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THE ‘TIB-FIB CLUB’

Injuries connect high school coaches



From left, Saint Francis High School assistant coaches Bryant Young, Alex Smith and Neil Parry at the team’s football field on Sept. 24. All three have suffered ‘tib-fib’ injuries. PHOTOS BY DAI SUGANO — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ex-49ers stars and a famed San Jose State player share their roads to recovery

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MOUNTAIN VIEW — Alex Smith’s right leg tells a story. It’s a tale of pain, time and a village of family, friends, doctors and nurses coming together over years of effort and heartache to save his limb and shepherd him through a recovery process that inspired the nation.

There aren’t a lot of people who have lived that story. St. Francis has three on its high school football coaching staff.

Smith’s story is widely known. Neil Parry’s was national news. But you may not know that 49ers Pro Football Hall of Famer Bryant Young, who joined the Lancers’ staff alongside Smith this summer, suffered a similar fracture of both the tibia and fibula bones in the lower leg midway through his playing



Assistant coach and former 49ers quarterback Smith, 42, talks to quarterback Drew Cumby during practice on Sept. 24 in Mountain View.

career, joining the “tib-fib” club, as Smith calls it.

It’s an exclusive fraternity: Joe Theismann’s career-ending fracture on Monday Night Football in 1985 was a shocking example of the severity of the rare injury. Smith, whose compound fracture was 33 years to the day later, leaned

other than he had an infection, but I didn’t know (everything). And then Neil’s return, that was obviously something I did know about.”

Parry, playing for San Jose State, was injured in 2000 and ultimately lost his lower leg below the knee after suffering from compartment syndrome and numerous infections.

His dramatic return to the field in 2003, after 45 surgeries and an insurance battle with the NCAA, captured national attention with appearances on NBC’s “Today Show” and CNN and stories in The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and Sports Illustrated, among many other publications.

Parry, now 46, even met Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush during his recovery.

Young, 54, broke his leg during a Monday Night Foot-

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IMPACTING DAILY LIFE

New laws tackle power, AI issues

Newsom done reviewing bills in his final regular legislative session as the state’s governor

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California’s newest laws could change how your utility spends your money, whether an employer can rely on artificial intelligence to fire you and what your children encounter on social media.

Gov. Gavin Newsom finished reviewing bills from his final regular legislative session Wednesday, the deadline to sign or veto measures awaiting his decision. His office said he acted on 1,160 bills during this year’s session.

The decisions touch some of the Bay Area’s biggest concerns: electricity costs, housing, immigration enforcement and technology’s growing role in daily life. Some changes will require further action

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AP-NORC POLL

Many Americans blame Trump for skyrocketing prices

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WASHINGTON — Americans are deeply frustrated with President Donald Trump’s handling of the economy and rising prices, with most panning his performance and blaming his policies as higher costs threaten his party’s chances in November.

A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that only 17% of U.S. adults approve of the Republican president’s handling of the cost of living. Just 26% approve of his handling of the economy overall, marking a new low.

A majority, 65%, of U.S. adults now blame Trump’s

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GOVERNOR’S RACE

Becerra, Hilton disagree on housing, immigration in lone debate

Candidates also discuss AI, data centers ahead of November election

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Just days before ballots get sent to voters’ mailboxes, Democratic former Health Secretary Xavier Becerra tied Republican former Fox News host Steve Hilton to President Donald Trump while Hilton blamed Democrats for the state’s high costs as they engaged Wednesday night in the only scheduled governor’s race debate between the two remaining candidates.

Becerra and Hilton emerged as the top picks in the June election, following a chaotic and contentious primary with 61 candidates on the ballot. Becerra has been leading in recent polls, including the latest survey from the Public Policy Institute of California, which found that 60% of likely voters would vote for Becerra, compared to 38% for

Hilton.

During the debate, which was hosted by CNN, Becerra frequently highlighted Hilton’s ties to Trump, who has endorsed the Republican candidate but remains deeply unpopular among the state’s Democratic and independent voters.

“You’re going to end up with Trump results if you follow Steve Hilton’s plans,” Becerra said.

Meanwhile, Hilton continued his pitch to end what he refers to as the 16 years of “one party rule” in the state as a Republican has not held the governorship since Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

“It’s time to try something different; not least to reduce the cost of living,” Hilton said.

Here’s what the candidates had to say about the issues:

HOUSING
Gov. Gavin Newsom famously

made a pledge on the 2018 campaign trail that he would build 3.5 million homes as governor, though the state, under his leadership, has fallen far short of that goal. When asked by CNN’s Jake Tapper how much housing would be constructed if they were elected to the governorship, both candidates declined to answer.

Hilton announced a new plan during the debate to cap government fees at \$50,000 per home. He also pledged to build 10 new cities so that cities “stop forcing apartment buildings into suburban areas” and the state can expand its housing stock.

“Instead of Sacramento forcing this onto communities, our communities will build the housing that meets their needs,” he said.

He didn’t say where they might go, but described “counties bidding to host the construction of the new



Gubernatorial candidates Xavier Becerra, left, and Steve Hilton stand on stage during CNN’s California Gubernatorial Debate on Wednesday in CNN’s studio in Burbank. GRACE WIDYATMADJA — CNN

communities that will help young people follow their dreams here in California, instead of having to move to another state.”

Becerra said that California

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