Dove awards reward help for retarded

The Association for Retarded Citizens of Oakland County has announced its 1993 Dove Awards for people who pursue bigher quality-of-life opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

got them:
Ken and Ann Calvert Philanthropist: Ken and Ann Calvert of Birmingham.
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MacCormack of the MacombOakland Regional Center.

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Hugh Graham Inspiration: John VanBuhler of Meijer

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Hamburger.
Community Home: Mabel
Corey Higgs of Pontiac and Rosanna and Marvin Blades of
Pontiac.
Technician: Jessica Flynn of
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Technician: Jessica Flynn of Madison Heights, Cory Darnell of Southfield and Jan Hurst.
Teacher of the Year: Dennis McElhone of Visions Unlimited, Farmington.
Contractor of the Year: Superior Plastics of Rochester.
Employer of the Year: Mejier Food Stores, Mary Thompson, vice president of the North Detroit District.
Inclusion Leadership: Oak Park Schools special education department.

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Youth Volunteers: The students of Brother Rice High School, Birmingham.

Fewer cars to roll in Oakland fleet

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Tuesday a plan to reduce the number of county vehicles from 608 to 553.

"I think tarpayers willy be impressed by that number," Patterson said. "I think we've gons through the fat to the bone, amputation in some areas."

The reduction still has to be approved by the county commission, but commission chairman Larry Crake said there shouldn't be any trouble there, anticipating an endorsement before April 30.

Patterson said the ideas came from an employee suggestion program that has generated 93 submissions, and the carreduction idea came from budget division financial enalyst Claudia Martello and central services garage chief william Kistler.

The plan is supposed to save the county \$4.5 million in the cur-

rent fiscal year and 395,000 a year thereafter,
The gist of the plan is for 20 managers to give up full-time use of county cars in exchange for a 295 per month "travel allow-ance." (They would then use their own cars on county business.) An additional 35 cars would be removed from the fleet as well. None of Sheriff John Nichole' 188 patrol cars would be touched. Also, the county would drive cars ionger before replacing them. (Compact cars would be driven 76,000 miles instead of 60,000. Sheriff patrol cars would be driven 13,000 miles. The stable of cars in Patter-

son's own department, he said, will be reduced from 13 to 11, and more of his main managers will be allowed full-time use of a county car. Every department head I have will be stripped of his vehicle," Patterson said.

The savings to starpyers in this deal are important, Patterson said, because the county bankroll is stretched very thin. "We're going to be outspending our revenue by 39 million (in the current fiscal year), probably more than that," he said, meatly due to pobrerforming investments. "This county is going to have to be run very tightly."

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Oakland is "not in a crisis situation," Patterson said, but "if we don't do something in the next 18 The stable of cars in Patter-

months, we will be."

Asked at a press conference about reports last year of county cars turning up at golf courses in mid-afternoon, Patternon said "tit didn't happen on my watch" and used the opportunity to say that reducing the size of the fleet will likewise "reduce the potential for abuse."

Asked if more cuts are planned, Patterson said, "Oh yeah, abso-lutely, some abandonment of pro-grams." But he wouldn't go into detail.

Some of the cuts being considered come from the employee aug-gestion program, Patterson said, but many sprang from "the devi-ous mind of Bob Daddow," Patterson's budget director.

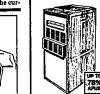
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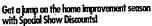
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