

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid landscape, likely the San Andreas fault valley. The terrain is characterized by deep, winding canyons and ridges, creating a complex, textured pattern of brown and tan earth. A prominent, dark, jagged line representing a seismic waveform is overlaid on the lower portion of the image, extending horizontally across the width of the page. The waveform shows several sharp, vertical peaks and troughs, indicating seismic activity. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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Seen here, some 160 miles north of Los Angeles as a vertical scar-like valley, the San Andreas fault runs nearly the length of California and is responsible for major earthquakes.

