## Farmington staff members earn national recognition

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The Farmington Observer captured three first place awards in the Suburban Newspapers of American 1998 Editorial Contest.

Judged against newspapers of similar circulation from across North America, the Observer stook first-place honors for Best Coverage of Aging Issues/Senior Citizens Lifestyles and Best Coverage of Logal School District Issues.

To be recognized at the national level is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the Parmington Observer staff, said

Susan Rosiek, managing editor of the Observer Nowspapers.

We intend to continue to purchas been recognized by the Suburban Newspapers of Aging Issues/Senior Citizens Lifestyles and Best Coverage of Logal School District Staff wire Tim Smith, photographer Bill Bresler, Community Edite Editor Mary Rodrique and receptionist Katie McManus.

Staff writer Tim Smith's stories on the Farmington School District took first place for Best

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Coverage of Local School District issues. He was recognized for providing consistent information about issues related to local education and/or the local school district. Judging was based on how well information is blended with stories and statistics which assist readers in understanding issues related to local education and/or the local school district. Critical judging factors included knowledge of subject, thoroughness, quality of writing, and content selection which reflects balanced coverage.

Smith's award stemmed from coverage in three consecutive issues in June 1998. Among stories were those on MeAP, high school commencement exercises and controversy about Harrison High School's proposal to implement four-by-four block schedul-

ing.

Community Life Editor Mary Rodrique was recognized with a first place award for coverage, of aging issues/senior citizon lifestyle. Judges based their decision on how well information was blended with stories and statistics which assist readers in understanding issues related to aging and senior citizen lifestyles. Critical judging factors included knowledge of subject, thoroughness, quality of writing, and content selection which reflects balanced coverage.

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The Best Graphic Artwork honor went to graphics coordina-tor Holen Furcean for her work called "Avoid the Deal Busters," which was published in the Observor's Real Estato Section.

The Observor Nowspaper



Farmington Observer reporter Tim

Group which includes the editions of Farmington/Farmington Hills, Livonia. Plymouth, Can-



Famington Observer Community Life Editor Mary Rodrique

ton, Redford, Westland and Garden City, received 12 awards in the national competition.

## New Hospice Care stamp debuts Feb. 9

Hospice supporters and stamp collectors will have something in common when the U.S. Postal Service issues the Hospice Care stamp nationwide on Feb. 9. In honor of the nationwide insuance of the first-ever hospice stamp, Hospice of Michigan will

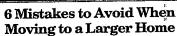
be working with the U.S. Post Office to create awareness for the work of hospices while promoting the sale of the stamp. The stamp will ge on sale to the public on Feb. 9 and a special commemorative postmark will be applied for the first day issue

at the Farmington, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Post Offices.

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In addition cachets have been designed for the launch and will be given with the purchase of the Hospice Care stamp. Hospice of Michigan will staff booths at the

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