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✓ On Sunday — in observances from the Golden Gate to San Benito County - many of the millions who came through the terrible 15 seconds known as the Loma Prieta earthquake will take time to remember those who lost their lives and the hundreds more whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

Many of those observances will happen in churches or other houses of worship, with ministers asking their congregations to pause to remember the pain, and to be thankful for their survival.

Other gatherings will be more secular, but no less solemn. And mixed with those memories of devastation will be the joy of living.

Some of the more notable events:

■ In the Santa Cruz Mountains hamlet of Redwood Estates, some of the 1,200 residents are expected to gather for the celebration and dedication of a new community center, built to replace the one condemned after the 1989 temblor. It has taken nearly a decade to fin-

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"We thought the timing apropos for a dedication," said Barbara Salazar, a manager of the Redwood Estates Water Co.

■ Santa Cruz marks the anniversary with a "Remembrance and Renaissance" program from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of Art and History at the McPherson Center and Abbotts Square, where poet Mor-

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ton Marcus, the city's artist of the year, will perform readings. A moment of silence will be observed at 5:04 p.m..

■ Hollister's Dunne Park will be the scene of an all-day "Loma

Prieta Anniversary Party," beginning at 10 a.m. The event, sponsored by the Red Cross and other emergency response agencies, will offer information on safety and earthquake preparedness.

Dunne Park was in the heart of Hollister's damage area. Event spokeswoman Joan Sattler likened

the day's activities to an "earthquake resource fair." There also will be games, hot dogs and soda and a pie-eating contest. Admission is free.

■ Public commemoration of the deadly tremor also is scheduled to be held on San Francisco's Marina Green from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with ap-

pearances by many of the survivors. The program will include entertainment as well as speeches by local officials and Mayor Willie Brown.

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