



# ***CULTURE MATTERS***

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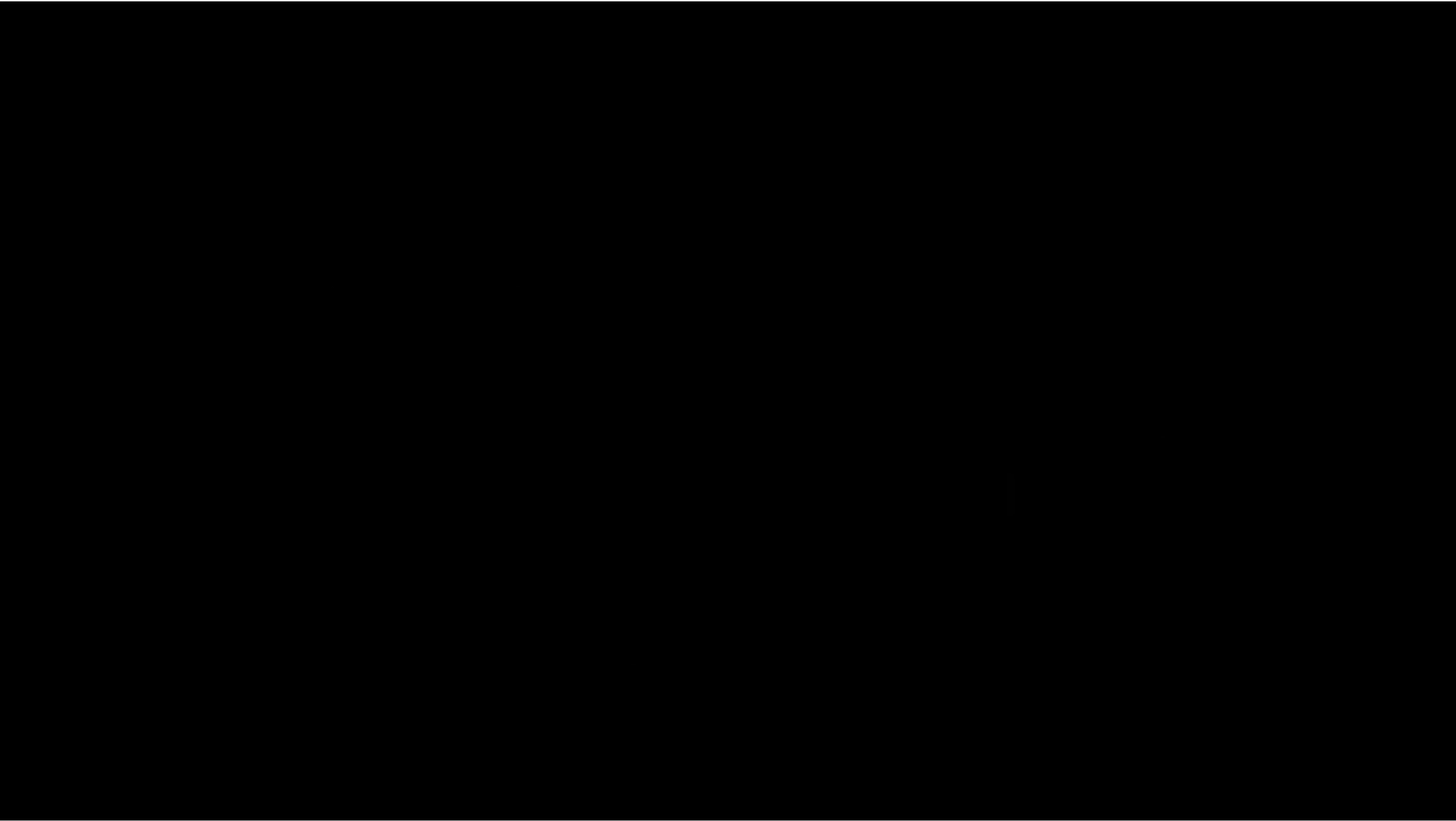
# What Happened



September 9, 2010 was a cool, breezy Thursday evening, and residents in San Bruno, California's Crestmoor neighborhood were arriving home, making dinner, hanging out with families. Suddenly, a fireball soared into the sky at 6:11 pm, instantly transforming the neighborhood into a scene of chaos. A 28 feet long section of a 30-inch gas transmission pipeline, with 386 PSI had ruptured, fueling an explosion that left a 72-foot-long crater, and hurled a 3,000 pound segment of pipeline 100 feet through the air.

San Bruno is west of San Francisco International Airport. The loud roar and shaking initially led residents and first responders to think it was either an earthquake or a jetliner crash. It took nearly an hour to determine it was a gas pipeline explosion. The explosion and resulting shock wave registered as a magnitude 1.1 earthquake at the USGS, and eyewitnesses reported the initial blast "had a wall of fire more than 1,000 feet high".

<https://youtu.be/3bla1kt6kvU>



# The Aftermath



- 38 Homes Destroyed
- 18 Homes Uninhabitable
- 70 Homes Damaged



♥ 8 lives lost: William (17), Greg (50) & Lavonne Bullis (82)  
Jessica Morales (20), Jackie (44) & Janessa Grieg (13)  
Elizabeth Torres (81)

♥ 58 injured