### **Officials** thrash out executive authority

State legislation that defines the off a familiar debate between Demo-cratic and Republican Oakland County commissioners last week over how much authority the executive should have.

The bill received the board's support The bill received the board's support by a 17-7 vote. It would maintain County Executive Daniel Murphy's autitority to veto ordinances and resolutions adopted by the board, except resolutions affecting board appointments, policy positions on pending legislation or the board's own organizational structure.

At present, the executive's power is unlimited, although Murphy has voluntarily restrained himself on some ltems.

THE BOARD rejected an amend-ment by Democrats that would seek to limit Murphy's veto to strictly appro-priation items and ordinances, leaving him no authority over any board reso-lation

him no authority over any boats to include.

The board rarely passes an ordinance, and as a top assistant to Murphy put it, 'county government is largely overnment by resolution.'

The board defeated the Democratic proposal, 14-10, with one Democratic commissioner voting with 13 Republicans.

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The bill (HB 4610), sponsored by State Reps. Claude Trim, D-Davisburg, and Thomas Brown, D-Westland, is in the House of Representatives towns and counties committee.

Southfield, said the Democrats' amendment would allow the executive to oversee but not "frame or overrule" policy statements of the board. He said the amendment was "not purely political," because the executive had "powers too great for any individual to handle effectively."

COMMISSIONER Dennis Murphy, R-Novi, called Pernick's comments "superfluous rhetoric."

The executive's veto power "hasn't been abused," Murphy said. "Voters have told us they want it." The unified form of county government under the executive was approved by voters in 1974.

Thirty-four Oakland County mana-gers received diplomas from the Oak-land University Division of Continuing Education last week.

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earn diplomas

The nondegree program, conducted by Sheffleck Consultants, of Lathrup, presented the problem-solving ap-proach to management for on-the-job application. It was the first such pro-gram conducted for Oakland County, and tailored to the needs of the mana-

The graduation marks not the end of a program, County Executive Daniel T. Murphy told participants, but rather the beginning for applying newly-ac-quired management techniques.

Murphy made the remarks during a luncheon graduation at Addison-Oak Conference Center, Lake Orion. Diplomas were presented by the provost and vigeneric president for academic affairs, Feederick W. Obean. Graduates were addressed also by Dr. Obear and by manager, meanes continued in Substitution of Substitution (Substitution) and Substitution (Subst

Betty Fortino, of Pontiac, Oakland County Commissioner and a graduate of the program.

Local persons who received diplo-mas are:

Birmingham: Michael D. Blaszczak, section placement, EEO: Donald W. Rolph, superintendent, Children's Vil-lage. Bloomfield Hills: Robert H. Freder-

Bloomfield Hills: Robert H. Freger-icks, chief deputy drain commissioner. Northville: Donald L. Malinowski, manager, facilities, engineering and operations. Rochester: Gary T. Canfield, mana-ger, E.M.S. Disaster Control: James A. Eddy, manager, medical care facili-ties.

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Southfield: Phyllis Jose, reference

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Troy: R. James Rhodes Jr., manager,
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West Bloomfield: Harold R. McKay,

## Canine rovers to pinch pocketbook

"Dad's going to think the next time the kid lets the dog out." That's the main reason Oakland

AGACS the main reason Oakland County will increase its stray dog fines on July 1 to \$15 and levy stiffer fines for repeat offenders, according to Carl Anderson, director of the County Ani-mal Control Division.

which didn't increase for repeat offend-ers, has failed to deter dog owners from letting their canines run free.

"We're not looking for more money."
Anderson said, adding that the higher fees should help to reduce the number of stray dogs the county has been picking up.

Anderson said the county's current charge of \$6 to pick up a stray dog,

THE COUNTY Board of Commissioners approved the stiffer fines last week.

The owner of a stray dog caught the second time will be charged \$30. Three-time offenders have to pay \$50 if they want their pooches back.

The county has five dog patrols which cover 19 townships, including West Bloomfield and Avon. Cities and villages have their own animal control departments.

Dogs picked up by the county are kept at the Humane Society in Orion Township.
"People don't mind" paying the current fine, Anderson said. Some residents have "intentionally" allowed their dogs to be picked up before leaving on vacation, he said, "because it's cheaper than boarding them."

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