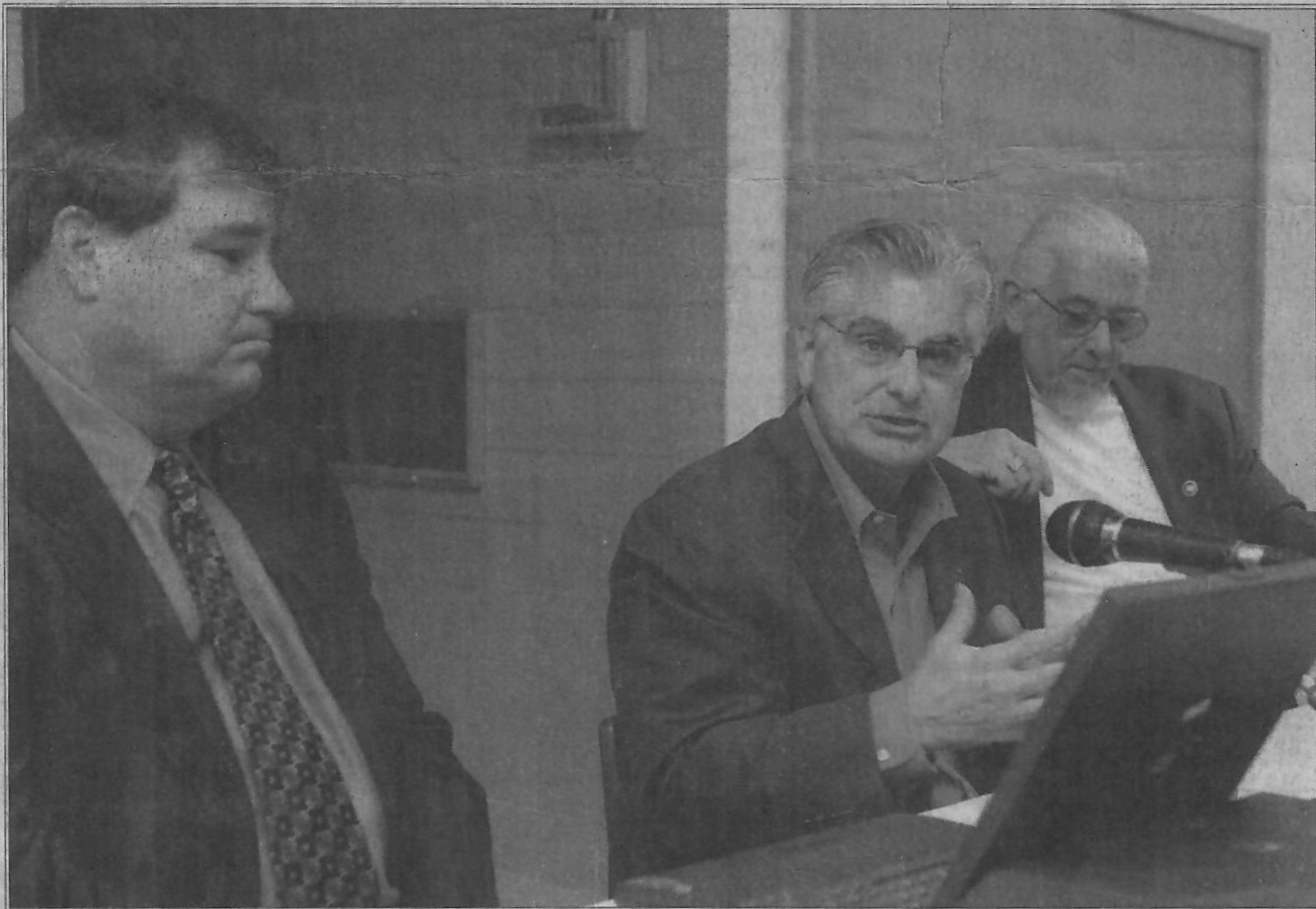


EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Capability upgrade



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Pericles Haleftiras, center, of SYS Technologies, along with Cliff Cooke, left, chief executive officer of SYS, and Gary Murphy, chief executive officer of Mountain Valley Inc. and the owner of the former Laurelton Center, introduces the Vigily's Tactical Operations System Software to Union County during a presentation in Hartley Township, Union County, on Wednesday.

Union County to receive new software

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Amid ongoing upgrades to its emergency communications system, Union County got a boost this week from the new owner of the former Laurelton Center.

Gary E. Murphy, who recently purchased the 337-acre

property in Hartley Township, announced his intentions Wednesday to launch a state-of-the-art computer software program designed to further enhance emergency tactical operations in the county.

The software, already in use in California, will be incorporated at the soon-to-be new communications center

at the Union County Government Center in Lewisburg and on location at the former Laurelton Center.

The software will further enhance the current 911 upgrade process, according to Tom Hess, director of Union County emergency management.

"The software package will enable us to reach other data

sources and give the responders in the field ability to make immediate decisions in response to an emergency," said Mr. Hess, who added that the process is currently done by radio communication. "The dispatcher and responders in the field will have access to the same data

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