

AMADOR —

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won state championships 12 times since We the People began in 1989.

In the contest, students make presentations in mock congressional hearings about aspects of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The field of schools from 45 states and the District of Columbia was narrowed down to 10 schools for the final round.

Until the past several years, the competition was held in federal buildings in Washington. The venue was changed to George Mason University because federal funding for the entire contest was eliminated.

Funding continues through local volunteer and school district efforts. The Amador team raised \$35,000 to finance its trip to the nationals.

VETERANS

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School for the moment, bringing the two schools together on our home field to honor the military. We cannot take for granted our freedoms, our rights and our privileges. We must thank those who maintain our freedom by using that freedom to make the world a better place."

From the moment organizer and Granada baseball coach Steve Richards conceived the idea of honoring local veterans, the event took on a life of its own. It became increasingly clear as more volunteers joined his efforts that Richards had touched a nerve: community members were eager to have an opportunity to show their support but needed a venue to do so.

"We may be witnessing the beginning of a culture change - a refocusing of values to recognize service as a higher good, to realize that honor and dignity and sacrifice are important, and that those who serve deserve the first seat at the table," said veteran supporter Marilyn Carter. "I realized at the game that we are the ones that need opportunities like this. I'm grateful to Coach Richards for his efforts and leadership to make it all happen."

Afternoon events included the dedication of a flagpole and plaque near Granada's baseball diamond, a presentation by the US

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Hacienda Adds Tenants

Hacienda Busienss Park in Pleasanton is reporting a continued positive inflow of tenant activity for the first quarter of 2013. Nearly 70,000 square feet of transactions occurred in Hacienda during the first quarter of the year with over 58,000 square feet of net positive absorption.

"Hacienda is seeing a trend of solid growth continue at the start of 2013" said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "We continue to see good leasing activity across a variety of business sectors."

Several notable transactions occurred in the first quarter. Major commitments were made by companies in a variety of business segments, including: ImageX (marketing and advertising services), Pleasanton Bilingual Montessori Preschool (Chinese bilingual preschool), and TJKM's relocation (transportation consulting firm).

Police Investigate Death

East Bay Region Parks Police working in concert with the Pleasanton Police Department closed the Pleasanton Ridge Park on Tuesday at the staging area, south of Castlewood Drive. The park was closed for approximately 4 hours while police conducted a death investigation.

On Monday evening, the Pleasanton Police Department received a report of a missing male resident. The man's car was located in the parking lot of the Pleasanton Ridge Park, which is East Bay Parks Police Jurisdiction. The two agencies worked together to try to locate the missing man.

On Tuesday morning, the missing man was located in the hills of the Pleasanton Ridge Park. The Alameda County Coroner's office came to the scene and will be conducting an investigation to determine the official cause of the man's death. Foul play is not suspected.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students modeled their creations during the 4th Annual Sunol Glen Trashion Show. The goal of this event is to get students thinking differently about waste.

Marine Corps Color Guard, addresses from Livermore officials including Mayor John Marchand and School Superintendent Kelly Bowers, and a fly-over by three military planes that dipped their wings in recognition of the veterans gathered together on the baseball field.

At the heart of the event were two Livermore veterans who had sustained severe injuries in the line of duty: Staff Sergeant Jason Ross of the US Marine Corps and Sergeant Cristian Valle of the US Army.

Ross, a Granada graduate, had returned to Livermore for the first time in six years just days earlier. The night before the game, he met with the Granada baseball team at his hotel.

"I understand Livermore now has a downtown," he said with a smile.

For more than an hour Ross spoke with the athletes about his experiences in Afghanistan, including how a blast from a hidden explo-

sive device cost him his legs in early 2011. "It's surreal getting blown up because your mind is playing catch up," he said. "When I landed on the ground I saw smoke coming out of my blackened glove and thought, 'That can't be good.'"

At 4:30 the day of the event at the baseball game, with dozens of veterans from all branches of the military standing behind him, Ross threw out the first pitch to Granada.

Cristian Valle threw the first pitch to Livermore.

"It was an awesome experience," said Valle, a Livermore resident. "Just to see so many people there thanking you and cheering you on is a great feeling. Also, being there for another service member, welcoming him home, is something I will always remember."

For Richards, the best part of the afternoon was seeing Ross and Valle throw those pitches to the teams who were wearing camou-

flaged jerseys. "That was really moving," said Richards, whose son Matt later hit a home run that helped the Granada Matadors beat the Livermore Cowboys 5-0.

"We had a great turn out, a lot of people saying this was great to do for our veterans, and a lot of 'Wows!'" he added.

Monies earned from raffles, refreshments and donations were given to Valle and Ross.

Volunteer Gini Wright spoke of how the event affected the teenage baseball players. "My nephew learned so much from Jason and was surprised at how open and honest he was. He said meeting and listening to Jason was the coolest thing he has ever been a part of."

Parent Missy Proctel agreed. "My son said the event really had an impact on the players. They walked away feeling really proud to be Americans."

Bosco's Bones & Brew Mothers Day Brunch and Dinner

Brunch: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$16.95

Salads		Breakfast Bar	
Green Salad	Shrimp Salad	Ham	Sausage
Potato Salad	Fruit Salad	French Toast	Eggs Benedict
Cajon Salmon	Garlic Bread	Scrambled Eggs	
Chicken-Pasta	Veggie Dip		

Hot Dishes

Prime Rib	Baked Seafood
New York Steak	Boiled Prawns
Mashed Potatoes	Fried Chicken
Meatballs & Pasta	Fried Prawns

Desserts

Cheese Cake, Fresh Fruit, Creme Brulee

Dinner: 3 p.m to 9 p.m.

(Includes salad or soup, and dessert)

Salad: Mixed Greens with Prawns and Beets
Soup: Cream of Asparagus
Dessert: Fruit Tart

Boneless Half-Chicken in Mushroom Wine Sauce\$17.95
Stuffed Salmon in White Cream Sauce\$20.95
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