

Rodrique wins MPA honors

Observer & Eccentric papers pick up 40 awards

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers received 40 awards in the Michigan Press Association's annual Better Newspapers Contest announced today.

The awards in 19 categories for class B weeklies are the most for any newspaper group in the state. The Eccentric Newspapers won 26 awards, the Observer Newspapers won 14.

of following an issue to a conclusion. Good use of humor."

Barry Jensen won Second Place in Enterprise reporting for his Observer story "Spill affects us all." Judges said: "Well written and researched piece. Very informative and reader friendly."

Tony Bruscatto of the Plymouth Observer took Honorable Mention for his story on the Plymouth Community Foundation.

The Plymouth Observer won Second Place for Editorial Page. The judges wrote: "Good letters participation, some hard-hitting editorials." Brad Kadrich, Plymouth Observer community editor, took Second Place in Editorial Writing. The judges cited, "This entry, unlike some others, had courage to take stands on issues. I also liked the mix of topics submitted in the entry."

Paul Hirschmann took Second Place in Sports Pictorial for his photo "Poiled Dreams." The judges cited "The shot of those faces gave the reader exactly what the story said: These girls had a TOUGH loss. Way to capture the essence of the game in one shot."

Tom Hawley took First Place for Picture Story for the Redford Observer for his "Dean Hamrick Story." Judges said: "It's rare that a subject allows a photographer to become in essence his shadow. Hawley accomplished that with Hamrick, and the readers of the Observer benefited from the experience."

Paul Beaudry of the Redford and Garden City Observer took Second Place for Sports Column. The judges said: "Colorful, winning prose that knows its purpose. A good read." Beaudry also took Third Place for Sports Feature for "Show him the money."

Judges said: "Clever story idea to follow a little leaguer for a game."

C.J. Riskin of the Plymouth and Canton Observer took Honorable Mention for Sports Column.

Kim Mortson, editor of the Wayne County Observer Home-town Life Section, took Second Place for Lifestyle Section. The judges cited, "Good use of photos

to tell story. Good to tell her story first - then walk-athon. Good use of map on first page. Good jump layouts."

The Eccentric Newspapers won the following awards. The West Bloomfield Eccentric, Third Place, General Excellence.

Jay Grossman, Rochester Eccentric, Honorable Mention, Local News Reporting.

Waterford Eccentric, First Place, Design.

Pat Murphy, West Bloomfield Eccentric, Human Interest Feature.

Waterford Eccentric, First Place, Enterprise Reporting.

Debra Pascoe, Third Place, Enterprise Reporting.

Clarkston Eccentric, First Place, Editorial Page.

Wayne Peal, Birmingham Eccentric, Third Place, Editorial Writing.

Gary Malerba, Waterford Eccentric, First Place, Spot News Photo, Honorable Mention, Spot News Photo.

Lawrence McKee, Oxford Eccentric, First Place and Second Place, Feature Picture.

Gary Malerba, Waterford Eccentric, First Place, Sports Photo.

Jim Jagdfeld, Troy Eccentric, Third Place, Sports Photo.

Lawrence McKee, Lake Orion Eccentric, Honorable Mention, Sports Photo.

Gary Malerba, Waterford Eccentric, Second Place, Picture Story.

Marty Budner, Birmingham Eccentric, First Place, Sports Writing.

Jim Teth, Troy Eccentric, Honorable Mention, Sports Writing.

Marty Budner, Birmingham Eccentric, Third Place, Sports Column.

Waterford Eccentric, First Place, Sports Coverage.

Birmingham Eccentric, Third Place, Sports Coverage.

Clarkston Eccentric, First Place, Lifestyle Section.

Troy Eccentric, Third Place, Lifestyle Section.

Birmingham Eccentric, Third Place, Special Section.

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