

Winner from page A1

Sara does "quite a bit of baby-sitting" and chauffeuring in a family full of what she and her mother agree is "a lot of give and take." One of the aspects of the poem Elizabeth liked best was that it portrayed their day-to-day realities.

"I didn't try to improve on our life," Sara explained. "I told it as it was."

Here's Sara's poem:

Did you?
by Sara Rockwell

Momma,
Did you ever wonder
Amidst the dirty diapers,
The spaghetti on the floor,
The marker on the walls,
The toothpaste everywhere,
How much a 2 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder
Amidst the hundred hair ties,
The jewelry on the bed,
The books on the floor,
The dolls in the tub,
How much a 6 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder
Amidst the million curlers,
The costumes on the floor,
The beaded gifts unfinished,
The water spilt at dinner,
How much an 8 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder
Amidst the kicked soccer balls,
The backward baseball bats,
The spinning basketballs,
The decks of playing cards,
How much a 10 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder
Amidst the homework battles,
The flour on the floor,
The books left half read,
The dresses on the floor,
How much a 12 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder
Amidst the twenty sided die,
The thousand baseball cards,
The electronic football game,
The games that never end,
How much a 14 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder
Amidst the abrupt short tempers,
The comic and sarcastic jokes,
The books and papers all over,
The singing in the shower,
How much a 16 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder
Amidst the endless college search,
The papers spread on the table,
The last minute essays,
The clothes piled high,
How much a 17 year old loves you?

Did you ever wonder

Amidst the messy house,
The laundry piled high,
The dishes in the sink,
The empty coffee pot,
How much 8 kids love you?

Sara's was among more than 600 entries to our contest.

Some were serious, some were comic. Some were sent in as a class project. Most arrived individually by e-mail, snail mail and fax.

Every one was a winner. A panel of five Observer staffers had the daunting task of selecting seven winners from the many entries. The winners moved us on as being just right. It was not necessarily the best crafted poems. But after much discussion over many poems, we agreed on these seven winners.

In addition to Sara, the other winners are: Brianna Malyn of Livonia, Jackie Tilney of Canton, Christine Chapman of Garden City, Jennifer Lyp of Westland, Rosie Harrison of Redford and Kellie Brandt of Canton.

But the real winners are many Moms who are honored here. All of these poems represent a great out flowing of love for those who give us so much love in return.

For more poems, see Page A5 and A6. Because of the many, many poems we received, we are not able to run all the poems from Farmington in today's paper. They will be appearing over the next several issues.

OBITUARIES

DONALD C. SHERWOOD
Services for Donald Charles Sherwood, 72, of Grou, Mich., were held May 8 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Karen Blatt officiating.

Mr. Sherwood was born Nov. 16, 1929 in Detroit and died May 4, 2002 at Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Midland. He worked as a senior processor for Commerce Controls in Novi and was a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge #47 - Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Keith (Kimberly) and Steven (Sherry); and granddaughters, Karley, Hannah and Alivia.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the American Cancer Society.

VIRGINIA L. WARD
Services for Virginia Lois Ward, 70, of Farmington Hills, were held May 10 at Theyer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. William Hill officiating. Burial took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mrs. Ward was born Feb. 25, 1932 in Detroit and died May 6, 2002 in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by her sons, Steven, Daniel (Michelle) and Donald (Ingrid) Ward; daughters, Connie Ward, Brenda (Wayne) Fillion and Karen Ward; brother, Robert (Helen) Boyd; 11 grandchildren; and

four great-grandchildren.

MARGARET M. MENCOTTI
Services for Margaret M. Mencotti, 87, of Farmington Hills, will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Mencotti was born July 27, 1914 in Hamtramck and died May 4, 2002 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Michael (Kathleen), Lawrence (Melissa) and Gregory (Karen); grandchildren, Cara, Matthew and Lucas; and great-granddaughter, Brittany. She is preceded in death by her husband, John.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Hills police offer bike helmets to needy

The Farmington Hills Police Department is giving bicycle helmets to young people in the community whose parents are unable to provide them.

The helmets are available at the Police command desk, 24 hour a day, seven days a week.

The department is located on the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake. A parent or legal guardian must accompany any child seeking a helmet and show proof of Farmington Hills residency.

The helmets were purchased

with grant funds. Last year, the department distributed more than 600 helmets to local children.

The program is the 44th community policing program established by the department, said Chief William Dwyer.



Zenato
Pinot Grigio
Delle Venezie
\$8.99 750 ml.

*Refreshing, tasty fruit
finishing dry. Excellent
apertif wine.*

Glovello
Pinot Grigio
\$8.99 750 ml.

*Very light style, crisp & dry.
Perfect with fruit & seafood.*

Happy Mother's Day

<p>Crimson Seedless Red Grapes \$1.99 lb.</p>	<p>Jumbo California Ripe & Sweet Strawberries \$1.99 lb.</p>	<p>Florida Seedless Watermelon \$4.99 ea.</p>
<p>Florida Bi-Color Sweet Corn 10/2.00</p>	<p>Georgia Crisp Green Beans 99¢ lb.</p>	<p>Canadian Hydroponic Tomatoes 2 lbs./\$3.00</p>
<p>Dole California Broccoli 2 bu./\$3.00</p>	<p>Florida Grape Tomatoes 2 lbs./\$3.00</p>	<p>Dole Cauliflower 2 hds./\$3.00</p>

Sealest
Whole, 2%, Skim & 1/2%
Milk Gallons
\$1.99 gal.

Mixed Floral
Bouquets
\$6.99 ea.
& up

Edy's Whole Fruit Sorbet
Edy's Dreamery & Godiva
Ice Cream
2/\$5.00 (plst size)

Spring is in Bloom ...

New Guinea Impatiens, Reiger Begonias, and Geranium Hanging Baskets Starting at **\$14.99**

Geranium in Baccopa Porch Pots, Flowering New Guinea & Geranium Oval Planters Starting at **\$16.99**

Impatiens, Petunia, Verbena, Gazania, Snap Dragon (Just to name a few) Bedding Plants in a variety of Colors! Starting at **\$9.99** (plst size)

Prices Good Through May 15, 2002

Joe's Produce
33152 W. Seven Mile • Livonia, MI 48152
www.joesproduce.com (248) 477-4333

Is Your Bathroom Embarrassing?

Bath Fitter® factory trained professional technicians will arrive at your home to install your new tub or wall. You are assured of complete satisfaction backed by our comprehensive warranty!

ONE DAY REMODEL!

Financing Available

SPRING WARM-UP SPECIAL

\$150 off purchase of tub, wall & ceiling
\$50 off purchase of tub, or wall only
or...0% Interest for 12 Months*

Valid at time of estimate only. *Subject to credit approval and minimum purchase. Certain restrictions apply. Not valid with any other offer.

BATH FITTER®

Acrylic Tub Liners • Seamless Bath Walls • Shower Bases & Walls
 See our showroom at 12060 Farmington Rd in Livonia
 5 locations to serve you

TOLL FREE 1-888-355-8827



World of Floors

SAYS "TAKE ADVANTAGE"

DETROIT'S #1 SPECIALTY FLOORCOVERING STORE

SALE ENDS SAT. MAY 18TH

<p>Take Advantage BERBER CARPET</p> <p>Starting at 58¢ SQ. FT.</p>	<p>Take Advantage CERAMIC TILE</p> <p>Starting at 93¢ SQ. FT.</p>
<p>Take Advantage NO-WAX VINYL</p> <p>Starting at 54¢ SQ. FT.</p>	<p>Take Advantage LAMINATE FLOORS</p> <p>Starting at \$1.93 SQ. FT.</p>
<p>Take Advantage BRUCE HARDWOOD FLOORS</p> <p>Starting at \$3.49 SQ. FT.</p>	<p>Take Advantage DUPONT STAINMASTER PLUSH CARPET</p> <p>Starting at 93¢ SQ. FT.</p>

World of Floors

12060 Farmington Rd. • Livonia, MI 48152
 (248) 477-4333