

# Temblor Strikes 3-8-71 SC Area

A dish-rattler type of mild earthquake hit the Monterey Bay area this morning at 10:32.

The University of California earthquake center at Berkeley said the quake had a magnitude of 3.5 on the Richter scale, which is considered below of the level of any substantial damage.

The earth apparently heaved in the center of Monterey Bay, about 15 miles southwest of Santa Cruz, according to UC calculations of the epicenter.

An extension of the San Andreas fault is suspected to run into the bay area.

The 'quake lasted for several seconds. Neither Santa Cruz police nor the sheriff's office received any reports of damage.

David Sterkin of 519 Branciforte Drive reported he may have found an earthquake prediction device in the form of his kittens. "About 10 minutes before this hit, my kittens got very upset. They wouldn't eat, play, nothing. They just sat expectantly, and when the thing hit, they scooted." He said he may watch his cats more closely in the future.

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