

SEISMO-WATCH

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Seismicity was slightly reduced this week with 26 events registering greater than 1.0. The strongest earthquake measured a modest 2.5 and occurred last Thursday about 12 miles northwest of Parkfield. This quake was centered in nearly the same location as a 3.9 event last October 26 and last weeks 3.5. The Parkfield segment of the San Andreas Fault Zone is an area where geologists have predicted a major earthquake to occur.

■ Minor activity was recorded along the central portion of the San Andreas Fault Zone. A small 1.9 tremor was recorded east of Bitterwater and a couple 1.0's and 2.0's were measured between San Benito and Bitterwater. Another 2.0 occurred a few miles south of Paicines.

■ The northern San Andreas and southern Calaveras Fault Zones were relatively quiet. A 2.0 quake was recorded with two minor events west of San Juan Bautista, three small quakes occurred in the Santa Cruz Mountains and a weak tremor was measured east of Watsonville.

■ Minor activity occurred near San Luis Reservoir, near Tres Pinos and a few miles north of Cholame.

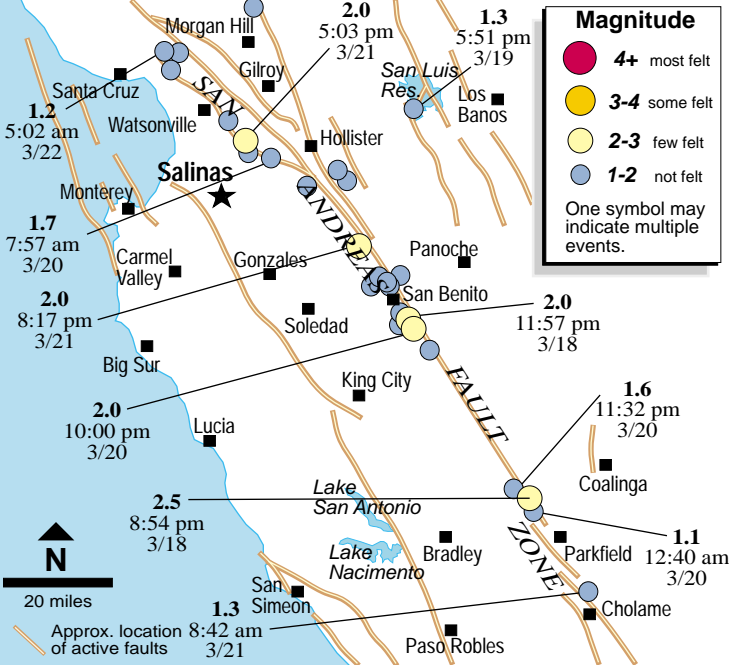
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Magnitude

- **4+** most felt
- **3-4** some felt
- **2-3** few felt
- **1-2** not felt

One symbol may indicate multiple events.



Source: U.S. Geological Survey