

## **Airplane Noise**

Pacifica programmer Dan Stegink has developed a nifty way to quickly register an SFO takeoff noise complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration: LoudJet.net. On his site, all you have to do is enter your email address and hit SEND. Your report automatically goes to the Feds for follow-up action with the airport and airline. Coastsiders are increasingly fed up with the loud airplanes flying directly overhead. Part of the problem is the flawed new NextGen flight paths, which are supposed to save fuel for the airlines, but they end up annoying the communities they fly over.

## **Healthy Bird Count**

The annual Audubon bird count in and around Pacifica shows healthy populations of birds, especially in Rockaway Quarry and Calera Creek, according to a story in the San Francisco Examiner.

## **Unfinished Business**

I have been trying for weeks to get an answer out of Caltrans and the City of Pacifica about those unguarded curves on the new Highway 1 bridge over San Pedro Creek. Both southbound and northbound sections of the project have steep drops with no shoulders and no guardrails. It looks like Caltrans just walked away from the job several months ago and never finished doing the commonsense safety features of any state highway and bridge. What I fear is that nothing will happen out there until some speeding car goes flying off the embankment and smashes into an innocent motorist driving on the Pedro Point frontage road. Let's hope it doesn't become another case of "I told you so."

## **The End of Doom**

Feed your need to challenge your politically correct friends, and get your hands on the thought-provoking book “The End of Doom: Environmental Renewal in the Twenty-First Century” by Ronald Bailey. The author’s libertarian/contrarian approach to climate change, overpopulation, disease, and other environmental issues makes for some unsettling reading. We of the green persuasion occasionally need to think outside the box of our own preconceptions, to examine our beliefs and put them to the test. Bailey’s book is good exercise for the mind.

## **Road Trip**

If you enjoy exploring historic roads like Route 66, I have a couple of oldies for you to check out: Natchez Trace Parkway, a 444-mile-long drive between Natchez, Mississippi and Nashville, Tennessee; and the almost-forgotten Old Spanish Trail between California and Florida. As with most good road trips, the best place to start planning is on the Internet and with free road maps from AAA (call the local office in Daly City).

## **Siteseer**

As the 2016 presidential campaign picks up steam, expect to hear more blarney and bombast than ever before, and that’s just from the candidates, the political action committees, and the media. To get it all straightened out, visit FactCheck.org, the truthiest site on the Internet.

## **Swami Sez**

“It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.” (Anonymous; mistakenly attributed to Mark Twain)

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