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Two Campus CETI Forums Scheduled

Anticipating a possible deal announcement on the Cal State system's proposed CETI technology partnership, Cal State Northridge President Blenda J. Wilson has scheduled two campus forums to solicit feedback on the much-debated $300 million venture.

Top Cal State officials were supposed to be briefing campus presidents and technology team members on Monday and Tuesday, April 13-14, on the latest developments, prior to any public announcement. CSU officials have been striving to bring the item to the CSU trustees meeting in mid-May.

If a proposed deal is struck soon between the CSU and up to four partners in the California Education Technology Initiative, CSUN would hold forums in the Speech and Drama building's Campus Theatre on Monday, April 20, from 1-2:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 21, from 9:30-11 a.m.

As previously proposed, the CSU's corporate partners--GTE Corp., Fujitsu Limited, Hughes Electronics and Microsoft Corp.--would finance a $300 million buildout of the system's technology infrastructure in exchange for various CSU financial and technology marketing commitments.

If a proposed deal is struck, CSU campuses will be asked for feedback on how the partnership could be improved, suggestions for its specific implementation, remaining concerns about the terms of any agreement and campus actions to ensure the success of the venture.

Earlier this month, however, CSU Academic Senate Chair Jim Highsmith wrote CSU Chancellor Charles Reed expressing "deep concern" about delays in the release of deal documents making it impossible for the statewide senate to receive feedback from campus senates in time for its May 5-7 meeting.

Foreign Born Population Reaches 25.8 Million

Nearly one in ten United States residents (25.8 million) was foreign-born and almost one in three of the foreign-born was a naturalized citizen here in 1997, according to a new report by the U.S. Census Bureau.

"The biggest influx of foreign-born was from the Americas Central and South America and the Caribbean," said Dianne Schmidley, author of the report. "About 7 million people--or one in four of the total foreign-born population in the United States in 1997--were born in Mexico."

Among the report's findings:
Five states had a larger percentage of foreign-born population than the share for the U.S. as a whole (9.7 percent): California (24.9 percent); New York (19.6 percent); Florida (16.4 percent); New Jersey (15.4 percent) and Texas (11.3 percent).

- One of every two foreign-born residents was a native of Central America, South America or the Caribbean (13.1 million). One in four was born in Asia, and about one of five originated in Europe. About two-thirds of all the foreign-born were not citizens.
- About one in four of the foreign-born population age 25 and above had completed four or more years of college, the same rate as the native-born. But 34.7 percent of the foreign-born had not completed high school, while the share for native-born was about 16 percent.
- About 8.4 percent of foreign-born non-citizens in the labor force were unemployed in 1997, compared to 4.3 percent of foreign-born citizens and 5.4 percent of the native-born. Those receiving public assistance varied from 3.3 percent for the native-born to 4.9 percent for the foreign-born.

CSUN Receives Award for Charity Campaign

Cal State Northridge was honored with an agency achievement award for the largest year-to-year percentage increase in contributions to the 1997-98 United California State Employees Campaign benefiting United Way and many other community organizations.

CSUN Director of Academic Resources Spero Bowman accepted the awards trophy on behalf of Provost Louanne Kennedy, who led the campus' effort, at a March 31 ceremony. The trophy, depicting a California bear, is on display in CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson's office.

Total donations from CSUN increased 37 percent for the latest campaign to $28,380, up from $20,693 the prior year. CSUN employee participation rose 91 percent, with 216 people participating this year compared to 113 the year before. CSUN topped the list of five state agencies receiving awards.

Goldwhite Named CSU Faculty Trustee

Gov. Pete Wilson announced the appointment of Harold Goldwhite, a chemistry professor at Cal State Los Angeles, as the faculty representative on the Cal State University's Board of Trustees effective immediately.

Goldwhite, 66, of South Pasadena, is currently serving as faculty director of the CSU's Institute for Teaching and Learning. He joined the faculty in 1962 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1964 and professor in 1967.

A Democrat, he has been active in academic governance and community and professional organizations. He was chair of his academic department from 1971-1977 and 1992-1993. He also served as chair of CSLA's Academic Senate from 1989-1991.

In addition, Goldwhite served on the CSU's Academic Senate as chair of its Academic Affairs Committee, a member of the Executive Committee and chair of the Senate from 1993 to 1995. He also was a board member with the California Faculty Assn. from 1979-1983.

Goldwhite was born in England and received his bachelor of arts degree and Ph.D. in chemistry from Cambridge University. He was named CSLA's outstanding professor in 1967 and a system outstanding professor in 1978. The trustees appointment does not require confirmation.
FYI

For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, events, deadlines and classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for the April 27 issue is Mon., April 20.

We will strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the two-week period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis. Please submit items by emailing them to pubinfo@exec.csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4937.

Note: fmi – means for more information.

Public Meetings

Committee on Extended Learning

Meets 3:15 p.m. Wed., April 15, in the College of Extended Learning’s executive conference room.

Faculty Senate

Meets 2 p.m. Thu., April 16, in the Engineering Auditorium.

Presidential Advisory Board on Equity and Diversity

Meets 2-3:30 p.m. Fri., April 17, in the Building S conference room.

USU Board of Directors

Meets 5:30 p.m. Mon., April 20, in the Satellite Student Union Pieza de Celis Room.

Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2:15-4 p.m. Wed., April 22, in Education Building 1214-1216.

CSUN Alumni Assn.
Annual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thu., May 21, in the University Club, Lambs Lounge.
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Notices

Department Name Changes

Name changes for two academic departments have been approved by CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson. The department of foreign languages and literatures has been changed to the department of modern and classical languages and literatures. The department of speech communication has been changed to the department of communication studies. The changes also were approved by Provost Louanne Kennedy and the Educational Policies Committee.

Free Tax Services

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is offering free tax services through April 15 for anyone earning less than $40,000-a-year. Taxpayers should bring the tax booklet they receive in the mail, W-2 forms, interest and dividend statements, receipts and other records for deductions, a voided check for electronic filing and a copy of last year's tax returns. Special accommodations will be made for senior citizens, non-English speaking and handicapped individuals. The VITA program is available at 18 locations, with afternoon and evening hours.

fmi-Kapil Jain, (818) 709-6430.

Directory Recycling

The 1998 CSUN telephone directories are being distributed. The 1997 directories can be recycled and picked up by campus mail (no envelope required) through April 30.

fmi-Cyndi Signett, x2477.

Poets Competition

Comprehensive examinations for master's degree candidates in The English department is now accepting submissions for the 1998 Academy of American Poets competition. A $100 prize will be awarded to the CSUN student whose poem or group of poems is selected. The winner will be announced in June. Submission guidelines are available from the English department in Sierra Tower room 706.

fmi-x3431.

Susan Curzon Review

Susan Curzon, vice provost for information and technology resources and dean of the University Library, is undergoing a five-year administrative review. Anyone wishing to participate in the review process may obtain a questionnaire from the Office of Faculty Affairs, x7586.

Summer Session Registration

The College of Extended Learning sponsors the summer session program at the Northridge and Ventura campuses, with hundreds of credit classes offered in three separate sessions beginning Mon., June 1. Mail-in registration is now underway. Other summer programs offered are certificate programs, test preparation classes and the master of public administration program. Catalogs are available at the College of Extended Learning office, Bookstore Complex room 100, at the main entrance of the bookstore.

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Jewish Religious Holidays

Provost Louanne Kennedy asks that faculty and staff be sensitive to students' religious obligations when scheduling course deadlines and activities during the Jewish Passover holiday, which began April 11. Special observances will occur on the last two days of Passover on Fri. and Sat., April 17-18. Campus policy permits eligible students to reschedule tests without penalty.

History Exams

The two-part comprehensive exam for the master's program in history is scheduled Fri., April 17, for degree candidates' first area of study, and Fri., April 24, for the second area of study. To take the exam, students who complete all other program requirements must be enrolled in History 697 during the semester they take the exam and can be enrolled in the class only once. For master's candidates who choose the thesis option, the area or special focus proficiency exam will be given Fri., April 17. Students should arrange the oral exam for the thesis with their three-person thesis committee.

Volunteers Needed

The Career Center needs volunteers for the following events:

- First Annual Volunteer Festival, sponsored by the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, to explore volunteer opportunities in the community, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., April 18, in the University Student Union's main quad area.
- An All-Star Salute to Administrative Assistants at the Arthritis Foundation from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed., April 22, at the Warner Center Marriott Hotel. Volunteer hosts need to arrive by 11 a.m. dressed in 1950s clothes.
- EarthFair, Thu., April 23, in the USU Court of Community, needs volunteers in the environmental sector.
- AIDS Dance-a-Thon fund-raising event benefiting AIDS Project Los Angeles at Universal Studios with celebrities on Sat., April 25. Entrance fee is $100 of pledge donations. Call for registration forms. Individuals who volunteer will be admitted free.
- WalkAmerica, sponsored by the March of Dimes, needs walkers and volunteers to help raise money for research on birth defects, community services and prenatal education efforts. Registration will be 7 a.m. and a kickoff at 8 a.m. on Sat., April 25, at Balboa Park in Encino. fmi or to register, Trisha Fair, x3260, or Tracy Torgeson, x2871.

Night Safety Walk

The Public Safety Advisory Board will conduct a night safety walk on campus at 7 p.m. Wed., April 22, starting at the University Park Apartments, building 14, south parking lot. The purpose is to identify potential hazards and recommend improvements for preventing accidents and injuries. The walk takes one hour. Volunteers are needed.

Academic Regalia Rental

Order forms for renting caps and gowns for the 1998 Honors Convocation, May 26, and/or for graduation ceremonies May 28-30, are available by calling the Matador Bookstore at x3624 or x2908. Be sure to order early. Regalia is shipped from the East Coast. Late orders will result in additional fees due to added shipping charges. Department secretaries have forms for those who have not received one. Pick-up dates are May 20-25.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The campus extends its sympathy to Carolyn Barbian (Kinesiology) and her family on the loss of her father.

Friends of Grace Olson, a former CSUN employee, will be planting a tree on campus in her memory. Those wishing to contribute should send checks, payable to "CSUN Foundation," to Rayetta Esquibel, mail drop 8242, by Fri., May 15. (Please write "Grace Olson Tree Memorial" on the memo line).

Events

Brown Bag Film Series

The Marilyn Magaram Center will show the films "Phytochemicals" and "Vegetarian Facts and Myths," from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Tue., April 14, and from noon-1 p.m. Wed., April 15, in Science trailers room 524.

Geological Sciences Lecture

The geological sciences department and the Geology Club will sponsor a lecture entitled "Mammoth Hunting on Southern California's Channel Islands," featuring Larry Agenbroad of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, at noon Wed., April 15, in Science 2, room 2132.

Kenneth Devol Memorial

The Cal State Northridge journalism department will honor the late Kenneth Devol, chair of the department from 1969-81, during a memorial reception and program from 5-8 p.m. Fri., April 17, at the University Club. The evening's theme is "Celebration of a Life: The Teaching and Scholarship of Kenneth Devol." Devol was a CSUN journalism faculty member for 30 years. Donations to a memorial scholarship fund established in his honor can be made by check payable to the CSUN journalism department.

Empowering Relationships

The California Assn. of Marriage and Family Therapists and CSUN's Center in Educational Psychology will sponsor a workshop, "Secrets of Success: Discover the Path to Better Relationships," from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. April 18, in the Business Education complex. The event will consist of various workshops and speakers. Registration is $20 for students and $35 for non-students. Participants will receive a free breakfast and a boxed lunch.

DIG LA Field Trips

DIG LA (Discover, Inquire and Grow in Los Angeles), sponsored by Student Development and International Programs, will host field trips to the Chumash Interpretive Center, Getty Center, Museum of Television and Radio and the Deaf West Theatre. The trips are open to students, faculty and staff, and are scheduled as follows:

- Chumash Interpretive Center, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sat., April 18. A $10 fee includes transportation, tour/program and lunch. Featured will be folklore story-telling, live wildlife presentation, a guided three-mile walk through the preserve and an optional visit to sacred caves.
- The Getty Center, 3-7 p.m. Thu., April 23, and Fri., April 24. A $5 fee includes transportation and guided tour. A
few spaces are available for either day.

- Museum of Television and Radio, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sat., April 25. A $5 fee includes transportation and admission. Featured will be a presentation on popular culture and its effects on society.
- Deaf West Theatre, 1-5 p.m. Sun., April 26, A $10 fee includes transportation, the play "Romeo and Juliet" and a post-performance discussion.

Meet at the University Student Union, Office of Student Development, for all departures.

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**USU's 20th Anniversary**

Various events are scheduled the week of Mon., April 20, through Sun., April 26, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the University Student Union. The schedule is as follows: Mon., April 20

- Kick-off and opening remarks by President Blenda J. Wilson, followed by a barbecue and live music, noon, Court of Community.
- Springfest Crafts Faire, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sierra Quad.
- Hypnotist presentation, 8 p.m., Satellite Student Union Shoshone Room. Tue., April 21
- Billiard tournament, noon-3 p.m., USU game room.
- Table tennis tournament, 7-10 p.m., SSU game room. Wed., April 22
- Extended noon-time concert with Power 106 radio station and Tower Records, Court of Community. Thu., April 23
- Earth Day festivities, including the fifth annual Can Sculpture Contest and the CSUN EarthFair, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Court of Community.
- Third annual "Bad Boys of Comedy" show, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Fri., April 24
- Moscow Chamber Orchestra concert, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Sat., April 25
- "The Mex Files" by POCHO productions, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Sun., April 26
- Music and dance by Adam Rudolph's Moving Pictures, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center.

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**Campus Budget Forums**

The University Budget Advisory Board will hold university-wide budget forums from 11 a.m.-noon and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thu., April 23, in the Performing Arts Center.

**Work-Study Program Meeting**

All departments planning to participate in the Work-Study Program during the 1998/99 academic year must send a representative to the annual Work-Study Program meeting from 3:30-5 p.m. Thu., April 23, in the Business Lecture Hall. Important changes and program requirements will be introduced and discussed. Departments not represented may not be able to participate in the program for the next academic year.

fmi-Josie Carbajal, x3875.

**Hazmobile Collection**

The University Recycling Program, sponsored by Associated Students and CSUN, will host the city of Los Angeles Hazmobile Collection Program on Thu., Fri. and Sat., April 23-25. The hazmobile will be located in Parking Lot T3 near the corner of Lindley Avenue and Lemarsh Street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. This is a drive-through collection of household hazardous waste; reservations are recommended but not required. Call 1-800-98-TOXIC (1-800-988-6942) Monday to Friday to make a reservation.

A two-hour block, 7-9 a.m., has been reserved on Thursday and Friday just for CSUN faculty, staff and students to
deliver products prior to opening for the public. CSUN identification required. Household hazardous waste includes paint, motor oil, pesticides, cleaners and other household chemicals labeled toxic, corrosive, flammable, irritant or poison.

fmi-Cyndi Signett, x2477.

Retirement Reception

Louanne Kennedy, provost and vice president for academic affairs, invites the university community to join her for a celebration marking the retirement of Don Cameron after many years of service at 4 p.m. Thu., April 23, in the University Club. Cameron is the former associate vice president for faculty affairs who has been serving as special assistant to the provost.

Technology Roundtable

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) will host a TLT roundtable from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Fri., April 24, in the Learning Resource Center Computer Lab, Engineering Field 666B. The topic will be "Envisioning Future Technological Innovations at CSUN." Faculty and staff are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Portfolio Review

The Student Advertising Graphics Assn. (SAGA) will present a portfolio review on Fri., April 24, in room 103 of the Art Design Center. The event will begin with an 11 a.m.-noon reception followed by the portfolio review. Professional graphic designers will critique graphic design majors' portfolios. Graphic design majors should sign up for an appointment for the critique in the graphics lab.

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5K Jog/Walk-A-Thon

The Educational Opportunity Program will host its first annual 5K Jog/Walk-a-Thon at 8 a.m. Sat., April 25, in the Sierra Quad. Funds raised will benefit low-income, first-generation and environmentally disadvantaged CSUN students. For a registration form call x4151.

Cinco de Mayo Concert

Cal State Northridge will observe Cinco de Mayo with a noon concert Wed., April 29, in the USU Court of Community. Featured performers will include Beatrice Montez and Tierra. A larger event, previously scheduled for May 2 at the North Campus stadium, has been canceled.

fmi-(818) 505-1361.

Meet the Judges Forum

The political science department will sponsor "Cross-Examine the Judges Night" from 7-9 p.m. Wed., April 29, in the University Student Union Grand Salon. A panel of Los Angeles County Superior Court judges from the Van Nuys and San Fernando courts will answer the public's questions about how the courts work.

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Medical Imaging Lecture

Bettyann Holtzmann Kevles of the UCLA Center for the Study of the Evolution of Life and the Art Center College of Design will present the next Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program Lecture from 4-5:30 p.m. Wed., April 29, in the University Student Union's Grand Salon. Her topic will be "Bullets and Bones, Psychics and Psychiatrists: Medical
Northwest Family Fiesta

CSUN will co-sponsor "Northwest Family Fiesta," a Cinco de Mayo celebration, with the Northridge and Chatsworth chambers of commerce and the Valley Cultural Center, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., May 3, at the Chatsworth Train Depot (old depot plaza road). There will be food, entertainment, children's hands-on art activities, arts and crafts exhibits and demonstrations, pony rides, children's dance performances and more. Entertainers will include Infantil Aguila Azteca Mariachis, Mariachi Sol Azteca, Mariachi Fiesta Mexicana, San Fernando Gardens Folklorico and the U.S. Navy Mariachi Band. Booths are available and volunteers are needed. Admission is free.

fmi-(818) 341-2428.

Tax Shelter Annuity

The Office of Human Resource Services will sponsor a tax shelter annuity presentation and tax law changes seminar featuring Ben Maltese, a certified financial planner representing MetLife Resources. Maltese will explain recent changes to the tax law and tax shelter annuities from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wed., April 15, in the College of Business Administration and Economics, room 1107.

fmi-Jean Gearing, x3810.

Clubs and Organizations Awards

The 1997-1998 Clubs and Organizations Awards Ceremony will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wed., May 6, in the University Student Union's Grand Salon. Awards application packets are available in the Office of Student Development and International Programs. All chartered clubs and organizations are encouraged to apply. Deadline to submit awards application packets is 5 p.m. Wed., April 15. No applications will be accepted after that time.

fmi-Kelly Kuchenbrod, x2393.

Can Sculpture Contest

Associated Students and the University Recycling Program will sponsor the fifth annual Aluminum Can Sculpture Contest beginning at 9 a.m. Thu., April 23, during EarthFair '98. Individuals, groups, clubs and departments are encouraged to enter. Prizes will be awarded, including cash. Anyone submitting a sculpture will receive a one-day pass to the Associated Students/University Student Union Fitness Center.

fmi or to enter-Cyndi Signett, x2477, by Fri., April 17, or e-mail csignett@csun.edu.

Writing for Publication Workshop

Faculty members are invited to participate in a workshop with Robert Lucas, director, CSUN Institute for Scholarly Productivity, from 8:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Fri., May 8, in Education Building room 1214-1216. This opportunity is open to all faculty on a first-come, first-served basis. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. The workshop is sponsored by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects and the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching. Registration deadline is Fri., April 24.
To register or fmi-x2901.

Research Involving Human Subjects

All faculty and students performing research using human subjects must complete a human subjects protocol approval form. The original form and seven copies should be submitted to the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. The next submission deadline is Wed., April 29, and the next committee meeting is Wed., May 13.

Experts Directory Update

The Office of Public Relations is updating the university's Experts Directory. Anyone who wants to be included in the new edition or make changes to their existing entry should contact public relations at x2130 for a copy of an experts survey. Changes or new submissions should be submitted by May 1.

The directory helps news media find the experts they need quickly and easily. It lists an array of faculty members whose expertise can enhance media coverage on a variety of subjects. The experts are grouped by general topics of interest to journalists, not by academic discipline or department. An updated directory is done once a year.

Employee Fee Waiver

State employees interested in participating in the Employee Fee Waiver or Faculty Dependent/Spouse Fee Waiver Programs for fall 1998 should contact Carol Hallenbeck, x2173 or e-mail feewaiver@csun.edu for an application/enrollment packet. Packets will be sent automatically to continuing participants in both programs. The application deadline for new participants and continuing participants with changes in admission status is Fri., May 1.

Deadline for continuing participants is Wed., June 24. The fee deadline is also June 24. Participants in the Faculty Dependent/Spouse Fee Waiver Program should follow the deadline and procedures in the schedule of classes and their fee waiver packet. The fee waiver program is located in the Office of Human Resource Services in Administration Park 702. Hours are 8 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday.

fmi- carol.hallenbeck@csun.edu, or feewaiver@csun.edu.

Spring/Summer 1999 Graduates

Students planning to graduate with a bachelor's degree in spring or summer 1999 should apply for graduation by Fri., May 1. There is a $30 fee. After the deadline, students should not expect their graduation evaluations in time for touch-tone registration or before classes begin for the spring 1999 semester. To apply, students should contact the department of their major and take a copy of the departmental evaluation form to the Admissions and Records Student Information Center, located in the University Student Union, to obtain the graduation application form.

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Faculty Fellowships/Stipends

The National Endowment for Humanities announces the availability of faculty fellowships and summer stipends. NEH fellowships provide support for six to 12 months of full-time work on a project that will make a significant contribution to thought and knowledge in the humanities. The application deadline is Fri., May 1. NEH summer stipends support two months of full-time work on projects that will make a significant contribution to the humanities. The application deadline is Oct. 1.

fmi-Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2901.
Library Exhibitions

- "Books Printed in Mexico During the Colonial Period, (1600-1800)"
  Dates: Through the end of April
  Times: During regular library hours
  Place: Oviatt Library lobby

Hot Shots: David Hume Kennerly's Journey in Recent American History

David Hume Kennerly is a widely acclaimed photojournalist whose photo journal of recent American history covers the years from Vietnam to the Clinton presidency.
Dates: Through April 18
Times: Mon. & Sat., noon-4 p.m.; Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Place: Art Dome, located on the Music Lawn

Art and Craft of Southwest China

Artist Shayne Huang's paintings integrate elements from ethnic minorities of Southwest China with western artistic forms in distinctive oil paintings.
Dates: Through April 18
Times: Mon. & Sat., noon-4 p.m.; Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Place: South Gallery

Athletics (home games)

Baseball:
Apr. 21, UC Santa Barbara, 2 p.m.
May 2, Cal Lutheran, 1 p.m.
May 3, Cal Lutheran, 1 p.m.

**Softball:**

(all double-headers)
Apr. 13, New Mexico State, 1:30 p.m.
Apr. 15, UCLA, 1:30 p.m.
Apr. 24, Sacramento State, 1:30 p.m.
Apr. 26, Pacific, 1 p.m.

**Music**

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $6.50 general, $5 faculty and staff, $3.50 students and seniors

**Vladislav Blaha**

Classical guitarist from the Czech Republic performs as a part of the American Guitar Society International Series.
Date & time: Sat., Apr. 18, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: $12 general

**An Afternoon of Brahms Lieder**

The songs of Johannes Brahms performed by the students of Linda Stones.
Date & time: Sun., Apr. 19, 3 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: Free

**April Fool's Concert**

CSUN music department faculty and students celebrate the lighter side of their art. Proceeds to music scholarships.
Date & time: Sun., Apr. 19, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall

**CSUN Percussion Ensemble**

The percussion ensemble performs this annual recital of music written to spotlight various percussion instruments.
Director: John Magnussen
Date & time: Mon., Apr. 20, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: Free

**CSUN Jazz Combos**

Jazz faculty Matt Harris and Gary Pratt present some of their finest jazz students performing in combos.
Date & time: Wed., Apr. 22, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall

**Guitar Solo Recital**

Graduate and undergraduate classical guitar performance majors.
Director: Ron Purcell
Date & time: Thu., Apr. 23, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: Free

**Moscow Chamber Orchestra**

One of the world's legendary ensembles performs in this exclusive Southern California engagement.
Date & time: Fri., Apr. 24, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $25 general

**Afternoon Delight**

The guitar students of Ron Borczon and Greg Newton present a concert of classical, contemporary and jazz.
Date & time: Sat., Apr. 25, noon
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: Free

**Chamber Music Summit III**

Third annual musicale bringing together some of the West Coast's finest professional musicians. Presented by the music department and alumnus Darryl Tanikawa.
Date & time: Sun., Apr. 26, 3 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $8 general

**CSUN New Music Ensemble**

A mix of recent works and 20th century classics.
Director: Kevin Murphy
Date & time: Sun., Apr. 26, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall

**CSUN Vocal Jazz Ensemble**

With an abundance of a capella blending, this upbeat group presents a program of swing and contemporary jazz.
Director: Matt Falker
Date & time: Mon., Apr. 27, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall

Theater/Performance
Roosters

This humor-laced drama by Milcha Sanchez-Scott pits father against son in a fight for the control of a Southwestern Latino family.
Dates: Apr. 17-19, 22-26
Times: 8 p.m., Thu.- Sat.; 7 p.m., Wed.; 5 p.m., Sun.
Place: Little Theatre
Tickets: (818) 677-3093

Pilipino Culture Night

The Filipino American Student Assn. presents an extravaganza celebrating the traditional Pilipino culture and the Pilipino-American culture through song, dance and theatrics.
Date & time: Sat., Apr. 18, 2 & 7 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: Free

Bad Boys of Comedy V

Union Programs Council sponsors this popular annual comedy event.
Date & time: Thu., Apr. 23, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: (818) 677-2488

The Mex Files

Lalo Lopez and Esteban Zul from POCHO magazine satirize the conditions of today's Chicano in mainstream America and his dubious absorption into the media melting pot.
Date & time: Sat., Apr. 25, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $10 general

Adam Rudolph's Moving Pictures

Featuring master Butoh dancer Oguri. A highlight of this past fall's Monterey Jazz Festival, Rudolph's exploratory ensemble is grounded in the American improvisational tradition but embraces music forms, languages, instrumentation and cosmologies of the world.
Date & time: Sun., Apr. 26, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: Free
Reservations: (818) 677-3943

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Task Force to Consider Whether Teacher Preparation Programs Should Follow the Lead of Charter Public Schools

Taking a cue from its counterparts in K-12 world, Cal State Northridge's College of Education is proposing to become one of the nation's first "charter" colleges in a bid to move more aggressively on improving teacher preparation.

Although the college's general request for charter status already has been approved by the Cal State system, college officials said they are planning to convene a task force to study the proposal and how it might be implemented before making any change.

Just as the some 100 current charter public schools in California now have the ability to write many of their own rules in individual charters, a CSUN charter college presumably would be released from some of the campus, CSU system and state policies that currently apply.

"The idea of a charter college is to break the mold, to see things differently, to do things differently and to strive for a level of excellence one might not be able to achieve within bureaucratic boundaries," said Carolyn Ellner, dean of CSUN's College of Education.

"We're embarking on something that's very exciting, something that can have many pitfalls, but something that also can have many benefits for the faculty, the students and our schools," said Ellner, who broached the proposal last year along with Associate Dean Crystal Gips.

In response, though, some college faculty members have begun asking if many of the envisioned changes might be accomplished even without obtaining charter status. And some are concerned that focusing on structural changes might shift attention from instructional issues.

At present, officials said the only known "charter college" now operating in the United States is the Charter School of Education at Cal State Los Angeles. Officials there got CSU approval in 1993 and made the formal change in 1995 after a two-year planning process.

At CSLA, the change led to its school of education being released from campuswide faculty governance processes for new programs and courses, a revised school calendar, a broadened governance structure and better recognition for K-12 work in the faculty promotion process.

Apart from CSUN's charter proposal, Lynne Cook, CSUN's current faculty president and a professor of special education, said a faculty task force on faculty roles and rewards already has been exploring ways to better recognize K-12 school work in CSUN's faculty promotion process.
But charter proponents at CSUN also said charter status could allow the College of Education to more quickly add and change its programs and courses, expand its relationships with K-12 schools and encourage more interaction among the college's six current academic departments.

"The purpose of a charter college is to enhance flexibility for all kinds of non-traditional relationships," said Gips, who also is CSUN's coordinator of university outreach to K-12 schools. "Much of what we need to do differently involves our linkages to the K-12 schools."

Amid recurring reports of weak performance by public K-12 students on tests and other indicators, California lawmakers and educators increasingly have been focusing recently on the importance of teacher training and having quality teachers in improving student outcomes.

At the same time, due to the state's K-3 class size reduction initiative and a wave of current public school teachers approaching retirement age, the Cal State system, already California's primary producer of public school teachers, has been looking to graduate even more teachers.

In its proposal last year advocating charter status, Cal State Northridge said the college is working to respond but added, "The progress is slow, however, and there are countless hurdles to be overcome in making the changes in what we teach and how we teach it...."

Although a 1992 state law established the framework for K-12 charter schools in California, no similar legal framework exists for charter colleges or public universities. So campus officials said the regulatory issues must be negotiated at the campus, system and state level.

Last December, Ellner gave a presentation on the charter proposal at a college-wide faculty meeting. Stan Charnofsky, head of the college's Faculty Council, said faculty members had many questions but also had "a general agreement to go ahead and study it."

Shortly thereafter, CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson submitted the request and a four-page proposal to the Chancellor's Office. On Dec. 19, departing CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz approved the university's request and pledged the CSU's support.

Charnofsky, a professor of educational psychology and counseling, said he's been trying to stay neutral on the proposal pending more details and how college faculty will react. But he added that major change is always difficult, especially when faculty already feel overworked.

Cook, CSUN's faculty president, said she agrees that teacher preparation programs across the country need to be carefully rethought by universities in collaboration with their public school counterparts. And Cook said she's enthusiastic about the opportunity to do so at CSUN.

But as a faculty member, Cook said, "It is not yet clear to me that restructuring and redefining ourselves as a charter college will foster that critical examination or productive collaboration with our K-16 colleagues." She added that focusing on structure and governance could detract from key curricular and instructional issues.

As faculty president, Cook said faculty governance needs to find ways to respond more proactively to increasing demands for program and curriculum changes across the university. But Cook also said she thought such changes already were being expedited for the college when needed.

At CSLA, Dean Allen Mori of the Charter School of Education said its transformation has been a major success, although other universities have yet to follow their lead. "Once people find out what it takes, a lot of them kind of walk away. It was an enormous effort," he said.

Through the changes, what used to be a two-year process to transform a school idea into a new program now takes about 10 weeks, Mori said. And ultimately, Mori said he expects his school's structure of four academic divisions to be replaced by changing clusters of faculty.
Those Who Stayed: Robert Provin, Geography Department

Childhood Hobby of Astronomy Becomes a Career for Photographer and Cartographer

Editor's Note: This is part of a continuing series of articles profiling Northridge students from the past who have stayed to become current administrators, faculty and staff members at the campus.

Cal State Northridge cartographer Robert Provin, an avowed skeptic, remembers being "fooled momentarily" by a flying saucer-like object he spotted in the night skies a few years ago. "It was brightly lit and it was round," he recalled.

After a few seconds, though, Provin--an astronomical photographer and technician and cartographer for CSUN's geography department--realized it was just another missile from Vandenburg Air Force Base, and not a UFO. "There's usually a logical if not prosaic explanation for these things," he said.

But if there were alien spaceships in our skies, said Provin, he surely would have seen them during the countless hours he's spent photographing stars, nebula, planets and galaxies through his powerful telescopes and binoculars. "I've been into astronomy since I was a 12-year-old kid," he said.

Provin is among the many CSUN alumni--now administrators, faculty and staff--who have remained at the university after earning degrees here. He has worked at the campus since graduating in 1969 when the geography department created a cartography unit.

In 1975, Provin also earned a master's degree here. "I'm 50," he said. "Well over half my life has been spent here. The thing that really held me here was that the job was always changing. There was no time to get bored." He added, "I'll probably stay here until I'm 60."

Provin didn't plan a career in geography when he enrolled as a freshman in 1965 at CSUN, then known as San Fernando Valley State College. "History was my major for one semester," he said. "I took a geography class. The instructor was really dynamic. I remember being enthralled. I just got hooked."

"Geography can accommodate almost any interest you have," Provin added. "Almost no one starts as a geography major."

In addition to traditional map-making, Provin has been involved in putting the department's famed map library on the World Wide Web and likewise plotting census data into on-line maps.

He also maintains a web site with Brad Wallis, his friend and partner in astrophotography who works at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Their photographic work can be viewed on that web site at voltaire.csun.edu.
They also published a book on astronomical photography in 1988, and now are working on a second book due late this year titled "From Silver to Silicon." It will explore the transition from photographic to electronic imaging in astronomy.

Both also are members of the Southern California Skeptics Society, which investigates phenomena such as UFO sightings. "We must see the evidence before we accept such claims. Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence," Provin said.

Provin also has taught part time at the university for 11 years. "I teach maps and graphics, which is an introductory course in computer cartography," he said. As part of that, Provin takes his students and others on astronomy field trips to Mount Pinos or Rainbow Basin near Barstow almost every semester.

"If I had it to do over, I probably would have tried to get into teaching sooner," he said. "Interaction with students provides an added dimension to my job."

But Provin has not regretted staying in one job for nearly 30 years. "The job description hasn't changed, but the job itself is always changing. I'm just looking forward to what's going to come," he said.

"I've enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere here on campus," he added. "You are always encouraged to learn. If you spend a week learning new software, it's OK."

--Mayerene Barker
CSU Releases Fall 1997 Freshmen Remediation Data by Campus

System Also Unveils Preparedness Info for More Than 1,000 California High Schools and Colleges

The Cal State system has begun releasing some of the most comprehensive data ever made public on the preparedness of its incoming students, including new CSU campus-by-campus freshmen remediation rates for fall 1997 regular admits.

In that breakdown, 62 percent of the new freshmen at CSUN arrived unprepared for college-level English, the third highest campus rate in the system, and 67 percent arrived unprepared for college-level math, tying for the fourth highest rate in the system.

Some good news for the campus is that the latest remediation numbers for CSUN's 1997 incoming freshmen are not much different from the last set released by the Chancellor's Office covering 1993 and 1994 freshmen. And the campus is testing far more students than before.

The numbers reflect incoming freshmen who failed to get high enough scores on the CSU's Entry Level Math (ELM) and English Placement Tests (EPT) to place into regular college-level courses in those subjects. They then are supposed to take developmental courses.

Freshmen arriving at the Dominguez Hills campus had the highest remediation rates exceeding 80 percent, followed by freshmen at the Los Angeles campus with percentages in the mid-70s, in what educators called a partial reflection of the urban schools that they had attended.

At the same time, the Chancellor's Office released campus-by-campus data on the shares of upper division transfer students into the CSU in fall 1997 who had completed the four-course pattern of general education breadth requirements.

Northridge's incoming transfers had completion rates ranging from 81 to 97 percent among the courses, meaning the campus' new transfers were at or above the systemwide completion rates for three of the four courses, excluding only oral communication.

But by far the most data came March 25 when the Chancellor's Office posted on the World Wide Web the ELM/EPT results for virtually every California high school that produced CSU freshmen for fall 1997, and the community college data for general education completions.

That information--released publicly for the first time ever at www.asd.calstate.edu/performance--reflects university preparedness for CSU student cohorts coming from more than 1,000 individual California high schools and community
colleges.

CSU officials said more complete information including data from CSU Academic Performance Reports—which traditionally have been sent only to the individual schools—should be posted on that web site by the end of April as part of CSU efforts to reduce the need for remediation.

--John Chandler

## CSU Campus Remediation Rates

Percent of Fall 1997 Regularly Admitted Cal State First-Time Freshmen Needing Remediation, by Campus, for English and Math. Source: CSU Chancellor's Office

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# High School Remediation Rates

High School Remedial Percentages Reflect the Proficiency of All Assessed, Regularly Admitted First-Time Freshmen From Those Campuses Enrolled in the Cal State System for Fall 1997. The Schools Listed, in Ranked Order, Are the Top Providers of First-Time Freshmen to Cal State Northridge for Fall 1997. Source: CSU Chancellor's Office

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Faculty Committee to Consider Revising Course Repeats Policy

Business College Wants to End Dropping of Grades from GPAs When Students Repeat Its Classes

Spurred by a proposal from the College of Business Administration and Economics, a faculty committee at Cal State Northridge has agreed to consider tightening the current policy governing students' ability to repeat courses.

Undergraduates currently may repeat any course once to have the original grade "forgiven" from their grade point average computation, up to 15 total semester units. But the campus has no limit on repeating courses when students are not seeking grade forgiveness.

Contending that widespread course repeats are both sapping college resources and sending the wrong message to students about the need to focus on classes, the business college sought permission earlier this month to eliminate grade forgiveness for its courses.

After some discussion, the faculty's Educational Policies Committee tabled the college's proposal and instead decided to consider possible campuswide changes to the course repeat policy at its Wednesday, April 22 meeting, 2:15-4 p.m. in Education building 1214/1216.

"We need to stop rewriting history. We also need to have students in the college change their attitude toward our courses," William Roberts, the college's associate dean, told the committee. "We don't have the resources to continue with the current repeat policy."

"What we would like is for a student to be able to repeat a course any time, but have the grades count," said William Hosek, the college's dean, in a subsequent interview. Just that change, college officials predicted, would lessen the numbers of students repeating classes.

CSUN's business college, with more than 5,000 majors, is the campus' largest. College officials said they'd still prefer to have their own individual policy. But Admissions and Records Director Lorraine Newlon said it would be "a serious error" to make such a change for one college.

Hosek said business repeats are most common among upper division major courses, where students must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA. But that can be tough for some because the college, a demanding discipline, has an overall 2.33 student GPA, the lowest of CSUN's eight traditional colleges.

Whether to erase a prior poor grade or just improve the next time even if the original grade still counts, college officials said course repeating has become commonplace. In one recent tally for a class, nearly 20 percent of students were repeating, including one student for the fourth time.

The university tightened its overall grade forgiveness policy several years ago by adding the 15-unit limitation. Now, Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies Margaret Fieweger said the business college's proposal has helped provide "a wake-up call" on the broader issue.

Hosek said prior universities where he has worked had no provisions for grade forgiveness. But within the Cal State system,
catalogs show that such practices are common, although some campuses have more restrictive policies than those at CSUN.

Many CSUs only permit students to repeat courses for grade forgiveness if their original grades were C- or below. CSU Chico also limits grade forgiveness to two courses total. At Fresno State, both grades count toward GPA if a student gets a lower grade the second time.

- John Chandler
CSUN Opera Director to Retire After 35-Year Career

David Scott Transformed a Small, Little-Known University Program Into One of the Nation's Finest

In 1963, David Scott headed west to what was then San Fernando Valley State College, lured by the school's fledgling opera program and what he saw as the likelihood that the surrounding community would support opera.

"I was told that it was a new college, situated in a good socioeconomic area. I was at the University of Oklahoma then. It was in a football town. I think there's a larger potential base of support for opera in a larger, urban area. I needed that kind of support," Scott said.

The community has not disappointed him. Today, 35 years later, as Scott prepares to retire as a music department professor, the campus, now Cal State Northridge, has one of the best-known university opera programs in the country.

"David Scott has made a major contribution to the world of opera, certainly to its growing Los Angeles climate," said former Los Angeles Herald Examiner newspaper critic Richard Houdek, who now writes for East Coast newspapers. "He certainly developed an estimable program at CSUN."

During his tenure as CSUN's opera director, Scott has staged more than 125 major productions in about 1,000 performances, most of them to sold-out audiences. In the early days, he also acted and sang in some of the productions himself.

"I went into teaching because I figured out I didn't have a voice," Scott said. "I'm a good musician. I'm a good singer, but I just don't have a voice. A voice is a quality that just reaches people."

Scott, however, does recognize that quality in his students. "You're always looking for that top level voice," he said.

Scott also talks more readily about the professional successes of many of his students. Shigemi Matsumoto, Jessica Siena, Christine Weidinger, Roger Patterson, Bonnie Hurwood, Janet Monjian and Carol Vaness--the latter one of the world's top operatic sopranos--are among the most notable.

Vaness donated proceeds from a campus performance last month to the new David M. Scott Opera Fund and returned April 4 for the final performance of "La Boheme," Scott's last production. She lauded Scott as "my teacher and mentor without whose support and guidance I would not be here tonight."

Pulitzer Prize-winning music critic Martin Bernheimer, formerly of the Los Angeles Times, said "David Scott provided sound, practical, realistically professional training for a remarkable number of student singers who went on to highly respected national and international careers."
But Scott shrugs off most accolades about his own accomplishments. "There was a small opera program going, basically, and I kind of expanded it," he said. "There are other professors who have been here 35 years who have accomplished a lot. Why so much attention to me?"

After Scott formally retires at the end of the spring semester, he still plans to teach a few voice classes at CSUN. But the opera program will continue without him. The music department currently is advertising for a new opera program director.

Scott also said he plans to travel with his wife Judith, a part-time voice teacher at CSUN, and to spend more time with his son David, a psychologist; daughter Wendy, an elementary school teacher, and daughter Julie, an attorney for the city of Burbank, and their families.

--Mayerene Barker
Campus Building Evacuation Drills Set for Thursday

Annual Event is Timed to Coincide With California Earthquake Preparedness Month During April

Thousands of Cal State Northridge students, faculty and staff members will take a mandatory break from work this Thursday for a series of campus building evacuation drills as part of the state's earthquake preparedness month campaign.

Most of the major, permanent office and classroom buildings on campus--about two dozen in all--are slated to be emptied during one of three different 20-minutes sessions scheduled on April 16, said Ron Norton, CSUN's manager of environmental health and safety.

This week as part of the drills, audible fire alarms will be triggered and all building occupants will be required to evacuate to designated meeting locations--even if classes are in session. Campus building and floor wardens in orange vests will help guide the process.

"This is a formal opportunity for everybody to assume it is a real emergency and practice the right procedures," Norton said. "Every time an alarm goes off, we want people to evacuate. You can't assume it's a false alarm."

Especially since the devastating 1994 Northridge earthquake, even though it occurred in the early morning hours when the campus was sparsely occupied, Norton said there has been a heightened awareness on campus of the importance of emergency preparedness.

Based on past experience, Norton said the campus has a pretty good track record in complying with scheduled evacuation drills. However, unexpected events, such as smoke from a minor fire March 11 that forced the evacuation of Sierra Hall, don't always turn out as well.

In that episode, a couple of classes on the top floor of the building didn't leave when the fire alarm sounded, the building's alarm shut off sooner than it should have, access into Sierra Hall from Sierra Tower was not fully restricted and the floor warden system showed some flaws.

Norton said the building evacuation drills, which the campus has conducted annually since the Northridge earthquake, are meant to help uncover such issues. Norton and others monitor the drills, as typically does an inspector from the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

For building occupants, whether for a scheduled drill or unexpected event, Norton said responding to fire alarms requires just one response. "You don't need to make a decision about whether it's a false alarm or a prank. You just get out of the building," he said.
Occupants are supposed to find their own ways out of campus buildings following lighted exit signs--but avoiding elevators. Each building has a designated evacuation location, listed in campus Emergency Procedures booklets, where occupants are supposed to gather.

Thursday's drills--meant to test building evacuation procedures, alarm systems and the floor and building warden program--were scheduled to minimize their impact on classes, Norton said. The schedule is as follows:

- 10:40 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Kinesiology, Student Health Center, Chisholm Hall, Science 1-4, University Student Union, Oviatt Library and Matador Bookstore.
- 12:05 p.m. to 12:25 p.m.: Business Administration and Economics, Education, Art and Design Center, Speech Communication, Engineering and University Park Apartments 11 and 14.
- 1:35 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.: Faculty Office Building, Speech Drama, Music, Sierra Hall, Sierra Tower, and Jerome Richfield Hall.

State law does not require the campus to hold such drills, and Cal State regulations require only broader disaster drills every other year, Norton said. But he added, "We're not driven by regulations in this case. We're doing it because it's a good idea."

- John Chandler

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Preparing for an Earthquake

Plan on having enough supplies to get you and your family through at least the first 72 hours. After a major quake, there's a good chance that traditional emergency response teams will be too busy to take care of you. You need to prepare your home and neighborhood.

The Basics

- Stock at least a three-day supply of food, water, clothes, medical supplies and other necessary equipment. Make sure everyone knows where to find them.
- If indoors, stay there. Get under a desk or table, or stand in a corner.
- If driving, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines. Stay inside your vehicle until the shaking stops.
- If outdoors, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings or downed electrical wires and poles.
- Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

Your Family

- Decide where and when to reunite your family should you be apart when an earthquake hits.
- Choose a person outside the immediate area to contact if family members are separated. But do not use the phone immediately after an earthquake.
- Know the policies of the school or daycare center your children attend. Make plans to have someone pick them up if you are unable to get to them.
- Include your baby-sitter and other household help in your plans.

Your Home

- Check chimneys, roofs, walls and foundations for stability. Make sure your house is bolted to its foundation.
- Establish all the possible ways to exit your house. Keep those areas clear.
- Keep your hallways clear. They are usually one of the safest places during an earthquake.
- Know the safest place in each room because it will be difficult to move from one room to another during a quake.
- Secure your water heater and heavy appliances.
- Stay away from large glass panes, shelves holding objects and large decorative masonry, brick or plaster areas such as fireplaces.
- Stay away from kitchens and garages, which tend to be the most dangerous places because of the many items kept there.
- Locate the shutoff valves for water, gas and electricity. Learn how to shut off the valves before a quake. For questions, call your utility company.
- Make copies of vital records and keep them in a safe deposit box in another city or state. Make sure your
originals are stored safely.
- Take photos and/or videos of your valuables. Make copies and keep them in another city or state.

Your Community
- Before a quake occurs, call your local Red Cross chapter and Office of Emergency Services to find out about their plans for emergency shelters and temporary medical centers in your area in a disaster.
- Know the locations of the nearest fire and police stations.

Your Pets
Before a quake:
- Store enough food and water to last for 72 hours to a week.
- Prepare a shelter or evacuation kit for your pet.
- Keep your pet's ID tag up-to-date.
- Arrange in advance for a neighbor to take care of your pet if necessary.

During and after a quake:
- Do not try to hold your pet during the shaking. Animals will instinctively protect themselves and hide where they are safe. If you get in their way, even the nicest pets can turn on you.
- Be patient with your pets after a quake. They too get stressed and need time to readjust. They may disappear for a time, but generally will return.
- If you have outdoor pets, keep them indoors until the aftershocks have subsided.
- If you must evacuate your home, leave your pet secured in a safe place. Pets will not be allowed at shelters. Leave plenty of clean water and food. If possible, visit your pet daily until you can return home.
Emergency Supplies Checklist

Stocking up now on emergency supplies can add to your safety and comfort during and after an earthquake. More preparedness information is available on the State Office of Emergency Services web site at [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov).

**Essentials**

- Water--1 gallon per person per day for a week's supply. Store water in airtight containers and replace every six months.
- Water purification kit (Water can be boiled 5-10 minutes or mix 10 drops of household bleach per gallon and let sit)
- First aid kit and book, freshly stocked
- Essential medications
- Non-refrigerated food
- Can opener (non-electric)
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Tarps and rain ponchos
- Portable radio, flashlight and spare batteries
- Fire extinguisher, A-B-C type
- Change of clothing
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Extra pair of house and car keys
- Food, water and pet restraint (leash or carrier)
- Extra cash and change
- Baby supplies: formula, bottle, pacifier, etc.

**Sanitation Supplies**

- Large plastic trash bags for waste
- Large trash cans
- Bar soap and liquid detergent
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Toilet paper
- Household bleach
- Newspaper to wrap garbage/waste

**Safety and Comfort**
- Sturdy shoes
- Heavy gloves for clearing debris
- Candles and matches
- Light sticks
- Knife or razor blades
- Garden hose for siphoning and firefighting
- Tent
- Communication kit: paper, pens, stamps

**Cooking**

- Camping stove for outdoor cooking (Caution: Before using fire to cook, make sure there are no gas leaks, and never use charcoal indoors)
- Plastic knives, forks, spoons
- Paper plates and cups
- Paper towels
- Heavy-duty aluminum foil

**Tools and Supplies**

- Ax, shovel, broom
- Adjustable wrench for turning off gas
- Tool kit including screwdriver, pliers and hammer
- Coil of 1/2 inch rope
- Plastic tape, staple gun and sheeting for window replacement
- Bicycle
- City map

Source: State Office of Emergency Services