

# North County School News, March 10



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The team of Vianna Schatz, Ally Atkins and Ann Palayur, eighth-graders from St. Michael's School in Poway, was among the individual winners at the Future City competition at the Rhoades School in Encinitas recently. The team's city, Hope Valley, won for "Best Transportation." *Courtesy photo*

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### St. Michael's School among winners at Future City

Two teams from St. Michael's School in Poway were among winners when the Rhoades School hosted 180 middle-schoolers recently at the Future City Southern California Regional Finals Competition. Fifty teams, some from as far as Hawaii, worked with this year's theme: "Waste Not, Want Not." Students were challenged to design waste management systems for cities 100 years in the future. They designed virtual cities, innovated solutions, wrote research papers, used project management techniques, practiced collaboration, and built scale models of their cities using science, technology, engineering, math and art skills.

The winning team was from Wildwood School in Santa Monica. St. Michael's teams won two of 10 special awards: The People's Choice Award for their "Luminous City," and Best Transportation for their "Hope Valley."

City models at the competition included energy-generating dance floors, underground systems to transport compost, floating gardens and high-tech transportation systems. Judges came from a number of applicable professions and industries. For example, the Most Accessible City award was judged by a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America; and architects as well as engineers judged projects for the Best Model.