

Historic properties meet disastrous end

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Nine historic properties scattered throughout the county are set to be removed from the county Historic Resources Inventory next month — with nary a word of protest.

The Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 already settled any possible argument. The buildings are gone.

They were among the 531 single family homes in the county destroyed by the quake, said Joan Brady, county planner.

None were ranked as nationally significant, but instead were listed among the several hundred proper-

ties considered "locally significant," said Brady.

Nonetheless, removal of the sites from among the historic listing must go through proper bureaucratic channels.

The Historic Resources Commission, an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors, has approved delisting the properties. So has the county Planning Commission.

On May 12, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on their removal, and if no one appeals their decision, their historic status will be erased.

The historic zoning status that accompanies the properties, and which can lead to problems in rebuilding, will be removed, too, said Brady.

The properties are:

- Laurel School, Schultheis Road, Summit area.
- Burrell House, Summit Road.
- Villa Bergstadt, Mt. Bache Road, Summit area.
- Darius Day Home, Day Valley Road, Aptos. A replica of the historic structure has been built on the site.
- A Gothic Revival home at 2929 S. Center St. in Soquel.
- Cottage at 2013 Freedom Blvd Watsonville.
- Black Twig Apple Farm, Holohan Road, Watsonville.
- Historic buildings at St. Francis School, East Lake, Watsonville.
- Oakdale School, Cox Road, Aptos Hills.