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Earthquake site online at Berkeley

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BERKELEY — If you live within the danger zone posed by the Hayward fault and wonder how this ever-threatening rift in the earth's surface is doing, the answer is as close as the nearest Internet connection.

Since the anniversary last April of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, a University of California, Berkeley, seismograph located on the Hayward fault has been online on the World Wide Web. So far, hundreds of thousands of individuals from around the world have logged on.

Don't expect a blah and boring picture of a needle scratching its way across a constantly moving roll of paper. This site, called "Memento Mori" has some serious weirdness.

"Memento mori" is Latin for "remember that you must die." In art history, it was a style of painting popular in 16th century Europe. Such paintings always included skulls, or other grim reminders of human mortality, pictured in lush, fertile scenes or with young maidens.

"Memento mori" was a reminder to the nobility that we're all going to end up in the earth. It was a war against vanity." The motif fit so nicely that a prestigious, juried, avant-garde art show in Tokyo has selected Memento Mori in a worldwide competition as one of 10 installations to be presented there at the ICC Binale Exhibit 1999 next October.

Memento Mori can be found at www.memento.ieor.berkeley.edu. For information about the fault go to: www.seismo.berkeley.edu/seismo/hayward

The site includes detailed maps showing the location of the fault.