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## Mobile homes

## escaped damage

### *But the parrot was shaking*

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Mobile-home park residents in Watsonville, awakened this morning by the unmistakable sound of rattling metal, rode out the series of earthquakes without much damage to their homes.

But, many of them said, their nerves were shot.

As one jolt followed another, they, like many other Watsonville residents, gathered in clusters outdoors. Many of them moved their cars out from under carports and sat on them.

"They're *mobile homes* - they will move," Glen Burnett, manager of Green Valley Mobile Village on Green Valley Road in Watsonville, said. Burnett and his children, parents and in-laws were waiting outside. Burnett's pet parrot was gripping Burnett's finger with his claws and was visibly shaking.

Burnett's father, Grover Burnett, said his coach was fine, and he was relieved that the state had recently required him to put on extra braces. During the Oct. 17 quake, he said, the whole thing "came down and went sideways."

Larry Lenz, 13, was visiting his friend Ignacio Heredia, 14, who lives in the park, and the two were out surveying the situation on their bicycles this morning. Lenz said his family lost their home in the Oct. 17 quake, and he bolted up so suddenly this morning that his friend had to calm him down.

A few coaches down, Leonard Rocha was standing with about a dozen family members of all

ages. Rocha said the family was scared to go back inside their home.

"The other time (Oct. 17), a lot of the mobile homes went," he said.

In the Portola Heights park on Freedom Boulevard, manager Wayne Phillips said there was no visible damage to structures.

"There's got to be some damage that hasn't surfaced yet," he said.

Sirens wailed every few minutes from a nearby paramedics station on Freedom Boulevard. Many of the residents were out on morning walks around the park, stopping to talk with neighbors.

Lorna Kimmel said she had just finished putting up a big clock and pictures on the wall again when this morning's shakers knocked them down.

"My husband has a golf trophy that fell down last time," she said, "and this time it broke. I guess that's the end of that."

But, she said, a plate that made it through the 1906 earthquake and the Oct. 17 earthquake fell this morning, but didn't break.

Police Officer Brad Chagnon, who was driving around Portola Heights, said the police were checking all the mobile-home parks this morning, mostly just calming people down.

"Everybody's a little shaken up," he said, "but it's not at all like the big one. They're still asking us how many more there are going to be, and where they should go."