

Airplane Noise Rocks Pacifica

How do you spell relief? C-O-N-G-R-E-S-S. After months and months of noisy overflights and lots of complaints to SFO, three Bay Area Congressional representatives (Jackie Speier, Anna Eshoo, and Sam Farr) have persuaded the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to rethink the unpopular new NextGen flight pattern, which has turned formerly quiet neighborhoods into Thunder Alley. NextGen was adopted to save time and fuel for the airlines (and the environment), but the Feds forgot to consider lifestyle impact on airport neighbors all across the country. Pacifica was particularly hard-hit as SFO takeoffs flew directly over P-Town with greater frequency. Expect to see and hear some changes soon, as promised by the FAA.

Pop-Up Holiday Store

Scott McKellar says, "Take a spin by the former OK Liquor store in Park Mall. I dare you! You may not believe your eyes. I didn't believe my own! It is wild and seasonal. Worth a visit for wandering and wondering, for sure."

Do You Believe in Magic?

It's hard to believe that people still believe in old wives' tales. Yet research from Queendom reveals that superstitions not only strike fear in people's hearts, they also continue to impact their behavior and decisions. Analyzing data from 14,958 people who took their Paranormal Beliefs Test, Queendom researchers

uncovered the top 10 superstitions: One in four people surveyed believe the old nursery rhyme that stepping on a crack in the sidewalk could result in injury to themselves or their mother, that it is bad luck for a black cat to cross their path, that number 13 is bad luck, that it is bad luck to open an umbrella indoors, and that if they spill salt they should throw a pinch of it over their left shoulder. A third of the people consider breaking a mirror bad luck. Nearly half of the people believe that a curse awaits anyone who disturbs an ancient Egyptian tomb. More than half of the people believe that 7 is a very auspicious number. Half of the people believe that to avoid jinxing themselves, they should refuse to tempt fate by discussing a future event or outcome before it happens. More than half believe that thinking negative thoughts can cause bad things to happen. Dr. Ilona Jerabek, president of PsychTests, Queendom's parent company, says, "Women and younger age groups are more likely to abide by, or show reverence to, superstitions. Our research also reveals that superstitions are inversely correlated with socioeconomic status and academic performance. (But) while superstitious belief steadily decreased as people attained higher levels of education, we noticed a slight but noticeable increase among those who have a Ph.D."

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A Bay Area must-have: GoReady BaseCamp, a new all-in-one emergency kit. See videos and get more information on GoReadyNow.com and YouTube.

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“No man is a hero to his valet.” (Madame de Cornuel, c. 1670)

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