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**San Bruno Media Update**  
**Monday, October 18, 2010**  
**Updated 6:00 a.m.**

**Summary**

California news coverage throughout Sunday and early Monday included information about the political candidates in the upcoming elections, as early voting has already begun. National news coverage chronicled much the same political stories, in that President Obama is traveling the country to garner support for his party for the elections.

Coverage regarding the San Bruno accident included mainly recaps of previous stories, including the Restore San Bruno fund and the independent review panel, as well as a benefit rock concert held this weekend. Media also covered a pipeline plan being developed in Hoboken, New Jersey, mentioning the San Bruno accident.

**Developments to Date**

- A senate hearing is set to take place on Tuesday, October 19.

## **Print Media Coverage**

**9:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, October 17, 2010 to Monday, October 18, 2010**

### **San Francisco Reader**

San Bruno Fire Victims Navigate Insurance Process

By Shaun Bishop

October 17, 2010

PG&E has already pledged a \$100 million recovery fund to cover insurance deductibles and other needs of residents, though how and when it will be distributed is still unclear, Bach said.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/San-Bruno-fire-victims-navigate-insurance-process-105115104.html>

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### **Las Vegas Sun**

Calif. Explosion Investigative Panel Assembled

By Staff

October 17, 2010

California regulators have appointed an independent panel to look into the deadly gas pipeline explosion in a San Francisco suburb.

The California Public Utilities Commission and federal officials already are investigating the Sept. 9 blast that killed eight people in San Bruno.

The five-member panel will focus on any systemic problems within Pacific Gas & Electric Co. that could have contributed to the explosion.

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/oct/17/calif-explosion-investigative-panel-assembled/>

### **Energy Pipeline News**

PG&E Begins Using Cameras to Inspect San Bruno Line That Failed

By Noel Griese

October 17, 2010

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - A new motorized camera system, equipped with tank treads and bright lights, is now monitoring the interior of the pipeline that devastated a San Bruno neighborhood in the San Francisco suburbs.

PG&E Corp. is hoping the specialized video inspection system for pipelines will help it learn more about the natural gas transmission line that exploded killing eight and devastating a neighborhood on Sept. 9.

<http://energypipelinenews.blogspot.com/2010/10/pg-begins-using-cameras-to-inspect-san.html>

### **San Bruno Patch**

Rock Concert Brings Together Community to Benefit Fire Victims

By Alexandra Bezdikian

October 17, 2010

In a monumental clash of rock and realism, Brisbane residents rallied Saturday night to show their solidarity with the victims of the Crestmoor gas explosion and fire and promote awareness about the continued struggle many of the survivors now face.

Jon Torres, nephew of Elizabeth Torres — whom Jon referred to as the matriarch of the Torres family — was one of those faces.

"It's upsetting. It's extremely upsetting," Jon said. "I'm not asking for sympathy or anything like that. I want awareness about what's going on. PG&E set a precedent here with how they are handling this situation. It is unacceptable and more people need to see that."

<http://sanbruno.patch.com/articles/rock-concert-brings-together-community-to-benefit-fire-victims>

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### **NJ.com**

Hoboken Opposes Gas Pipeline Plan, Citing Danger to PATH System

By Katie Colaneri

October 16, 2010

Hoboken has added its voice to the chorus opposed to a proposed natural gas pipeline

that would run through Jersey City to Manhattan.

Mayor Dawn Zimmer formally opposed the plan in a letter dated Oct. 1 to Kimberly Bose, secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The pipeline, she argued, "contains great risks for Hoboken and the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area."

<http://www.nj.com/news/jjournal/hoboken/index.ssf?/base/news-2/128721030555790.xml&coll=3>

### **The Hudson Reporter**

Hoboken Opposition to Spectra Energy Gas Pipeline Growing

By Staff

October 18, 2010

HOBOKEN AND BEYOND – Although the natural gas pipeline proposed by Texas company Spectra Energy to run through Bayonne and Jersey City would skirt the southern border of the Mile Square City, opposition to the plan is growing here, according to a NJ.com report.

In the event of a pipeline disaster, like the one that killed eight people in San Bruno, Calif. last month, Zimmer argued that Hoboken would not be able to sustain the inevitable shutdown of the PATH system under which the line would run.

[http://hudsonreporter.com/view/full\\_stories\\_home/9948933/article--Hoboken-opposition-to-Spectra-Energy-gas-pipeline-growing-?instance=up\\_to\\_the\\_minute\\_lead\\_story\\_left\\_column](http://hudsonreporter.com/view/full_stories_home/9948933/article--Hoboken-opposition-to-Spectra-Energy-gas-pipeline-growing-?instance=up_to_the_minute_lead_story_left_column)

### **KOMU.com**

California Explosion Sparks Questions in Missouri

By Nina Moini

October 4, 2010

COLUMBIA - A recent natural gas pipeline explosion in a San Francisco suburb that killed eight and left dozens of homes damaged gives cause to look into pipeline safety in Missouri. But, finding information about where pipelines are and how they are doing is harder than you would imagine.

It is hard to pay attention to all the markers on the ground. In fact, Public Service

Commission Chairman, Robert Clayton said there is so much underground, from water lines to telephone cables- it is hard to mark it all. "Gas is what we call a critical resource" said Clayton. "People need it to stay warm." Clayton said natural gas is so critical he can't reveal where bigger and high pressure natural gas pipelines are located and the status of the pipe for security reasons.

<http://www.komu.com/KOMU/d7e2017e-80ce-18b5-00fa-0004d8d229cb/630574b0-80ce-18b5-0100-44cb4583bb87.html>

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### **Shore News Today**

Gas Company Allays Concerns about Chance of Explosion

By Steve Prisament

October 14, 2010

ABSECON – It couldn't happen here.

That's what the South Jersey Gas Co. said, and that was the happy message that City Councilman Jim Vizthum brought to the community Thursday, Oct. 7.

"About a month ago an explosion in California set off a fire that swept through a neighborhood, destroying at least 38 homes and damaging dozens more," Vizthum said at council's first meeting in October. "By most accounts, the authorities are blaming a 30-inch gas line that was leaking and eventually caused the explosion."

After doing a little research on his own, Vizthum said he asked City Administrator Terry Dolan to look into how safe Absecon would be from a similar accident.

<http://www.shorennews.com/index.php/pleasantville/pleasantville-general-news/5244-gas-company-allays-concerns-about-chance-of-explosion.html>

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### **The Register-Guard.com**

Gas Pipeline Facing Hurdles

By Winston Ross

October 10, 2010

Opponents quickly appealed Coos County's Sept. 8 approval of a conditional use permit for the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Project's proposed 230-mile line, which means a delay, at least.

And, two days after Coos County's decision, an explosion at a natural gas line in San Bruno, Calif., leveled 50 homes and killed four people. The California pipeline's owner, Pacific Gas and Electric Corp., is one of the partners in the Oregon proposal.

<http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/news/sevendays/25383025-35/pipeline-project-gas-coos-county.csp>

## **NJ.com**

North Bergen Neighbors Fear River Road Project's Proximity to Pipeline

By Karina Arrue

October 6, 2010

If plans are approved, the project would be 20 feet from the pipeline easement. The pipeline is part of a system that moves natural gas from Texas to New York City and is owned by Williams Gas Pipeline.

"The biggest concern of the Galaxy is a project that is safely constructed and (that we) not have an accident like what recently happened in California," Galaxy Towers Condominium Association attorney John Lamb said, referring to the Sept. 9 pipeline explosion in San Bruno, Calif., in which eight people died and many homes were obliterated.

<http://www.nj.com/news/jjournal/northbergen/index.ssf?/base/news-0/1286346349139470.xml&coll=3>

## **Citizens Voice**

Pipeline Owner Has Emergency Plan in Place

By Elizabeth Skrapits

October 8, 2010

The owner of a natural gas pipeline that runs through Luzerne County has emergency plans in place, and unlike in a recent California disaster, local first responders have access to the critical information.

The Associated Press reported emergency plans for natural gas pipelines like the one that exploded in San Bruno, Calif., recently, killing eight people and destroying several homes, are not required to be kept on file with the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

<http://citizensvoice.com/news/pipeline-owner-has-emergency-plan-in-place-1.1045459>

## Broadcast Coverage

NOTE: These video clips are being captured electronically in real time. Cleaner and more accurate start/stop clips can be collected at a later date.

### National Coverage

(None)

### Local Coverage

Clip

KABC-TV (ABC) CH 7, Los Angeles, CA

10/17/2010, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Coverage begins at 1:10

Clip

KRON-TV (My Network TV) CH 4, San Francisco, CA

10/17/2010, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Coverage begins at 1:24