Acorn Newspapers bring home 16 awards in statewide contest

The Acorn Newspapers took home six first-place and 10 second-place honors at the California Newspaper Publishers Association’s Better Newspapers Contest awards ceremony held May 20 at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, a record haul for our five-newspaper group. The CNPA is a nonprofit trade association representing the daily and weekly newspapers of California.

Judges around the state reviewed over 3,500 entries from papers as large as the Los Angeles Times (circulation 690,000-plus) to as small the Mount Shasta Herald (circulation 4,050). Awards are given out in eight different divisions (dailies and weeklies are separated by circulation).

Competing against other weekly papers with a circulation of 25,000 and above, the Thousand Oaks Acorn took home a first-place award in Coverage of Local Government for its reporting on the firing of Thousand Oaks City Manager Scott Mitnick. Also winning first-place awards in the 25,000-and-over division: the Simi Valley Acorn (news photo, sports feature photo). The Moorpark Acorn won first-place honors in the 11,001 to 25,000 division for sports action photo and photo story/essay. See complete list of winners at bottom.

FUR FLIES AT AGILITY CONTEST

First Place • Photo Story • Simi Valley Acorn • MICHAEL COONS

Second Place • Feature Photo • Bobby Curtis, The Acorn

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Second Place • Sports Action Photo

Richard Gillard, Simi Valley Acorn

Simi Valley Girls Softball player Megan McNamara makes a diving catch.

OTHER WINNERS

FIRST PLACE
- Sports Feature Photo • Simi Valley Acorn • MICHAEL COONS
- Sports Action Photo • Moorpark Acorn • MICHAEL COONS
- Photo Essay • T.O. Acorn • BOBBY CURTIS, TIMM SINCLAIR

SECOND PLACE
- Video Journalism • The Acorn • JOHN LOESING

For a complete list of winners go to www.cnpa.com