Hispanic engineering club to compete in robot building competition today

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Digital company donates knowledge with Generation: Change

Hannah Croft

San Luis Obispo creative digital agency Hathway launched Generation: Change on Oct. 22.

A plan like no other. Generation: Change is dedicated to bettering nonprofit organizations nationwide. It will start in San Luis Obispo as partners with the Association of Amputee Surfers (AmpSurf), a program which runs surf clinics for amputees.

Essentially, Generation: Change is a product of Hathway’s young employee base. It is a program for large corporations to adopt and choose to make a donation to a nonprofit organization. It won’t be a cash donation, but rather the creation of a brand new website by Hathway — in this case for AmpSurf.

Hathway’s executives Jesse Dandond and Kevin Rice, both Cal Poly graduates, founded Hathway less than two years ago when their attempts at a hiring business folded in the recession.

Marketing executive of Generation: Change and Cal Poly graduate Evan Rowe said there was a benefit from the collapsed business.

“They had terrible timing,” Rowe said. “But when they were trying to create a website for their company, they became experts in coding. They got the idea to start Hathway.”

Now in its second year, Hathway’s services are highly regarded. The company specializes in digital media as well as Web design and development; it also uses Joomla, an open source software.

AmpSurf is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to rehabilitate people with disabilities, particularly veterans, through surfing clinics throughout California, many of which are held in Pismo Beach.

Mayoral candidates speak about platforms to students

Brian De Los Santos

Mayoral candidates Andrew Farrell, Jan Marx, Paul Brown and Donald Hedrick answered questions from Cal Poly students at the Mayoral Candidate Forum put together by Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Tuesday morning.

The event allowed candidates to give a five-minute long opening statement followed by a session where candidates answered questions from students.

Low fiscal budget, diversity and noise ordinances were some of the main subjects covered. But the topic that seemed to surface the most was how to integrate the ideas and opinions of Cal Poly students in decisions made around the community.

Brown said making sure students are heard is something he will make his priority if elected.

“It is my goal in running for mayor to make sure the divides we have in our community — especially the one between the students and the more permanent residents — lessens,” Brown said. “Students tend to get overlooked when decisions are made.”

Farrell, a business administration senior at Cal Poly, echoed this statement. In a town where students constitute nearly half the residents, he said it was “absolutely absurd” when students’ opinions aren’t given the consideration they deserve. As a student, he said he can see those disconnects between residents and students first-hand.

“It is (apparent to me there is) a lot more elected officials can be doing to solicit and go after the input and opinions of students,” Farrell said. “As students and young people, I think we recognize first-hand what it feels like to live in a community where our opinion isn’t always given the consideration it deserves.”

Marx and Hedrick didn’t address disconnects with students in their opening statements, but Marx said she has nothing against the students in the community. She lives
**California Election Guide**

**Governor**

**Republican**

Create jobs: Proposes new tax cuts and credits to promote job growth, as well as supporting small business and improving labor laws.

Cut spending: Intends to control state spending by proposing a spending cap and defending California’s two-thirds vote requirement to raise taxes or pass a budget, as well as eliminating unnecessary tax agencies.

Education: Intends to bring more money to classrooms, reward good teachers, support charter schools, and invest more money into the UC and CSU systems.

Environment: Supports anti-pollution policy, promotes renewable energy and wants to keep a close eye on offshore drilling.

Crime: Supports the “three strikes, you’re out” policy, the death penalty, the right to bear arms and opposes the legalization of marijuana.

Immigration: Supports a strong border control policy and intends to discourage illegal immigration.

Water Crisis: Intends to improve California’s water storage infrastructure and strengthen water conservation efforts.

**Democrat**

Economic jobs: Jobs in the private sector are important, but the state government should play a key role in creating more job opportunities.

Education: Intends to use more state money for higher education, as well as make transferring from community colleges easier and improving the testing system and the process of hiring teachers.

Environment: Brown intends to reduce emissions and toxic chemicals, support clean energy and the creation of clean energy jobs, and protect California’s water, ocean, coastal, parks and farmland resources.

Clean energy jobs: Brown intends to create clean energy jobs through the development of local and renewable energy resources and by increasing the state's energy efficiency.

Protecting civil rights: Brown said he will continue to fight against discrimination as governor. Brown is pro-choice and a supporter of gay marriage.

**Lieutenant Governor**

**Republican**

Economy: Help create jobs and encourage economic growth and investment, and provide technical education to tomorrow's employees in preparation for entering the workforce.

Budget Reform: Against giving politicians pay raises when there is a state deficit and has worked to eliminate unnecessary government boards and commissions to save state money.

Education: Make higher education more accessible and transparent to Californians to increase California’s revenue in the long run.

Environment: Encourages using alternative energy resources and alternative energy companies to promote private investment and create new jobs.

Fight corruption: Exposed University of California employees who used tax dollars for personal spending and believes in requiring California colleges to make available on its website all transfer and campus policy information.

Community safety: Supports the death penalty for serial rapists and child molesters and believes victims of sexual assault should be able to sue their attackers in civil court.

Government waste: Wrote legislation to establish a government office that conducts a comprehensive audit of the state government.

**Democrat**

Economy: Believes that successful businesses in California should help other areas of the economy, and wants to continue the state's involvement in promoting the clean-energy industry.

Education: Believes higher education is the best return on investment for the state. He believes in increasing accountability to the UC and CSU systems, limiting layoffs and reducing costs of education statewide.

Environment: Plans to conserve California’s natural resources, fight climate change and pollution, move toward new clean energy policies and promote clean energy economy to create more jobs.

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**Senator**

**Republican**

Education: Boxer supports after-school programs, bringing technology to classrooms, bringing more money into schools and making it easier for college students to pay for higher education.

Health care: Boxer supports making health care available to all Americans and children, cracking down on insurance abuses, making prescription drugs more affordable, funding more research and improving Medicare.

Civil rights: Boxer supports the protection of civil, health care, voting and education rights for all Americans, including disabled, veterans, and immigrants.

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**Congress**

**Republican**

Naval Academy graduate, holds a Master's in information systems management from USC, Master's in aeronautical engineering from the US Naval Post Graduate School, former project manager at IBM

Feels strongly about: Decreasing government spending, continuing to privatize healthcare, decreasing government involvement in financial reform.

**Independent**

Law degree from USC, founded Hager and Dowling Charitable Foundation.

Feels strongly about: Increasing fossil responsibility, encouraging economic growth, reforming campaign finance, improving access to universal healthcare, supporting the DREAM act, addressing Net Neutrality sooner rather than later, ending the war in Afghanistan and helping small businesses grow.

**Democrat**

Background: Graduated from Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma, Washington with a degree in nursing, received a Master's degree in religion from Yale University, as well as a Master's in education from UCBR, Represented California’s 22nd district from 1998-2002, since 2003 has represented the 23rd district.

Feels strongly about: Strengthening the middle class, providing more funding to education, becoming more energy-efficient and environmentally responsible, increasing access to affordable healthcare, stabilizing and stimulating the housing market, comprehensive immigration reform (support DREAM act), LGBT rights (marriage, the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"), ensuring the long-term strength of Social Security, instituting a national telecommunications policy.
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Proposition 19

If passed, Proposition 19 will make it legal under California law for those 21 and over to possess no more than one ounce of cannabis, taxed by local and state governments. Federal law, however, will still prohibit the possession and/or use of cannabis.

Proposition 20 and Proposition 27

Proposition 20, if passed, will take the responsibility of determining district boundaries from the House of Representatives to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. Proposition 11 established this commission in 2008. Proposition 27 seeks to repeal Proposition 11 by eliminating the Citizens Redistricting Commission. “Yes” will give the power of distributing boundary lines back to the legislature.

Proposition 21

“Yes” on Proposition 21 adds an extra $18 to vehicle registration charges. The added charge will be used towards state parks and wildlife conservation programs.

Proposition 22

Voting “Yes” will restrict California from using funds set aside for transportation, redevelopment, and local government projects, for its own needs.

Proposition 23

Voting “No” on this proposition will allow Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, to remain in effect. Voting “Yes” will suspend Assembly Bill 32 until the state unemployment rates reach 5.5 percent or lower.
Proposition 24
If passed, Proposition 24 will not allow California businesses to lower tax liability. This will repeal recent legislation that created three tax provisions, which some argue are tax loopholes.

Proposition 25
The current requirement for the draft of the California budget to pass to the governor is a two-thirds rule. Voting “Yes” will change the two-thirds vote to a simple majority requirement. Voting “No” will keep the two-thirds vote in effect.

Proposition 26
If Proposition 26 passes, there will be a two-thirds legislative approval requirement for any state and local fees to be approved.
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Hathway has worked for University of California Berkeley, San Luis Obispo’s Chamber of Commerce, Pyramid Production and many other organizations.

Since the company is up and running, the Hathway team decided it was time to turn their efforts to something philanthropic.

For their first project, Hathway chose AmpSurf. Their goal: to make AmpSurf accessible to anyone who wants information about the organization.

Jesse’s sister and account and marketing coordinator for Hathway, Mary Dundon, said the website for AmpSurf will inform the community about the organization.

“The site will show people what they really are,” Mary said. “It will make it so that people who need information can access it.”

Jesse said the donation of a website gives AmpSurf more publicity than monetary donation.

“Instead of donating money to a nonprofit, we’re giving them something they can’t get from cash donations … a website,” Jesse said.

Mary calls it corporate social responsibility. However, Generation: Change is a form of social responsibility that’s never really been seen before.

Creative director and Cal Poly graduate Garrett Deiter said he feels very fortunate to be part of Generation: Change.

“This is just my internship. I could easily go home and forget about it,” Bigbie said. “But I don’t.”

Jesse said the passion is part of being a younger company.

“That’s why our generation is so forward-thinking,” Jesse said. “We’re not jaded yet, we still have that passion.”

The Hathway group encourages everyone to get involved.

“Help us spread the word,” Bigbie said. “It’s a way to get involved, just follow us on Twitter or like us on Facebook.”

Hathway is proud of its work, and Deiter said he can’t wait for the efforts to spread.

“You don’t need to be a multi-billionaire to give back,” Deiter said. “This is a big statement we’re making.”

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SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Robots don’t just build themselves. They build engineers too.

What’s that Cal Poly engineers are for Friday afternoon becomes Saturday morning as members of the Dual Sport Bot team work in a Cal Poly lab, sketching out a suspension system.

A few blocks away, in a garage-turned-workspace, Cal Poly’s Jamn Jumper robotic engineering team gathers around a table, piecing together a gearbox, switch and computer chip.

The Dual Sport Bot and Jamn Jumper teams will travel to Cincinnati today to compete in the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers’ conference.

The teams’ robots are designed to encourage elementary-aged children to be more active outdoors. The teams, both from Cal Poly’s Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers chapter, have taken different approaches.

The Dual Sport Bot is a moving, sensor-controlled basketball hoop, and the Jamn Jumper is a mechanical jump rope with an arm that rotates in time to music.

The Dual Sport Bot’s sensor arrays and infrared technology detect anyone who enters a 5-foot radius. Using two 7-inch lawn mower wheels and one pivot wheel, the robot moves away from the player, forcing the child to chase after it in order to shoot.

“As a little, curious kid of this technological era, wouldn’t you be interested in a robot that can run away from you?” said mechanical engineering senior Arturo Ayala-Navarro.

Clark has been an invaluable resource and mentor, said Shah, the team captain.

Clark, director of the Lab for Autonomous and Intelligent Robotics, provided information, reserved a workspace for the team and loaned them a $2,799 Dr. Robot X80, the mobile robot used for the basic hardware and software programming of the Dual Sport Robot.

Although the teams support each other by asking questions and sharing experiences, they remain competitive.

Manuel Ureno, captain of the Jamn Jumper team and architectural engineering senior, said the teams usually get along.

“We were friends,” Ureno said.

“I mean, we are friends. Well, right now, we’re in competitive mode.”

The Jamn Jumper team consists of Ureno, Adam Rizkalla, a computer engineering junior; Manuel Carrasco, a mechanical engineering senior; Jeremy Ramos, a mechanical engineering junior; Christian Ruiz, a civil engineering senior and Stephanie Revuelta, a civil engineering junior.

The team is focusing on the market for its robot.

The Jamn Jumper targets the growing population of only children students.

“Children don’t do the same with toys anymore,” said Ruiz. “They move away from the player, forcing them to better themselves professionally.”

Fierro said.

“Helps companies see that there are actually Hispanics trying to better themselves professionally,” Fierro said.

Cal Poly’s Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers chapter provides a Hispanic group of role models in a predominately white models and one other undisclosed finalist in the national competition.

“In general, Hispanics are traditionally underrepresented in the sciences,” Hernandez said.

The conference is important for both the profession and Hispanics.

“We must protect that,” Fired mex. “Tourists are a major part of our livelihood, outside of students.”

Fierro didn’t directly address problems with students and residents during his opening statement but said he thought there were problems with the new noise ordinance — a topic concerning students.

“We need to invite our residents to be cooperative with each other,” Fired mex. “I think our ordinances and laws are getting a little too harsh.”

Brown agreed and said the noise ordinances are too strict.

“I think these kind of ordinances need to stop,” Farrell said. “The biggest problem we face here in San Luis Obispo is the culture of mounting ordinances and legislation, where instead of reaching out to each other one-on-one and trying to fix our problems, we slap another piece of policy on it.”

Fierro shared with the city council how to fix problems in other ways, he said.

“How do you do with people that just don’t care?” Marx said.

“Be noticed if you’re interested,” said Mayor.

“Students — if they choose — and residents of San Luis Obispo can vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.”

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ONTARIO (MCT) — Prosecutors on Monday charged an Ontario Catholic priest with molesting a 12-year-old boy. Police say he had at least four other victims.

The Rev. Jose Alejandro Casillas, also known as Father Alex, was arrested at his home in the 600 block of W. Zenia Court. He was booked into West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga in lieu of $1 million bail.

Ontario police had been investigating the case since July. They confirmed 57-year-old Casillas committed eight sex acts with the boy.

SANTA CRUZ (MCT) — Gault Elementary School in Santa Cruz is in line to receive nearly $450,000 and a handful of Watsonville schools will get $155,000 for projects that will help make walking and biking to school safer.

Caltrans announced Monday that $24 million will be awarded to 85 schools statewide to pay for Safe Routes to School projects.

The total project — which will include work at Darwin, Windham and Frederick streets — is estimated to cost about $500,000.

ILINOIS (MCT) — The investigation into the disappearance of Northern Illinois University art student Antoinette "Toni" Keller is now a homicide investigation, officials said Tuesday.

Remains found in a secluded park where she was last headed are badly burned, they can't be identified as Keller's, officials added. Items belonging to Keller were found near the remains.

School officials have heightened security on campus and locked student dorms earlier than usual.

Community

San Luis Obispo City Councilman / Vice Mayor (2004 -2008)

Business Owner
Father's Tavern (1994-2009)

U.S. Army
Military Police Sergeant

Board of Directors
Chamber of Commerce
Senior Nutrition Program

Chairman
Thursday Farmers Market Committee

Instructor
Grizzly Youth Academy

Lead Singer
Sugar Daddy Swing Kings
The Bangin' B'z

Briefs

WASHINGTON (MCT) — The father of a 4-year-old boy who accidentally shot his mom on Monday is "kicking himself" for giving the boy live ammunition, police said Tuesday.

The boy slipped a shell into a shotgun that was on a bed in his parents' room Monday afternoon and then pulled the trigger, according to Kinship County Sheriff's Officer Scott Wilson. The 23-year-old woman suffered wounds but was released from Tacoma General Hospital on Monday night.

INDONESIA (MCT) — At least 15 people were killed and 13 injured Tuesday after a volcano on Indonesia's Java Island erupted, spewing clouds of hot ash, local television reported.

Metro TV said thousands of people were moved by trucks and cars after Mount Merapi started spewing hot ash and volcanic rocks just before dusk.

Vulcanologist Surono said three explosions were heard at around 6 p.m. (1100 GMT) and Merapi spewed clouds of black smoke 1,500-meters into the sky.

IRAQ (MCT) — Iraqis welcomed the death sentence Tuesday of one of Saddam Hussein's officials, Tariq Aziz. But some politicians condemned the sentencing of the former deputy prime minister as a politically motivated move that could drive even more of a wedge into efforts to form a new government.

The high tribunal ruled Aziz guilty of crimes against humanity related to murder, torture and forced exile of members of Islamic parties opposed to Hussein.

Aziz looked ashen as the judge literally shouted out the sentence.
Fiorina hospitalized to treat infection

Maev Reston   
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Republican Senate candidate Carly Fiorina, a breast cancer survivor, was admitted to a hospital Tuesday morning to treat an infection aides said was related to reconstructive surgery she underwent this summer.

"Carly learned more than a year and a half ago that she, like millions of women, had breast cancer," her chief of staff Deborah Bowker said. "After successfully battling cancer, she had reconstructive surgery this summer and remains cancer-free today. However, this morning Carly came down with an infection associated with the reconstructive surgery and, as a result, she was admitted to the hospital to receive antibiotics to treat this infection."

Fiorina’s campaign did not disclose where she was hospitalized. Bowker said the hospital visit would affect Fiorina’s campaign schedule Tuesday, which was to include stops in the California towns of Riverside and Coachella, but said Fiorina “is upbeat and her doctors expect her to make a quick and full recovery and be back out on the campaign trail soon.”

The campaign of Fiorina’s opponent, Sen. Barbara Boxer, released a statement Tuesday wishing Fiorina well.

“We wish Carly Fiorina a speedy recovery and hope she is able to return to her normal schedule soon,” said Boxer campaign manager Rose Kapolczynski.

After she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009, Fiorina was treated with chemotherapy, radiation and a double mastectomy. She often talks about her battle with the disease on the campaign trail.

Fiorina has argued that the bill, which would extend health insurance coverage to some 32 million Americans over the next decade and ultimately prohibit insurance companies from turning away Americans based on their health status, is too expensive and would not address the problems in the current health care system.

She has expressed concern about the burdens the legislation would place on programs like Medicaid, which she said “cannot handle the influx of patients that they are being asked to deal with.”
California's female candidates scrutinized more by women, polls say

Cathleen Decker
LOS ANGELES TIMES

As their party's first female nominees for governor and U.S. Senate, Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina have run campaigns premised in part on the belief that they could attract women voters who typically brush aside the Republican Party.

But new polls indicate that, if anything, women are treating their candidacies more harshly than men.

Much of the reason for that is the heavily Democratic nature of California's female voters. But women have gone well beyond party alliance to cast a negative eye toward the two candidates on a host of character and personality issues.

When asked in a new Los Angeles Times/University of Southern California poll which candidate for governor — Democrat Jerry Brown or Republican Whitman — was more truthful, likely male voters said Brown by a 15-point margin, and women said Brown by 25 points.

When asked whether they were more concerned about Whitman's sympathies for Wall Street or Brown's ties to unions, men cited Brown as their concern, by a 13-point margin. Women, by a 17-point margin, that they were more worried about Whitman.

Overall, men sided with Brown by three points but women backed him by 23 points.

In the Senate race, the poll found men siding with Fiorina over Democrat Barbara Boxer by two points, while women sided with Boxer by 17 points.

A recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California came to similar conclusions, with women backing Brown by 14 points more than men did and Boxer by 16 points, while men backed Fiorina.

All told, the results of both surveys confirmed that ideology, not gender, is directing the vote in this tumultuous campaign season.

The candidates in question are being seen as Republicans who happen to be women, rather than women who happen to be Republicans — a key distinction in a Democratic-tipping state.

"More than anything, it's party registration and ideology, and every Republican candidate knows that coming in," said GOP pollster Linda DiVall, a co-conductor of the survey for the Times and the USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. "That's why character is so important."

And character — or voters' perceptions about it — is hurting Whitman in particular in the wake of a difficult month in which she came to light that she had employed an illegal immigrant and in which her veracity was challenged by the Brown campaign and others. Whitman slumped from five points down in September to a 13-point deficit in October, chiefly due to deflections by women, independent voters and Latinos.

"What trumps gender with women is the same thing that trumps gender with men," said Darry Sragow, a Democratic political consultant and interim director of the Times/USC poll.

"It's, 'Who is this person? What kind of person am I voting for here?' as well as issues. Certainly, we've seen with the Whitman campaign that her problems are not about issues, it's about personality and character."

There are, of course, differences among women along the lines of party, ethnicity, age and education. But it is their differences with men on a range of matters that are most striking.

In the Times poll, women disapproved of Proposition 23, which would suspend the state's global warming law, by 20 points; men disapproved by 11.

Women disapproved of Proposition 19, which would legalize some marijuana cultivation and use, by 21 points; men were split. By 39 points, women approved of Proposition 25, which would reduce the legislative votes needed to pass a budget; men approved by 22 points.

Similar differences between men's and women's votes on the ballot measures were seen in the Public Policy Institute of California poll.

With the female candidates at the top of the ballot, this election resembles at first glance the 1992 election, in which Democrats Boxer and Dianne Feinstein were first seeking their Senate seats.

That election was California's first big test of women on the ballot, and much of the pre-election conversation centered on the now-quaint question of whether voters would be comfortable filling both seats with women.

Women did not match in lockstep then, either: An exit poll by the Times found that women went for Feinstein by a 26-point margin, and by Boxer by 11 points. That was largely due to Boxer's weaker showing among moderate and conservative women.

But in their quest for women voters, those two candidates were bolstered by circumstances not shared by Whitman and Fiorina. They were running a year after the nation was embroiled in the sexual harassment-centered hearings to confirm Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court and after a key court decision limiting abortion rights.

The nation was in a "throw the bums out" mood and women, then at least, were the antithesis of the Establishment.

There are several disadvantages for the Republican women now. Women voters have historically been more motivated by candidates who favor abortion rights; Whitman only favors some abortion rights and Fiorina has said she would support overturning Roe vs. Wade.

Women voters also appear to be far more skeptical than men of corporate leaders, given their concern about Whitman's corporate sensibilities.

Whitman, the former head of eBay, and Fiorina, the former Hewlett-Packard chief, are both making their first bids for elective office.

By a 19-point margin, women felt that Boxer was more understanding of people like them, about the same as the 21-point margin for Brown over Whitman. By 14 points, women felt Boxer better represented their values.

In all cases, the results exceeded the various gaps between the Democratic and Republican candidates on issues like jobs, the economy, taxes and immigration, and the eight-point Democratic edge among women voters.

Sragow, the Democratic consultant, said the emphasis Whitman and Fiorina have placed on their executive backgrounds appears to have stirred concerns among women voters.

"The last time I looked at CEOs, they were not seen as concerned about ordinary people," he said. "They are seen as very tough taskmasters.

DiVall, the Republican pollster, held out hope that the closing days of the campaign would lead women to see Whitman and Fiorina in a more positive light.

"A lot of female voters are going to give people some grudging respect for hanging in there," she said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see some switching around here at the end of the race."
Congressional candidates predicted to spend $2 billion on midterm campaigns

Michael Muskal

It was Mark Twain who dryly noted that Americans have the best government money can buy. In that case, the new Congress chosen in this midterm election is shaping up to be a beauty.

At a time of recession and recovery, House candidates will likely raise and spend more than $1 billion, the nonpartisan Public Campaign Action Fund said Tuesday.

Adding the spending for the Senate will likely raise the total to more than $2 billion.

The nonprofit group said House candidates alone in this cycle raised 30 percent more and spent $4 percent more than the contenders had spent at the same point in 2008.

When the dust settles and there is a final accounting after this year’s races, House candidates will have raised nearly $1.3 billion and spent more than $1.4 billion, the group said.

It said in analysis was based on data from the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

"Candidates are raising more money in 2010 than ever before," said David Donnelly, the director of the organization’s Campaign Money Watch project.

"With all the attack ads, candidates have to spend more time dialing for dollars and less time talking with voters. They have to feed the beast — the endless raising and spending for campaigns — that is devouring our democracy."

According to the Federal Election Commission’s website, House and Senate candidates have already reported spending almost all of the about $1.6 billion that has been raised in this cycle.

The $2 billion figure does not include spending for local races, which have set their own records in states such as California, where Meg Whitman, the GOP candidate for governor, reportedly has spent more than $150 million of her own money on her campaign.

According to the Campaign Action Fund’s analysis, the projection of $1.275 billion in fundraising for House races in the 2010 cycle represents a doubling since the 2008 election.

Republican House candidates raised approximately $30 million more than Democrats through the third quarter in 2010, the fund said.

In the 2008 election at this time, the Republicans had raised nearly $64 million less.

Democrats, including President Barack Obama, have campaigned against the lack of transparency of funds being raised by outside groups.

But the issue goes further, the Action Fund said.

"To only focus on the outside secret money misses the full story of what is happening in races all over the country," Donnelly said.

"Increased fundraising from wealthy donors, coupled with the secret outside money, puts our elections further into the hands of relatively few Americans. Regardless of the outcome next Tuesday, the winners will be the big donors."
Private citizen donates $1 million in support of Proposition 19

Josh Richman
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

Billionaire financier George Soros gave $1 million Tuesday to support California's ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana use.

Proposition 19 was having trouble attracting significant funding, and only just rolled out its first television ad Monday in the Los Angeles area. The big news from Soros — long a supporter of drug-reform efforts across the nation and here in California — will allow a much more intense media blitz in the final week before Election Day.

But with so many people having already cast ballots by mail, it's not clear whether this will counter the measure's recent slump in the polls in enough time to make a difference.

It will, Dale Jones of the Yes on 19 campaign asserted Tuesday, the told reporters that it "has always been an educational campaign," and Soros' money will further that mission.

"Once people have read the initiative and understand Prop. 19 and see what it will and will not do, we see overwhelming support," she said. "Every bit that supporters chip in, more people will get the right message."

As for the contribution's timing, "better late than never," Jones said. "We appreciate just in this last week that people are stepping up their efforts and rebuilding their commitments."

Roger Salazar, spokesman for the campaign against Proposition 19, said it was always expected that the proponents would outspend the opponents.

"But the more they spend, it seems, the more the public becomes aware of the flaws in Prop. 19," he said, noting the contribution's last-minute timing.

"If they're willing to put that kind of money behind a misleading ad that deceives the public, it shows they're in rough shape."

With Soros' contribution, about $3.6 million has been put up in support of Proposition 19 so far; about $1.4 million of that came from proponents Richard Lee of Oakland, founder and president of Oaksterdam University, and was spent on the petition drive to put the measure on the ballot.

The campaign against Proposition 19 has raised about $35 million this year, although the California Chamber of Commerce last week began spending $250,000 on radio ads to urge voters to oppose the measure.

Soros reported his contribution Tuesday morning to the Secretary of State's office, even as America woke up to his 35-year-old stand in the Wall Street Journal in support of legalization.

"Regulating and taxing marijuana would simultaneously save taxpayers billions of dollars in enforcement and incarceration costs, while providing many billions of dollars in revenue annually," he wrote in the Journal. "It also would reduce the crime, violence and corruption associated with drug markets, and the violations of civil liberties and human rights that occur when large numbers of otherwise law-abiding citizens are subject to arrest. Police could focus on serious crime instead."

Soros also cited racial disparities in marijuana enforcement. "I agree with Alice Huffman, president of the California NAACP, when she says that being caught up in the criminal justice system does more harm to young people than marijuana itself. Giving millions of young Americans a permanent drug arrest record that may follow them for life serves no one's interests."

Soros contributed not to the main Yes on 19 committee established by Lee, but to a supporting committee — the Drug Policy Action Committee to Tax and Regulate Marijuana/Yes on Prop. 19 — established by the Drug Policy Alliance; Soros has been a major funder of the alliance and sits on its board.

The Yes on 19 ad launched Monday features Hoover Institution research fellow and former San Jose police chief Joseph McNamara.

"Today, it's easier for a teenager to buy pot than beer. Proposition 19 will tax and control marijuana just like alcohol," McNamara said in the ad. "It will generate billions of dollars for local communities, allow police to focus on violent crimes and put drug cartels out of business. Join me and many others in law enforcement. Vote yes on Proposition 19."

Actually, Proposition 19 wouldn't establish a uniform scheme to regulate and tax commercial cultivation and sales, but rather would let cities and counties choose whether to adopt their own. Also, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed a bill into law to reduce minor marijuana possession from a misdemeanor to an infraction, significantly reducing court costs.

A recent study by the RAND Corp. public-policy think tank indicated Proposition 19 will only help put cartels out of business if California's legal marijuana is smuggled into other states and undercuts cartels' prices there. And most major law enforcement groups — including the California Police Chiefs Association, the Police Officers Research Association of California, the California Narcotics Officers Association and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals — oppose Proposition 19.

McNamara said on Tuesday's conference call that how much money Proposition 19 will save and how much it will raise in tax revenue may be subject to debate, but must be seen in the context of what the state is wasting now in an unsuccessful and harmful prohibition.
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Ways to spice up your Halloween

For us college-folk, the days of dressing up in outfits purchased at seasonal Halloween stores and begging neighbors for candy is over. Once you reach 18, even if you try to go trick-or-treating, people assume you’re a pedophile and reciting a chant is no longer cute, nor does it result in free candy.

Now Halloween is a time to dress up for themed parties, venture to pants-pissing haunted houses and watch scary movies with that special someone.

So I say embrace becoming aged like you would embrace a fine wine.

After all, with time comes knowledge and we’re in college, so you should be full of it.

Here are suggestions to turn traditional scary activities into provocative Halloween treats this year.

Take pumpkin carving to the next level and leave classic toothy Jack-O-Lantern grins for the kids. Make a sexual masterpiece out of a pumpkin by carving a scantily clad silhouette, use two and make it a pair or get creative and recreate a sex position — Eiffel Tower anyone?

Or embrace the second identity that comes with a costume. Be the someone, or something, you aren’t and engage in role playing if the opportunity arises. This is the perfect way to heat things up on a cold Halloween night. If the chance never comes up, try using a fake name or embellish stories to make things interesting — just keep it somewhat believable and keep the situation under control.

Don’t forget the Halloween candy. Indulge in a new way by capitalizing on potential aphrodisiacs — foods said to influence levels of endorphins. This makes it easier to “melt in your mouth, not in your hand.”

Almond joy: The scent of almonds has been known to lead to sexual arousal in women, as it is commonly used in aromatherapy and scented candles. So add almonds to chocolate and allow yourself to benefit from all the joy.

Laffy Taffy: These chewy taffies not only feature a joke on each wrapper, but some popular flavors are associated with aphrodisiacs, such as apple, banana and strawberry. Apples have been the fruit of temptation since the Garden of Eden; bananas contain high levels of potassium and vitamin B (both of which help produce sex hormones); and strawberries contain high levels of antioxidants, which increase circulation — especially to erogenous zones. Even if the ingredients don’t stimulate, you can still offer a joke to spark a conversation and see where it goes from there. Other fruity candies to consider are Skittles, Tootsie Pops and Sour Patch Kids.

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SLO Donut Co. rolls onto the SLO doughnut scene

Catherine Borgeson

SLO Donut Co. is a doughnut shop that is open 24 hours a day. The shop is open for a month and business has been good. Any given night the tables and chairs are filled with students studying. On Saturday and Sunday mornings there is a line out the door for their maple bacon doughnuts. The shop is open 24 hours with free Wi-Fi. There is even a library where people can sit and read. The shop is open for a month and business has been good. Any given night the tables and chairs are filled with students studying. On Saturday and Sunday mornings there is a line out the door for their maple bacon doughnuts. The shop is open 24 hours with free Wi-Fi. There is even a library where people can sit and read. The shop is open for a month and business has been good. Any given night the tables and chairs are filled with students studying. On Saturday and Sunday mornings there is a line out the door for their maple bacon doughnuts. The shop is open 24 hours with free Wi-Fi. There is even a library where people can sit and read. The shop is open for a month and business has been good. Any given night the tables and chairs are filled with students studying.
Given the election is less than a week away, I figured I would offer my two cents regarding the upcoming gubernatorial election. In an age where it seems like radical and outrageous political trumps rational discussion, I’m glad California has largely refrained from joining in the unproductive conversation that seems to have gripped the rest of the nation (note the absence of the Tea Party in California elections). Nonetheless, the negativity of the gubernatorial campaigns has obscured some of the facts.

Although the term “career politician” often has negative connotations, I personally do not share the sentiments. In fact, I think Jerry Brown’s career is one of his best attributes. Granted, in the Democratic primary I was pulling for Gavin Newsom (he is highly effective as San Francisco’s mayor), but Jerry Brown is acceptable in his place.

First, as governor of California in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Brown brought a bohemian atmosphere to the office, replacing the state limousine with a Plymouth and shunning the governor’s mansion for a $250 per month apartment. He was a visionary in terms of micro-technology and a green economy and focused efforts on improving mass transit and creating designated lanes for carpools and bikes, efforts that were mocked at the time but are ubiquitous features of urban planning.

Granted, in the Democratic primary, Brown decided to return to California politics as mayor of Oakland in 1997. Despite Meg Whitman’s ads blaming Brown for the problems in Oakland at this time, the truth of the matter is that Brown threw himself into a difficult situation, with Oakland schools already in disarray, an escalating crime rate and an evaporating tax base.

As mayor, Brown lived downtown in a loft and could be seen walking the streets without bodyguards, acting like just another member of the community, not some hotshot politician (aka take away money from those who need it most). Brown revitalized the downtown area to attract businesses and attempted to fix the schools by introducing charter schools, designed to be examples for the public schools to follow. Although Oakland school kids only performed marginally better, Brown seems to almost have a missionary zeal for politics, demonstrating an appreciation for the value of his work and not just an affiliation with the power.

On the other side is Republican Meg Whitman. An obviously adept CEO, Whitman has no political credentials and had even failed to vote on numerous occasions until 2002, perhaps when she realized she would have to be a registered voter if she ever wanted to hold office. Although many pundits compare a position of political leadership to being a CEO of a business, I am much less inclined to see the connection. There are certainly parallels to the job (organization, efficiency, leadership, etc.) but there is a fundamental difference in that the bottom line for a CEO is the almighty dollar, while the bottom line for any politician always comes down to real people and real lives.

Sure Meg Whitman grew eBay by cutting costs and outsourcing jobs, but there is no analogous situation in the political realm except, perhaps, by cutting spending and cutting public jobs. But although these methods may work for a business’s profit margin, I do not believe these methods would work for California. Cutting jobs does not help the unemployed nor help increase state revenues. Whitman has repeatedly addressed her fiscal policies in California, perhaps an infatuation with the power. In any other campaign I might have voted for her, but not in California. As a resident of the Golden State, I have no patience for slick ads designed to compensate for a lack of substantive policy.

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November 2: A renewed hope for real change

We all have friends that have graduated, have left the workforce, or have been laid off. How many of these friends have actually found a full-time job or career? Most likely, the answer is "not many."

According to the Economic Policy Institute, "the size of the labor force for young adults fell 6.3 percent between December 2007 and January 2010," and "less than half of college graduates under 25 were working at jobs that required a college degree" during the first four months of 2009. Those of us who are juniors, seniors and super seniors can recall how Obamamania swept through our campus only 24 months ago. As the "big day" approaches, I challenge my fellow Cal Poly students to think about how far we have come over the past two years. Barack Obama most effectively appealed to our demographic by promising jobs and prosperity; in other words, "Change."

But really, what has changed?

In this two-year period, our expectations of "change" have withered. It seems as though it's business as usual once again in the White House with one difference—stubborn resistance against the minority party.

The Obama Administration has been an era where one is condemned for being a fiscal conservative and where Chicago-style political tactics reign free. Obama referred to the ever-growing tea party movement as the "oxygen they breathe to stay around" and quietly excluded Republicans from the final discussions of health care reform. Back in June, he offered Senate candidate Andrew Romanoff a job in return for quitting his run for office—Chicago politics at its finest.

At the same time, unemployment still hovers at 9.6 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and our deficit has flown past the trillion-dollar mark. Where are all the new jobs promised by Obama's failed stimulus plan?

Meanwhile, a recent Stanford study showed that California's three largest public pension funds face a budget shortfall of $500 billion, which will ultimately be recovered through cuts in important programs (i.e., schools, parks, health care) and of course, more taxes. Thanks to the lobbyists of greedy unions and the Assembly that succumbed to them, we are in the middle of a nightmare.

Our state government likewise continues to spend money it doesn't have; the budget proposal for the 2010-11 year included methods to fill in a $20 billion deficit (Office of the Governor). The California government has ultimately scared away our potential employers through ridiculous taxes and regulations. As Joe Vranich, a Business Relocation Coach, reports, "For every three new businesses that move into California, a hundred move out" (Cal-Watchdog).

Where do we draw the line? Democrat or Republican, we need to keep our government in check at all levels if we want to be employed upon graduation. Why would we want to re-elect the same individuals that have only worsened our economy and poisoned the job market throughout the past two years?

This Nov. 2, you have the opportunity to stand up against those in power and take your job back. Graduation is just around the corner. Your vote can make the difference between a management position at McDonald's and an actual career after leaving Cal Poly.

Just as we impacted the 2008 elections, we impact this critical midterm election at all levels. This time, let's vote for some real change and bring prosperity back into the picture.

Brendan Pringle is an English junior and former Mustang Daily conservative columnist.

Americans feel political experience not necessary

A new poll suggests that nearly half of American voters would rather be represented in Congress by someone with absolutely no political experience than by someone who's been in office for more than 10 years.

This finding from a survey of 1,000 registered voters by NBC News and The Wall Street Journal shows how far the "throw the bums out" spirit of the "tea party" movement has rippled through the electorate. It's an understandable sentiment, given how little progress Washington has made in lowering unemployment or spurring economic growth.

But what's happened in California over the past decade should serve as a cautionary tale to voters who consider inexperience a prerequisite for the difficult tasks facing lawmakers. It's an understanding that amateurs can be at least as inept at fixing structural failures in government as the veterans they replaced.

That doesn't mean we should reflexively vote for incumbents; instead, it's a reason to question whether incumbency is the real problem.

November 2: A renewed hope for real change

The most prominent political figure in Sacramento for much of this decade has been a governor with no experience in office before his election in 2003. Thanks to term limits, the Legislature's top Democrats and Republicans have frequently been new to their leadership roles as well, forced to learn on the job how to negotiate a $100 billion budget with multibillion-dollar shortfalls. With the state's finances deteriorating rapidly, they adopted a series of gimmick-laden budgets that kept the state running but didn't produce any kind of stability. And this is a model for governing?

In fairness, the fiscal disaster that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders faced would have been daunting for anyone. The budget problems facing the federal government are different but no less difficult, including fast-rising health care costs, burgeoning entitlements and a long-term spending gap that could push the debt to dangerous levels in a decade. And they're complicated by rules that give individual senators extraordinary power to obstruct.

The voters surveyed by NBC and the Journal seemed torn about the value of experience even as they yearned to replace "career politicians" with fresh-faced novices. When asked about their own congressional representatives, 52 percent considered them to be "part of the solutions" to the country's problems, compared with 35 percent who said they were "part of the problems." That's an unusually low level of support for incumbents, raising the likelihood that many won't be returned next year. Here's hoping that the newcomers will be up to the job.

This editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Monday, Oct. 25.
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was within striking distance, trailing only 16-14. At this point, Jackson didn't have many plays under his belt. This was one of the few he had in a real game setting and this one didn't necessarily leave a positive memory. As Jackson headed back to the sideline, he was determined to prove to his teammates he was better than this, he said, "I am going to get one back for you guys," he told them. "We are not losing this game." He was right.

The next drive, Jackson jumped a quick slant, grabbed the interception and took it back 46 yards. With his help, Cal Poly went on to upset the Aztecs, 29-27. "Everybody always has that story in sports where they called out the home run or whatever. I can recall that one," Jackson said. "It was a great feeling. I feel that's when my Cal Poly experience started."

Plays like these over the years have established him as one of the leaders of the Cal Poly defense. With success comes confidence and Jackson is using that confidence to teach his fellow defensive backs to be, just as dominant as he has.

"He has taken over the defensive backs and he kind of established himself as the leader," Mohamed said. "He is a hard-working guy and he is dedicated to what he does."

But at this point, there isn't much more Jackson can accomplish. About the only thing left for the already decorated junior is a national championship — the last thing on his checklist, he said.

"I want to win something big," Jackson said.

When he and his team get there, it may be safe to say Jackson will be one of the first to bring it about.

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but it wasn't even close," Narron said. "His talents are beyond a lot of people's understanding."

After stints in the White Sox and Yankees farm systems in 1974 and 1975, Narron, a former East Carolina player, owned or operated Princeton Manufacturing Co. for about two decades. During those years, he spent time scouting regionally for major league teams and coached youth teams in the Tidewater.

From 1998 to 2000 Narron was coach of Post 132, the now-defunct American Legion baseball team in Smithfield. In 2002, he took a job in player development with the Milwaukee Brewers organization, and that continued from page 20

eighteen catcher Thurman Munson was killed in an airplane crash late in 1979. Eight years earlier, Narron was a member of the Yankees squad chasing a fourth straight World Series bid when starting catcher Thurman Munson was killed in an airplane crash late in the season. New York couldn't recover from the loss of its captain. Seven years ago, Jerry Narron was on the bench as a Red Sox coach when Aaron Boone's walk-off home run lifted the Yankees past Boston in Game 7 of the ALCS.

"Baseball's been so important in our family for nearly a century," John­ny Narron said. "So I'm very thankful for the opportunity to represent our family in the World Series and to give them the chance to be a part of another World Series."
Cornerback Asa Jackson is by no means a quiet player.

"Hungry and humble" is one of the sayings that Jackson lives by — at least that's what he says. On the field, the picture is painted a bit differently.

According to his teammates, Jackson is a player who almost always follows a good play with a bit of smack-talking. Sometimes, he mouths off to quarterback Andre Broadous, warning him if he runs on practice. Barden was one of the most talented players Jackson ever saw, he continually calls "the most talented player I've ever seen."

"After going up against those guys, the games were the easy part," Jackson said. "The receivers that I played in the game weren't nearly as good as those two guys, so going against that kind of competition is a whole different story."

Broadous said, "He knows that he's good and he'll let you know that he's good. We talk a lot of smack to each other in practice."

Whatever Jackson says, it's safe to say he backs up his talk. He was one of two freshmen to start for Cal Poly in 2008. After he racked up 42 tackles, forced three fumbles and nabbed two interceptions, Jackson was named Great West Conference Freshman Player of the Year.

"We are actually really interested in you, is there any way you can come down for a visit?" Jackson said.

Jackson talks trash loud and often. He often warns his teammates to walk on at USC or Georgetown small schools were some of the few offers, Jackson debated trading in his cleats for track shoes. He planned for track, he said.

"It may not be the fastest or the biggest guy out there but when it comes down to it, he plays like it," linebacker Marty Mohan said. "He is a somebody I can trust out there on my defense to make plays for me."

The amount of success Jackson has had in such a short amount of time may seem a bit strange for a guy who didn't even think he was going to play football in college.

In high school, Jackson was a track and field star. He also played quarter­back and rushed for 1,120 yards and passed for 963 more, yet the offers he received from colleges weren't appealing. Just two weeks before national signing day, Sacramento State, UC Davis, Northern Arizona and other small schools were some of the few which showed interest. With just a few offers, Jackson debated trading in his cleats for track shoes. He planned to walk on at USC or Georgetown for track; he said.

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Cornerback Asa Jackson ranks second on the team this season with 42 total tackles and an interception.

THE MATCHUP BETWEEN THESE TWO TEAMS HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS W ITH LARGE CROWDS. EARLIER THIS YEAR, 6,057 WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CAL POLY VS. UCSB MATCH IN SAN BERNARDINO. IN 2008, 11,075 FANS PACKED AXE C. SPANOS STADIUM — THE SEVENTH-LARGEST REGULAR SEASON CROWD IN DIVISION I HISTORY. THIS SEASON, THE MUSTANGS HAVE GONE 1-2-2 IN THEIR LAST FIVE MATCHES, THE MOST RECENT BEING A 2-1 WIN AGAINST UC DAVIS. THE GAUCHOS ARE ROLLING OFF SEVEN WINS IN THEIR LAST EIGHT MATCHES. CHECK MUSTANGDAILY.NET Wednesday night for a full game recap.

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NARRON IS THE SECRET TO JOSH HAMILTON'S SUCCESS

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Johnny Narron has known Raleigh's Josh Hamilton as a youngster and as a major leaguer.

"That play should have been close, it was a perfect relay throw. It was a play that can make such a difference in a game," Narron said.

"I have experienced a lot in baseball. He was a player in college and in the minor leagues. He has managed in the minors and coached North Carolina Triangle-area youth teams.

Narron made the move with him, this time as assistant hitting coach. His No. 1 role, however, remains operating as a central part of Hamilton's support system.

Narron, who met Hamilton at a 9-year-old and coached him at age 14, still finds himself amazed by the player he continually calls "the most talented player I've ever seen."

During Friday night's clinching win over the Yankees, Hamilton scored standing up from first base on a double off the left-field wall even though Yankees center fielder Curtis Granderson had fielded the ball cleanly and made a perfect relay throw. It was a play that largely went unnoticed, but to Narron showed how Hamilton's natural abilities can make such a difference in a game.

"That play should have been close, see Hamilton, page 19"
I find the team just wanted to get home as soon as possible, former offensive guard Ray Scalabbi said. The team was already burdened with one of the worst records in recent years and another loss didn’t remedy the pain.

“No one was feeling well,” Scialabba said. “We were just trying to get to the airport, a blanket of fog set in on the area. It became thicker and thicker as the night drew on and soon enough, it was almost impossible to make out anything from a distance.

Bower certainly couldn’t. “When we got out of the bus, we were maybe 20-15 feet from the aircraft,” Bower said. “And you couldn’t even see the airplane. I just said ‘Where is it?’” Former end Benny Jobe, wanted nothing to do with the plane. He said he didn’t want to leave the airport that night. The conditions were far too bad for an aircraft to fly. He was ready to stay behind and leave in the morning on the train. He didn’t like anything about the potential idea of taking off, he said.

Looking back, “we never should’ve been flying in that kind of weather in that airplane,” Bower said. Planes like that twin-engine C-46 airliner had been used as military transports in World War II, but this one was being used to transport traveling football teams. It had just gotten to Toledo after returning Youngstown-Southern Connecticut College home safely.

Under the foggy conditions, the pilots took approximately two hours to decide whether or not to face the fog and take off. When they did, Jobe joined the team aboard the plane. He said he feared if he didn’t disembark from the team that day, the team would never let him play again.

“I don’t remember exactly what I said,” Jobe said. “It’s about 50 years ago now, but I remember I wasn’t happy about going.” For others, the decision brought a sigh of relief. Anything felt better than staying another minute in that place.

“We were 18, we weren’t pilots or anything like that,” Scialabba said. “We were just kids trying to get home.”

The crash

It wasn’t until a few moments after taking off that Tollner knew something was wrong. “I was sitting right on the left wing and you couldn’t just sell,” Tollner said. “The engine sputtered and then it stopped.” No one knew how high the plane was. The left wing and engine were broken in five places, the right wing and engine were broken in two places. The plane fell from approximately 100 feet in the air.

Bower said he thought it must have been at least 600 feet, then the plane started shaking and vibrating uncontrollably. At that moment, the left engine quit, causing the plane to plunge back toward the airport.

“I knew we were going to go down,” Tollner said. “You just kind of tucked up into a ball and covered your head. The next thing you know, there was a crash.” The plane landed on its nose on the other runway of the airport. The impact was so strong it split the plane in half, from front to back. Upon impact, some players were thrown out of the aircraft and onto the ground surrounding the plane.

“It was chaos,” Tollner said. For more players, it was a blur. Fire, the sounds of people screaming and explosions were just some of the things Tollner could recall. One of the injured players, he gathered he was OK but in shock. Through all the debris and fire, his first instinct was to get up and help someone. The first thing Tollner couldn’t figure out was why he couldn’t move his arm, he said.

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