Murphy ready to hire a corporation hunter

By Suzie Rollins Singer staff writer

It takes money to get money, Oakland Executive Daniel T. Murphy told the county comissioners Thursday, convincing them to spend \$500,000 to attract new businesses, especially those dealing in high technology.

The first phase of Murphy's program will begin when he hires a consultant.

"Wor I solving for a consultant who knows how to find these firms and attract them to this county. There' are only a few of them In this state, and we'rs interviewing them all," Murphy said.

He raid the program will be patterned after their successful West Coast business recruitment programs.

COMMISSIONERS adopted the jobs plan by a 17tyoto, with all the Democrats except Hubert Price
of Pontiac opposing. Commissioner Rajph Nelson,
Rochester, didn't vote.
"There is plenty of good land, highly skilled laor; roads, highways, airports, energy, water, unitersities and a professional government willing to
satisf bit businesses," Murphy told the beard.
He saidthat the bulk of the \$500,000 will be used
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travel and promotional expenses to bring corpo-tion presidents to Oakland County.

DEMOCRATIC commissioners criticized Mur-by for requesting the money, which will come

from the county's coatingency funds.

Commissioner Alexander Perinoff, D-Southileld, and the money should be spent on summer jobs for youths and suggested Murphy spend time—not money—on keeping businesses in the county.

not money — on accepting.

"The intent is very noble, but we have enough talent right here in the county, I don't understand why we have to hire a consultant," Perinolf said.

"We also have plenty of Portune 500 companies right here, and our job abould be to try and keep them here. We don't have to worry about getting new ones so fast," he added.

COMMISSIONER James Doyon, D-Hazel Park, was angry that Murphy refused to consult the board about every conversation he will have with coordination presidents. Murphy said he would keep the board apprised of new developments and not spend any money — beyond hiring the consultant — without discussing it with the commissioners. "I'm going to bring the name of the consultant to the board, but I will appoint the consultant to the board, but I will appoint the consultant. We can't have businesses involved with the legislative branch and red tape. We're not trying to hide anything.

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Commissioner John Catanaro, R-Novi, empha-sized the need for attracting new businesses and called the \$500,000 "seed money."

"Let's allocate the money, and let's build our tax base. Let's stop our college graduates from going out of the state for jobs," he added.

Child fingerprinting begins

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department will provide a voluntary children's fingerprinting service which may some day assist parents in finding missing children.

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The program, run by volunteers, allows parents to bring their children to the sheriff's Department during regular business hours to be fingerprinted.

The program was approved last week by the Cakland County Board of Commissioners.

Parents will be given the child's fingerprint card for their own records. The sheriff's department will not maintain any records.

If a child is ever missing, parents can bring the fingerprint card to the sheriff's department for assistance.

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Sheriff's department employees must submit written quarterly reports to the board's public service committee on the program's progress.

Oakland group

A group of Oakland County business-men have purchased Sugar Loaf Moun-tain Resort in western Michigan from Empire- National Bank of Traverse

City.

James E. Dutmers Jr., vice chairman of Empire, said the sale to Sugar Lockedused was completed as excellent on April 29.

Principals of Sugar Loaf Associates are Charles F. Yearn, a Birmingham insurance executive with background in resort and recreation management, John D. Silis, a Birmingham attorney; and Edward T. Boutrous, a Bloomfield Hills raci estate developer.

ills real estate developer. Sale price and terms were not dis-

Physics class aids teachers

> "Physics Demonstra-ons and Experiments," tions and Experiments," a workshop for secondary school physics and physi-cal science teachers, will be conducted from June 27 through July 21 on the Oakland University cam-pus near Rochester.

The class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays in 100 Hannah

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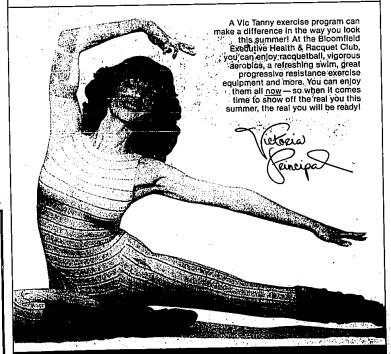


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