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## ndian American Students Win WathEdge Awards

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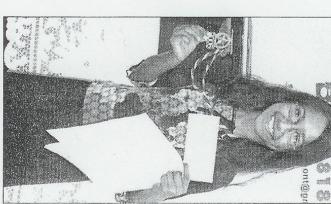
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Three Indian American elementary school students in Northern California won two-second place awards and a third-place medal in the MathEdge competition May 7 in San Jose, Calif. About 50 students competed in the contest.

In the beginner level, Sriram Somasundaram, a third grader from San Jose's Harker School, took second place, despite getting a perfect score. Jimi Wilcox, a third grader from Huff Elementary School in Mountain View, Calif., also had a perfect score, and won a tiebreaker in the second round. The first place winner received a trophy and a week at the MathEdge summer camp, valued at \$275.

Shivani Komma, a third grader at Stevens Creek Elementary School in Cupertino, Calif., captured third place in a tie with another competitor.

In the intermediate level, Namrata Garg, a fifth grader from Portal Elementary School in Cupertino, won a second-place



Namrata Garg, a fifth grader from Portal Elementary School in Cupertino, Calif., won a second place medal in the intermediate category in the MathEdge competition and second place award in MathEdge's Sudoku tournament.



came second. The beginner level winners included Shivani Komma (l), who took third place, and Sriram Somasundaram (r), who

medal in a tie with Amanda

Chow.

Garg also placed second May 21 in the three-round Sudoku

tournament, also organized by MathEdge. She won a \$30 cash prize and a medal.

MathEdge was created in 2005 to teach students to apply problem-solving skills to mathematics. As opposed to the computational skills normally taught in schools, MathEdge focuses on the reasoning between a problem and its solution, rather than on the answer itself.