and that's what government is for," he said.

Laue is married with two stepchildren. He has a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan.

He has run for but never been elected to political office.

SHOOZ
20% to 60% OFF!

757 Pairs

EXCALIBUR
SHOES • MEN

851-5122
Orchard Lk. Rd., North of Maple
ORCHARD MALL • WEST BLOOMFIELD

**LEADERS IN REAL ESTATE...
CHAMBERLAIN, REALTORS®**

It takes time to build a leader. A leader who cuts new paths...charts new and better courses to represent home owners. Over the years Chamberlain Realtors have led the rest to education, professionalism and trust in Real Estate Sales.

Chamberlain
REALTORS®

Bottle & Basket

VAST SELECTION WINES & CHAMPAGNES FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

20% OFF WINES AND CHAMPAGNES

With the purchase of 3 bottles or more. Wines on special excluded. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. We will beat any price in town - with proof.

PACKAGE LIQUOR DEALER

TELEGRAPH & MAPLE 6535 Telegraph Expires 2/28/86
Mon.-Thurs. 9:30-9, Fri.-Sat. 9-9, Sun. 12-6

HUNTER & MAPLE 188 N. Hunter Blvd. Mon.-Fri. 9:30-9, Sat. 9-9, Sun. 12-6

save on wines

GREENSTONE'S
Creators of fine jewelry for over 60 years

AFTER INVENTORY SALE

Save up to 50% off current regular prices on a large selection of fine jewelry and famous maker watches from our regular stock, estate purchases and close-out items

528 North Woodward Avenue • Birmingham • 4 blocks North of Maple • 313-642-2630
Mon. thru Fri. 9:30-6:00; Sat. until 5:00 p.m. • Major Credit Cards Welcome

ARKITEKTURA

Furniture, Lighting and Accessories

OUR FIRST SALE

800 NORTH WOODWARD BIRMINGHAM MI 48011 313-646-0097 STORE HOURS: M-S 10-6TH 10-9

WEEKEND ESCAPE

Relax. Come away for a quality weekend. Deluxe accommodations in newly remodeled rooms.

\$99 per night

FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY NIGHT

Includes \$30 food and beverage credit in any of our fine restaurants.

- *Katay's Place* - our Garden Terrace Restaurant
- *Giulio & Sons* - Featuring our great Salad Bar and Dessert Bar
- *La Rotisserie* - Gracious Atmosphere and Service
- *Rotunda* - Dance under the stars to live music!

HYATT REGENCY DEARBORN

IN FAIRLANE TOWN CENTER 593-1234

BASED ON AVAILABILITY. DOES NOT INCLUDE TAXES AND RESERVATION FEES. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 1, 1986 THROUGH MAY 15, 1986.

FOR 4 DAYS ONLY

Think Mink AND SAVE 35%

RICH FURS
Dittrich
SINCE 1893

Mink
The most versatile of all furs... wear with jeans or gown.

Mink
Its durability, style and desirability make it ageless.

Mink
The largest selection in Michigan is 35% off now through Saturday at Dittrich's. (28 colors, sizes 4 - 46)

SAVE AN EXTRA 5% ON ANY MINK

now through Saturday 2-22-86, the bearer of this certificate is entitled to a 40% discount off the original retail price of any Dittrich Mink.

DETROIT: 7373 Third Avenue • 873-8300
BLOOMFIELD HILLS: 1515 N. Woodward Avenue • 842-3000

HOURS: Monday - Saturday 9:30 - 5 p.m. (Bloomfield Thurs. 11:30 - 3 p.m.)