



Joseph Giardina of West Bloomfield won an honorable mention for this photo of Erik Hibbler, 3, taken at a park in Flagstaff, Ariz. Judges liked the composition of the photo and its honest, unvarnished look into the life of a child.

Child's world rich in color

More than 220 readers in Oakland County entered the Observer & Eccentric's second annual color photo contest.

First prize went to Wendy Leary of Birmingham for her distinctive, richly colored photo of one child helping another in a local park. (See the front page of this section.) Mrs. Leary, a housewife, took the photo with a Minolta SRT 200 and Kodachrome film. She first began using the camera about six months ago. But, she admitted, "We take zillions and zillions of picture of our little girl."

Mrs. Leary will receive a \$100 gift certificate from World Camera. In addition, her photo will be enlarged to 16-by-20 inches and placed in a 24-by-32 frame, courtesy of the Plante Co.

Second-place winner Dan Tomaszewski's photo of a boy sitting by a campfire was a favorite of the judges. Theme of the contest was "International Year of the Child," and judges believed the photo amply illustrated that theme. Type of camera and film used is unknown.

Tomaszewski, a Birmingham resident, will receive a \$75 certificate from World Camera and a framed reproduction of his photo.

Third-place winner was Barbara Schmatz of Troy. She used a Minolta SRT 201 and Kodachrome film to take a photo of nephew Kim Coulter cooling

himself. The photo was taken outside her parent's home in Livonia.

She will receive a \$40 gift certificate and a framed reprint of her winning photo.

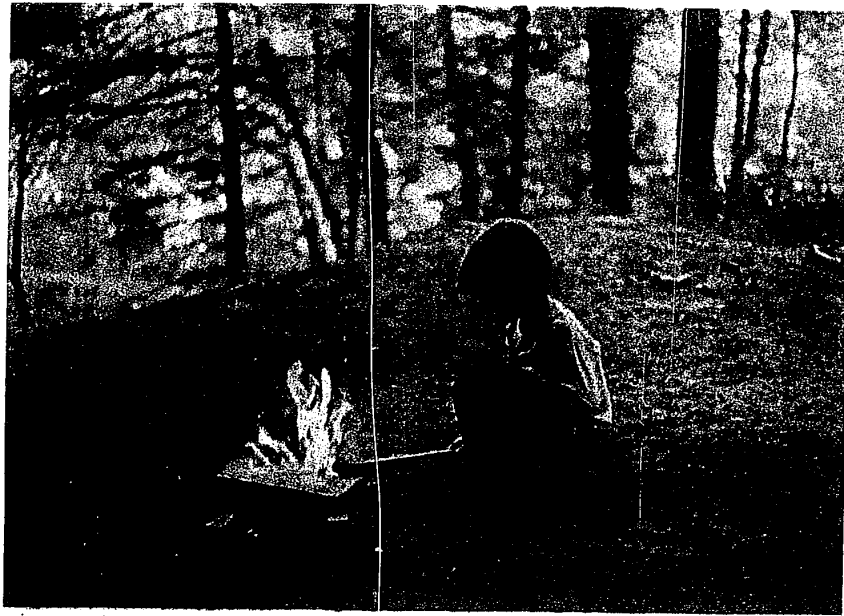
Honorable mentions went to Joseph Giardina of West Bloomfield and Alfred J. Darold and Nancy Wickersham, both of Farmington Hills. Each will receive a gift certificate for \$10 in merchandise at any local World Camera.

Giardina's photo of a dirt-smeared Erik Hibbler was taken with a Mamiya 35mm camera on June 28 in Flagstaff, Ariz. Giardina, a carpenter, claims part of the success for his camera work can be attributed to his steady hand.

Darold, an engineer, has been using a camera for seven or eight years. He took the photo of his son at a duck pond on Walnut Lane in Farmington Hills with a Minolta SRT 101.

Ms. Wickersham, a student, shot her picture of young Katie Harwell while in the home of a friend in Southfield. She used a Canon FTB and Ektachrome film.

The photo contest was open to all amateur photographers living in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area. The contest was judged by a group of editors, photographers and staff artists for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Dan Tomaszewski of Birmingham took second place for his photo, entitled "Boy by Campfire." The photo of Brian Pistor was taken at a state park in July. Judges were impressed with the excellent use of

color and composition. The suggestion of inner strength and reflection also seemed to set this apart from other photos, judges said.

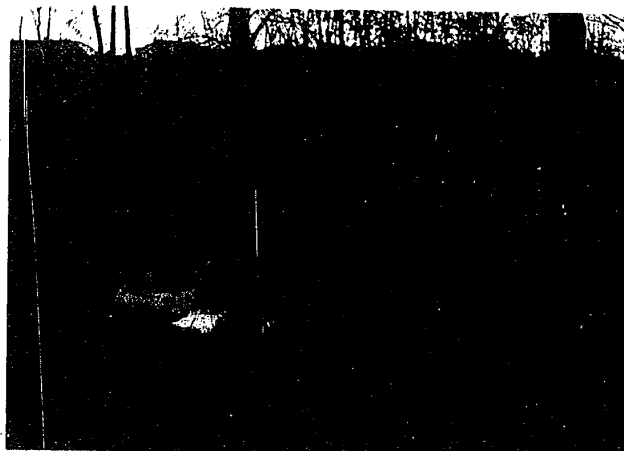


Barbara Schmatz, a Troy resident who just last week became the mother of her first child, won third place for this humorous photo of nephew Tim Coulter cooling himself with a stream from a garden house. Judges said they liked the light-hearted spontaneity captured in the photo.



Nancy Wickersham of Farmington won an honorable mention for this warm, wistful photo of young Katie Harwell clutching a friend. Judges say

they were impressed with the soft pastels and the overall composition.



Alfred J. Darold received an honorable mention for preserving this quiet moment at "The Duck Pond." Pictured is his son Brian, 3, and several

neighborhood ducks. The rich, soft colors in the photo raised it above the ordinary, judges said.