

Young pledges to work with next Oakland exec

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Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young says he is ready to work with which ever candidate Oakland voters elect as the next county executive. . . including L. Brooks Patterson.

"I'm ready to work with anybody if that means better things for the region," Young, a Democrat, said last week at the farewell dinner for outgoing executive Daniel T. Murphy, who is retiring at the end of this year.

Young and Murphy have had somewhat parallel public careers as

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the chief executives of their respective communities.

Young's tenure as mayor of Detroit started in 1973, when he defeated Republican John F. Nichols, now Oakland County sheriff. Murphy's started the next year when he defeated Democrat Eugene W. Kutny.

Since then, both have been unbeatable.

Young said he and Murphy worked together on numerous proj-

ects of mutual concern over the decades. "We didn't always agree, but we always did what we thought was best."

Young said the quality he admired most about Murphy was integrity. "When he gave his word, you could count on it. . . you could take it to the bank."

Later, in response to questions from reporters, Young said he looks forward to a cooperative relationship with whomever succeeds Mur-

phy — a position he has stated previously.

That cooperative approach won't change, Young said, merely if the new county executive happens to be Patterson — who has frequently bashed Detroit and its mayor.

Patterson is vying with Democrat Elizabeth "Betty" Howe in the Nov. 3 election.

Howe is a former director of the Michigan Department of Labor, under Gov. James M. Blanchard, and

an ardent Democrat.

Young isn't ready to concede the race to Patterson. But if Patterson does win, the mayor said he's willing to put aside previous differences and work for the benefit of southeast Michigan.

Patterson was among the 625 people who jammed the Novi Hilton Sept. 23 to toast Murphy's retirement. Other well-wishers included Gov. John Engler, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara

and former Oakland Deputy County Executive Patrick M. Nowak, now director of the Michigan Department of Highways.

Earlier this month, county commissioners voted to name the Oakland County executive building the Daniel T. Murphy Administration Building.

"He probably would veto renaming the building," quipped Nowak. "But he knows we have the votes to override the veto."

Taxpayer groups decry 'cut 'n cap'

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The taxpayer associations of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties have come out in heated opposition to a property tax reduction ballot proposal favored by Gov. John Engler.

"This is the same kind of scam as the lottery was," said Ray Dugan, a Troy resident and spokesman for the Oakland County Taxpayers As-

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sociation. "We'll wind up having a net tax increase."

Dugan referred to Proposal C, commonly called "cut and cap," which would cap assessment increases at 3 percent. The state promises to reimburse school districts, cities and townships for the income that cut and cap would cost them.

Dugan charges that, if cut and cap is voted in on Nov. 3, the state government would reimburse the

schools, cities and townships with the right hand and take other money away with the left hand.

"If it's not in writing, (the state is) not going to pay for it," he said.

The taxpayer associations also believe cut and cap would gut the 1978 Headlee amendment to the state constitution and discriminate

against first-time home buyers and senior citizens, among others.

"Our analysis clearly shows that cut and cap will force local units of government to raise taxes without a vote of the people and then those same local units of government will place millage increases on the ballots with their usual threats, drastic cuts in services," said Mike Soson, president of the Macomb County Taxpayers Association.

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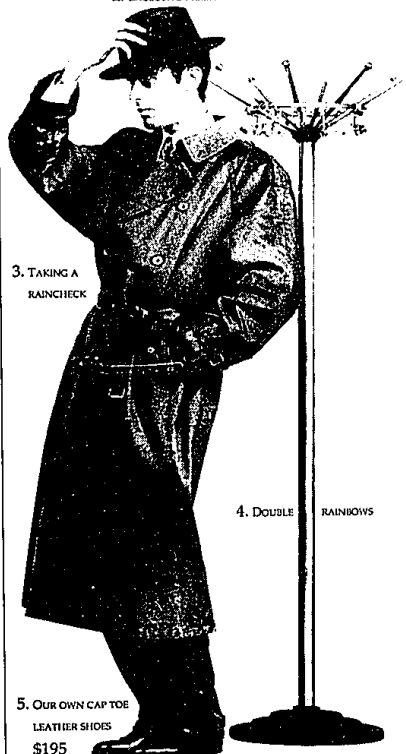
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