

# East Side Union High School District

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President **Mann** had called **Cortese's** office and requested the tickets and the Councilman responded immediately. East Side thanks our officials for supporting our students.



## She's Got Game . . . at Yerba Buena

With the assistance of installation artist **Paulette Peterson** and art director **John Mora**, students at Yerba Buena are generating some games of their own. They are converting six concrete lunch tables into oversized game boards that challenge players to learn about the role of women in history. The project will be unveiled later this month. Kudos to Yerba Buena Art Teacher **John Mora** for organizing this creative activity for our students.

## Mt. Pleasant Tennis Team Goes to Sybase Tennis Tournament

Thanks to Board President **Craig Mann** and former Board Member **Dave Cortese**, the Mt. Pleasant Tennis team players and their coach **Lou Padilla** were able to enjoy a night at the arena watching the Sybase Tennis match. The team was rewarded for achieving an average GPA of 3.84. Coach **Padilla** said "The students appreciated the efforts of **Dave Cortese** and **Craig Mann**. These students are the consummate athletes and a joy to work with. It was great to reward them."

## District Awarded Funds to Open Smart Start Child Care Center

Thanks to the work of **Judy Bugarin**, Child Development Program Coordinator, the district was awarded \$190,000 to facilitate the opening of a new Smart Start Child Care Center. The center will be placed at the new Evergreen Valley High School. The purpose of the Smart Start Center is to ensure that children enter school ready for kindergarten. **Judy** successfully pursued grant funds to expand her current outstanding child development program.

## Andrew Hill Honors Perfect Attendees

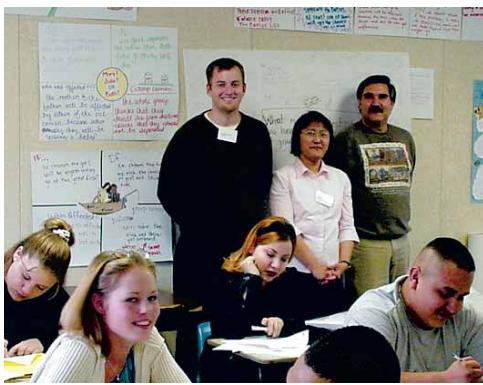
In an effort to motivate and reward students, the Andrew Hill staff honored several hundred students who had perfect attendance. Kudos to **Dino Certa** and **Ron Harrison** for organizing a first time reception to celebrate and reward these students. Congratulations to all the students honored.

## Andrew Hill Boys' Varsity Basketball Team Wins CCS Championship

Earlier this month, the Andrew Hill Boys' Varsity Basketball team won the CCS Division 1 Basketball Championship by defeating Bellarmine 68-58 at the San Jose State University Event Center. They ended the season with 25 wins and 4 losses and they were ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the state and 9<sup>th</sup> in Division 1. They represented East Side well! Congratulations to **Coach Dennis Fernandez** and his outstanding team.

## Genesis Featured by Evergreen Valley College

Genesis High School was recently featured in the Evergreen Valley college newspaper. The article, entitled "Genesis-not your typical high school," highlighted the unique features of the program and how well it has adapted to its new location. Genesis students now take college classes as they continue working on their high school diplomas. Congratulations to Genesis Coordinator **Bruni Martinez**, counselor **Susan Garretson**, teachers **Helen Macias**, **Gary Pooler**, **Dave Weller** and **Armando Townsend** for their work to make this program successful.



**Phoenix Staff: Richard Hovey, Dolly Solis, Marc Bashara and their students**

## **Phoenix Students Experience Real Life Culture**

Last month, students at Phoenix took advantage of activities at the City of San Jose's Arts Express. The students participated in the celebration of Chinese New Year at the Center for the Performing Arts; they traveled to the City Lights Theatre Company to learn about theatre production and to see performances from "Suburban Motel"; and they traveled to the San Jose Reparatory Theatre to see Sandra Tsing Loh in her production titled "Aliens in America."

For many of the students, it was the first time they had attended a professional theatre or experienced cultural events. It gave them an appreciation of the performing arts and the different cultures. Kudos to the Phoenix staff: **Marc Bashara, Richard Hovey, Frank Lopez** and **Dolly Solis** for providing these opportunities to our students.



## **Oak Grove Takes Home Synopsys Trophy**

Oak Grove students and teachers are to be commended for their contributions to Sciencepalooza! **Carol Evans, Lynn Johnson-Conrad, and Susan Oldham**, along with **Vince Proby** and his work with the Carver Scholars, have won the Synopsys Award, a nice trophy and a

\$2500 check to use toward next year's projects at Oak Grove! Special kudos to **Heidi Black** who coordinated Sciencepalooza. Thanks to **Heidi's** promotional skills, project entries rose to over 400, a 25% increase over last year.

## **Independence Students Win Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarships**

Congratulations to the following Independence High School students for winning the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship: seniors **David Eckmann** and **Kristen Talmage** and sophomores **Andrew Givson, Lisa Talmage** and **Hien Lam**.

These students were chosen from 296 winners nationwide. Independence has had a long history of Congress-Bundestag Scholarhips winners, and they are proud of this tradition. East Side salutes these fine young adults as they carry the torch of ambassadorship from San Jose to Germany.

The students will spend next year living in Germany where they will share American culture with the German people, attend Gymnasiums (German High Schools) and live with host families. The students will have the opportunity to learn the realities of the social, political and economic issues of Germany.

Enjoying German food, culture and hospitality, making life-long friends, and developing a wider perspective of self and world are also integral components of the Congress-Bundestag Scholarship. The program was established in 1983 with the goals of breaking down cultural stereotypes, strengthening the deep ties of community and understanding, and promoting life-long international friendships.

## **Overfelt Student Wins Photography Award**

Congratulations to W.C. Overfelt senior **Phillip Ordona** for being chosen as an exhibitor in the 2001 International Student-Teacher Photo Competition and Exhibition. **Phillip's** print was among 111 chosen from 1,172 entrants. He received a certificate and various photo prizes for his efforts.

The exhibit will first go to the PMA Imaging 2001 Convention where it will be seen by over 30,000 leaders from the world of photography. After that it will be seen at various exhibitions across the USA, Canada, the UK, South Africa and Australia. Kudos to **Phillip** and his teacher, **Steven Taddei**, who supported him on this outstanding achievement.



**Charlene Deardorff and Undine Becker**

## **Mt. Pleasant Track Stars Featured in School Sports Magazine**

The March edition of the *Bay Area Magazine* "School Sports" featured Mt. Pleasant seniors **Undine Becker** and **Charlene Deardorff** in an article entitled "Pleasant-ly Different." The two page feature highlighted the contributions of these two outstanding athletes and how their distinct styles helped to turn Mt. Pleasant's track team into a powerhouse in the Bay Area. Both students are CCS champs and academic stars. **Becker** will run for Stanford next year and **Deardorff** is considering Purdue, San Diego State and Cal Poly. Congratulations to these students and their coach **Steve Nelson**. Steve's squads have won 6 BVAL letters and a pair of CIF CCS crowns since he took over the program in 1989.

## **Two East Side Students Win Hispanic Heritage Awards**

**Guadalupe Rodriguez**, Student Board Representative and senior at Andrew Hill, and **Alexandra Higareda**, a senior at Independence, won Hispanic Heritage Awards. **Guadalupe** won in the area of science with Microsoft as her sponsor. **Alexandra** won in the area of mathematics with Exxon as her sponsor. Both students will receive a \$2000 scholarship, a computer and \$1000 to give to a non-profit agency of their choice. These outstanding students are eligible for a National Award which would provide a \$5000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, DC. **Guadalupe** has been accepted to Standford and MIT. **Alexandra** has been accepted to Cal Poly and Santa Clara University. Both will decide shortly where they will go to college.

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