



## Earthquake Rattles La Habra and Nearby Locations

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Southern California residents experienced an unexpected 10-second jolt on the night of March 28 when a magnitude-5.1 earthquake, one of the strongest earthquakes to occur in the Los Angeles region since 2008, struck near the city of La Habra.

More than 100 aftershocks ensued; the largest aftershocks' magnitudes ranged from 2.7 to 3.6, according to the U.S. Geographical Survey.

Though no deaths were reported, property damage, power outages and minor injuries resulted, according to the Associated Press. As stated by the Washington Post, Fullerton officials evacuated 83 residents due to foundation problems in their apartment units. In addition, a water-main break flooded Brea City Hall, which was also damaged by the quake.

The recent earthquake scares have led individuals to question when "the big one" will occur and how prepared the public is.

"On a city and state level, our construction standards aren't as stringent as the ones in earthquake-prone countries. We don't have the infrastructure to support recovery after a larger earthquake," senior Sean Cho said.

Furthermore, a recent seismology study conducted by scientists from Stanford and MIT revealed that if a large earthquake occurs at the San Andreas Fault, the seismic waves will travel through 60 miles of land and eventually hit the Los Angeles Basin. According to this study, downtown L.A. will experience three times the movement from the potential earthquake than that of surrounding areas.

"[Due to] the wave-guide and basin effects that funnel waves from the San Andreas Fault into the Los Angeles Basin where the waves are trapped and amplified [...], the threat posed by earthquakes to Los Angeles is higher than it would be otherwise because those earthquakes will shake Los Angeles more strongly," lead professor of the study Greg Beroza said, according to L.A. Weekly.

While there is no definitive way to predict when an earthquake will occur, preparation for the event is still within citizens' control.

"[The earthquake was] just another subtle reminder that we should keep safe. It's best to practice with your family the procedure to take in case an earthquake hits," Red Cross member Phillip Tang said. "If your family doesn't know what to do, it should be your job to teach them."

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## ACA Club Hosts Relay for Life Event to Spread Cancer Awareness

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The Alhambra Cancer Awareness (ACA) Club is a new special interest club that strives to fight against cancer. The club, which was established this school year, raises

awareness about cancer and what the community can do to assist the fight.

"Understanding [cancer's] nature and how to find resources allows us to build a strong local community united in the fight against cancer," ACA president Kristie Sham said.

In addition, ACA host events, such as the Mini Relay for Life, to inform others about cancer, celebrate the survivors and honor the ones who have fought or are still fighting

"Hosting the Mini Relay [allowed] our club to help fundraise for the Relay For Life, an event hosted by the American Cancer Society. It is also a large informational event because ACA wants to inform and encourage young individuals to volunteer

club here at AHS. Our goal is to inform students about the work of the American Cancer Society, share information about cancer in a fun way, and encouraging students to attend the Relay in May," Sham said.

The Alhambra Relay for Life is an annual 24-hour event held in Alhambra Park and will be on May 31. Participants

fundraise and are sponsored to walk laps; their efforts go toward cancer resources, research and awareness.

According to the Relay for Life organization, "Each [...] event is special to its community, but the movement's true power lies in the combined commitment of thousands of participants, volunteers and supporters to help the American Cancer Society save lives from cancer."

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The Mini Relay for Life was a way for ACA to prepare for the real relay and to spread awareness about cancer for a few hours. ACA provided games, entertainment, prizes and information about cancer research. The event took place at AHS' Big Gym on April 7 at 12 p.m.

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