SCORES OF AFTERSHOCKS CONTINUE DAILY IN PARKFIELD AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS. THE U.S.G.S. SAYS THE LAST EARTHQUAKE (AT A MAGNITUDE OF 5.0), TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY CLOSE TO NOON. THEY SAY AFTERSHOCKS ARE MOST COMMON IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MAINSHOCK, AND THEIR AVERAGE NUMBER PER DAY DECREASES RAPIDLY AS TIME PASSES. MANY OF THE AFTERSHOCKS WERE OF A MAGNITUDE OF 3.0 AND HIGHER. MOST OCCURE IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER THE MAINSHOCK, BUT MAY BE FELT WEEKS, MONTHS, OR EVEN YEARS AFTERWARDS. SCIENTISTS SAY IN GENERAL, THE LARGER THE MAINSHOCK, THE LONGER ITS AFTERSHOCKS WILL BE FELT.