

# Seismo-Watch

## Central California Earthquake Report

May 9 - 15, 2002

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course way from glass windows.

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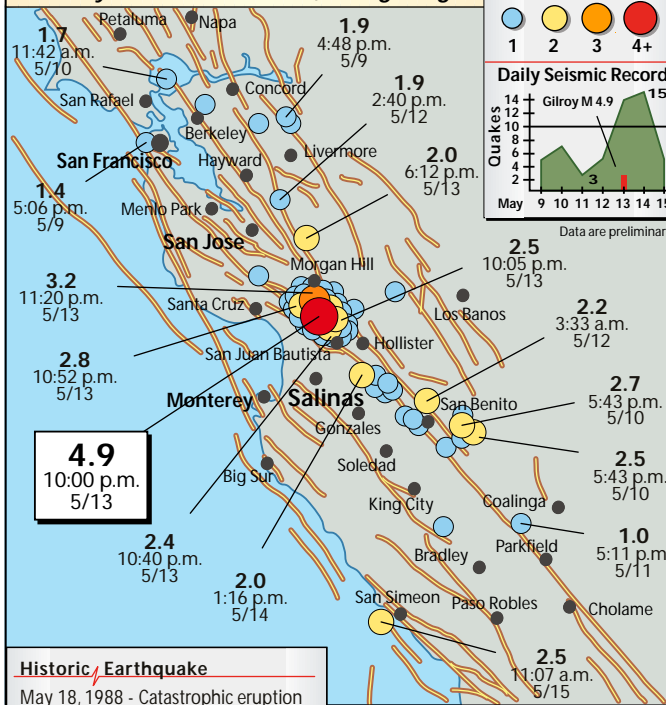
Feel an earthquake? Look, listen and sense the event, then..

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Magnitude M $\geq$ 1	1	2	3+	Total
<b>This Week</b>	43	9	2	54
Previous week	41	6	4	51

▼ It was at 10:00 p.m. on Monday night, May 13, when a M 4.9 earthquake rocked a large area of Central California. (It was originally reported at M 5.2, but later revised downward). The quake occurred three miles southwest of Gilroy in the southern Santa Cruz Mountains, in the upper Pots Creek drainage. It was centered along the Castro fault, a little known fault splay of the Sargent fault zone, which is located between the larger San Andreas Fault to the west and the Calaveras fault to the east. The type of fault motion was strike-slip (sideways movement). The quake shook the epicentral region hard, sending light objects crashing to the floor, cracking walls and breaking some windows. Seismic waves were felt as far away as Sonoma, Merced and San Luis Obispo Counties. Two major professional sporting arenas, Pacific Bell Park and Compaq Center, were hosting games at the time and instantly notified the nation of the earthquake. Fortunately, no injuries were reported and no structural failures occurred. 26 aftershocks were recorded (largest M 3.2).

## Historic Earthquake

May 18, 1988 - Catastrophic eruption Mt. St. Helens **M5.1** Earthquake

Source: U.C. Berkeley, USGS.

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## Weekly seismic record

