



Frank and Donna Holmes of West Roxbury were among winners of essay contest. (Globe photo by Joe Dennehy)

35 win prizes for snow jobs

Thirty-five Boston schoolchildren have been chosen winners of an essay and art contest, the theme of which was the "Great Blizzard of 1978," Boston Mayor Kevin White announced yesterday.

The winners, who are to receive \$25 or \$50 savings bonds, were presented with certificates of their achievements at a City Hall news conference held by White and School Committee President David Finnegan.

Finnegan said he was embarrassed to learn that two of the 22 winning essayists were his sons, Joseph and David. Their mother, Patricia, said the family had turned down the bonds as possible "conflict of interest," although Finnegan was not involved in the judging.

The committee president, who is regarded as a potential candidate for mayor, said he had been told that judging of the entries would be conducted by

Boston Public Library officials and representatives of Boston television stations. Several hundred students entered the contest.

However, White's press secretary, George Regan, said the winners were selected by five of the mayor's public relations employees. The judges, he added, were unaware when they chose the winners that two of them were Finnegan's children.

High school winners: Richard Lahan Jr., Boston Latin; Marie Morgan, Boston Latin; Jeanne Callahan, Mt. St. Joseph Academy; Diane Phillips, Boston Latin. Middle school: Catherine Rodriguez, Boston Latin; Traci Rebecca Swartz, Mackey School; Sharon Nurse, Curley School; Charmaine Edwards, Roosevelt School; Charon Edwards, Roosevelt School; Siobhan Moynihan, Boston Latin School; Maria Donlan, Boston Latin School; Barbara McDonough, St. Matthew School; Adrian Jackson, Roosevelt School; David Finnegan, Lewenberg School; Ivan Hernandez, Martin Luther King School; Felix Colon, Charlestown Middle School; Michael Collette, St. Gregory's School. Elementary school: Chris McGuirk, O'Brien School; Patcharin Parlaun, St. John's School; Elizabeth Owens, St. Gregory's School; Sharon McLaughlin, Immaculate Conception; Alicia Walker, Warren-Prescott School; David Joe Gratton, Lee Stone School; Michelle Garceau, St. Francis De Sales School; Karen Wallace, Brendan's School; Deborah Snow, Mozart School; Margaret McAtee, Blessed Sacrament School; Frank Holmes, St. Theresa School; Donna Holmes, St. School; Emilia Piani, Jackson School; Maureen Rohan, St. Theresa; Matthew Reardon, St. Theresa School; Tom Silva, O'Brien School; Finnegan, O'Brien School.