Earthquake raises questions of emergency preparedness

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After the large earthquake off the shores of Japan March 10 caused a tsunami warning for the coast of California, many students and San Luis Obispo residents now must consider preparing themselves for the possibility of a natural disaster.

On March 11, a tsunami warning was issued for cities and ports on the coast of California, including Port San Luis and Pismo Beach.

However, many locals' confusion during the warning about what to do in the case of a natural emergency has prompted a Disaster Preparedness Day at San Luis Obispo's Mercy Church. Speakers include representatives from the American National Red Cross, San Luis Obispo Fire Department, California Emergency Management Agency and Community Emergency Response Team.

The day will address issues of creating a disaster plan and a disaster kit, making a home earthquake proof and thinking about others, according to the Mercy Church website.
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like Tanzania. Contraceptives such as condoms are believed to be improper and a waste of sperm; therefore, they are not used as often as they should be. One Heart Source teaches that condoms are effective in preventing conception and the sexual transmission of infections, including HIV.

Talia Borgo, a kinesiology sophomore, is a coordinator for One Heart Source who plays an active role in choosing and teaching applicants. "We teach basic hygiene and sexual education, including the ABC curriculum," Borgo said. "A for abstinence, B for being faithful and C for condoms."

Methods like the ABC curriculum help to curb rumors, such as that condoms have HIV in them, Borgo said.

One Heart Source volunteers go through pre-field training before going on their four-week or eight-week programs in Tanzania. In the training, they learn the curriculum to teach the children in Tanzania, and how to get their message across through sentence-by-sentence translation by a Tanzanian translator in the classroom, Reay said.

Reay, who will volunteer in Tanzania again this summer, communicated to her host family through hand-drawn instructions.

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Jørgensen, who is also a project manager for One Heart Source, said pre-field training is important to prepare volunteers for their trip.

"Basic Swahili, which is the national African Bantu language, is also taught to volunteers, Jørgensen said.

"There is a program fee of approximately $2,200 or $3,200, depending on whether a volunteer chooses to stay for four weeks or eight weeks. It covers the expenses of transportation to and from the airport and home stays, but flight expenses are separate. Fundraising regularly helps volunteers fund their trips, Jørgensen said.

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said. "And we're on a fault line in California, so we're new."

According to the San Luis Obispo Fire Department's Disaster Preparedness Web page, there are many ways to prepare for a natural disaster, including having a sufficient amount of water, food, clothing and medical supplies available in one's home, workplace and vehicle that will last for at least 72 hours.

At least one gallon of water per person per day should be made available in case of a crisis, but if the water supply is shut off or exhausted then people can also boil or add "commercial purification tablets" or bleach to make water safe to drink.

Food chosen should have a relatively long shelf life, and should be easy to prepare in multiple situations. As well as having sufficient storage of hygiene supplies and medical supplies, people preparing for a disaster should also have additional clothing, flashlights, a portable radio battery, as well as blankets, small tools, paper, pencils and money.

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Feeling Sick?

Think you'll miss class?

"You just get so completely immersed in a culture so different from us, with mud huts, no television, no electricity," materials engineering senior Eric Jørgensen said. "You experience different things like getting water from the well."

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Libyan rebels draw closer to Gadhafi’s hometown in westward march

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Truckloads of rebels pushed past the village of Bin Jawwad on Monday in question as they neared Libyan leader’s hometown, Sirte. Rebels reported that their advance was welcomed by some civilians, but that the residents were divided. The villagers said they were not certain if the rebels were going to stay or move on.

The rebels have been advancing toward Tripoli, which is about 12 miles past Bin Jawwad, putting them nearly 90 miles from Sirte, Gadhafi’s hometown. The rebels are keenly aware of what for them is a grim reality: They must take Sirte if they are to continue advancing toward Tripoli, Libya’s capital.

But Sirte is a Gadhafi garrison town where there has been no hint of rebellion, and the rebels are keenly aware of what for them is a grim reality: They have come this far only because the barrage of Tomahawk missiles and laser-guided bombs the U.S. and its allies have fired over the past 10 days has sent Gadhafi fleeing for his life.

Unlike other communities, which welcomed rebels as liberators, Bin Jawwad has displayed little support for the uprising. Only a handful of pre-Gadhafi Libyan flags popular with rebel sympathizers could be seen here Monday, and there was no sign of anti-Gadhafi graffiti.

“We rebels are not comfortable in this area,” Nasser Zamot, 46, an oil company worker from Benghazi said. “We are certain there are infiltrators among us. The last time we were here, (the residents) pretended to be on our side, but then led us into fights against the Gadhafi forces.” That was on March 6, when the rebels briefly held then lost Bin Jawwad after a series of what they described as ambushes set up by seemingly friendly residents.

On Monday, clusters of rebels cuddled near Nofilia when a few thuds from explosions fired by retreating Gadhafi forces triggered fresh rounds of debate on whether the rebels should move back for their safety. By sunset, they had returned to Bin Jawwad.

Hours ahead of a nationally televised speech by President Barack Obama, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov blasted the U.S.-led air strikes, saying they had gone beyond what the United Nations had sanctioned in a resolution the Security Council passed on March 17. It called for the establishment of a no-fly zone to prevent Libyan aircraft from attacking civilians. Lavrov called for a cease-fire, according to the Russia state Itar-Tass news agency.

“We believe that the coalition’s interference in the internal civil war has not been sanctioned by the U.N. resolution,” he said. Russia, China, India, Brazil and South Africa abstained during the vote on the resolution. Ten countries voted in favor.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague told the BBC that the coalition hadn’t taken sides in the conflict. “If we didn’t do these sorts of things, more civilians would be dying,” he said, referring to the airstrikes on Gadhafi ammunition stores and other targets.
A Democratic congressman is seeking to begin an investigation into whether or not government money was used by three security contractors involved in a proposal to track and harass liberal critics of the U.S.

The chamber said it was unaware of the proposals and called these tactics "abhorrent.

HBGary Federal declined to comment. A company source said Palantir was aware of the congressman's request and believed the agencies would do what they can to comply.

Both Terico nor Hunton & Williams returned calls seeking comment. In the past, all have denied wrongdoing.

Johnson and 19 other Democrats this month called on Republican leaders to investigate Hunton & Williams and Team Themis for possible violations of federal law, including forgery and computer fraud.

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, declined to pursue the congressman's request.

Johnson said an investigation was needed to determine whether Americans were sufficiently shielded from technologies meant to target enemies abroad.

"This is an uncharted territory when we're dealing in the cyber world," Johnson said. "It's a dangerous place. It can be a place where liberties of American people are threatened or taken away.'

Details of the proposal, which included planting false information to embarrass anti-chamber groups and creating dossiers on activists, complete with photographs and family references, were leaked this year by the hacker group Anonymous.

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"The boat was involved in the incident. Eline said weather conditions had been fairly mild Sunday, though winds can kick up in the area in late afternoon.

"Combined with eBay Marketplace and PayPal, we believe GSI will enhance our position as the leading strategic global commerce partner of choice for retailers and brands of all sizes," eBay CEO John Donahoe said in a statement this morning announcing the deal. According to the news release, eBay expects the acquisition won't affect earnings in the current fiscal year and will add to its profits starting in 2012. The purchase price is at a 51 percent premium to the value of GSI shares when the stock markets closed Friday.

"Two men drowned and eight others, including two children, were taken away."
Supreme Court declares opposition to 1998 Arizona campaign funding law

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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

The Supreme Court's conservative justices signaled during oral arguments that they will vote to strike down another campaign funding law and make clear that states and cities may not try to "level the playing field" between candidates for public office.

The justices objected to part of an Arizona law that provides public funds to political candidates for state office if they agree to forego private fundraising. The disputed provision of the law gives extra "matching funds" to candidates who face a well-funded and free-spending opponent.

Conservatives and libertarians in Arizona sued and argued that these extra funds unfairly penalized candidates who relied on private fundraising. They lost in the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld the law and said it did not limit the free speech rights of the candidates who depended on private funds.

In the past the Supreme Court has been split 5-4 on campaign funding cases, with the conservative bloc in the majority. And that split was evident again on Monday.

Last year, the conservative majority said spending on political campaigns cannot be limited by law, even to prevent big corporations from using their profits to sway elections. They sounded just as determined Monday to make clear governments cannot seek to "equalize" spending between a well-funded candidate and a challenger who is trying to keep pace. If so, the court will deal another blow to liberal reformers who seek to limit the impact of money in politics.

Arizona's voters adopted the Citizens Clean Elections Act in 1998. It offers state candidates a basic grant to run for office and extra "matching funds" if their opponent is spending heavily with private funds. For example, a candidate for the state legislature who receives a grant of $21,000 to run in a general election can receive up to twice that amount in extra funds to match the spending of his opponent.

Several states, including Maine, Connecticut and Florida, adopted similar laws, as have at least a dozen municipalities, including Los Angeles and New York.

"Under our precedents, leveling the playing field is not a legitimate state purpose," said Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. "I checked the Citizens Clean Elections Commission website this morning, and it says that this act was passed to 'level the playing field' when it comes to running for office. Why isn't that clear evidence that it's unconstitutional?" he asked.

The court's three other conservatives — Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas — have regularly voted to strike down campaign-funding laws, and Scalia and Kennedy made clear they were inclined to void the disputed part of Arizona's law.

The court's liberal justices spoke up in defense of Arizona's law, and an Obama administration lawyer joined the argument on Arizona's side. But the supporters appeared to be one vote short of majority.

Three years ago, the court in a 5-4 decision struck down the so-called Millionaire's Amendment, which had allowed congressional candidates to seek larger contributions if they were running against a self-financed millionaire. Alito said that scheme was an unconstitutional effort to equalize spending between rich and not-so-rich candidates. On Monday, several of the conservatives cited that decision as precedent for striking down the Arizona law.

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Building your credit score

Erik Hansen is a graduate student pursuing a Master of Public Policy and the "When I Was a Mustang..." columnist.

While you may think it's too early to start worrying about your credit score, as buying your first house is probably still a ways off, there are a multitude of other institutions that are already sneaking a peek at your credit history.

Right now, the difference between a good and bad credit score can mean having to pay more for auto insurance or having to pay a higher rate on a used car loan. Some jobs you might apply to will even mean having to pay more for your nest house, as buying your first house is "and the "When I Was a Mustang..."

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low line of credit, get a basic card with no annual fee. If you can get a higher line of credit, consider getting one that has a low annual fee ($45 to $65) with rewards, like a Southwest Airlines Visa.

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Pay down your credit cards. If you already have a credit card (or two or three), pay them down. Not much else to say here. No brainer.

Do it … do it.

Now that you have your new credit card, or have paid down your existing cards, only use about 10 to 25 percent of your credit limit, then pay the cards off each month. Not only does this protect you from having to pay interest — and shows that you are responsible — but it also looks better on your credit report. By keeping your average balance well below your revolving credit line, it looks like you aren’t spending like a fool.

Keep your old credit card accounts active. If you have already acted the fool and are using — and maxing out — five credit cards, don’t go about canceling all of them just because my column has brought about some epiphany. Sure you could cut up three or four of them if you don’t trust yourself to not use them, but if they are still in good standing, just focus on paying them off. Closing the credit card accounts will negatively affect your credit score by lowering your debt-to-credit ratio. You’ve already screwed yourself once — don’t go about screwing yourself again.

Choose one or two credit cards to use and stick to them, while leaving your other seven card accounts open, but idle. Again, if you have to choose one or two credit cards to use, make sure they are cards that report your credit limit.

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Credit monitoring services are a good way of protecting yourself from someone opening an account in your name and ruining your credit. Show those thieves who’s the boss by getting a credit monitoring service. Don’t pay for it, though. A lot of insurance agencies, banks and even AAA offer credit monitoring if you are a customer of theirs. The credit monitoring service offered will probably be a basic monitoring service and will email you a monthly status update noting if there were any changes to your credit, such as a new credit card or loan.

If you have actually made it this far into the column, you are smart and show promise — you care about your future! By also exercising self-control over the long haul, you are well on your way to securing a low-interest (fixed) home loan and a Platinum AmEx.
Andres Oppenheimer is a Latin America correspondent for the Miami Herald.

One of the most interesting things President Obama told me in a wide-ranging interview last week was something he mentioned almost in passing — that Latin America “is a key to U.S. success.”

Was it a sign of a new era in U.S. ties with Latin America? Or was it empty rhetoric aimed at pleasing neighbors and courting U.S. Hispanic voters?

During the interview, which took place in El Salvador toward the end of Obama’s five-day Latin American tour, Obama indicated that Latin America is more important to the United States than it has ever been. The region buys three times more U.S. goods than China, and its economy is growing at an average of more than 5 percent a year.

“But why should we think that you will spend more time working on regional issues after this trip?” I asked the president.

In a previous interview during the 2008 campaign, Obama had told me that he would appoint a special envoy to Latin America and hold annual summits of the Americas. But so far, I reminded him, he has not done either.

“Well, keep in mind that we have made significant progress. What we have done is to cultivate strong relationships with all these countries,” Obama said. “We expanded the G-20 (group of the world’s leading industrial and developing countries). I interact with these folks all the time.”

OK, Mr. President, but what about appointing a U.S. Special Envoy, and holding annual hemispheric summits?

Obama responded that the very trip last week, “I have been extraordinarily impressed with the progress Latin America has made. I am going to keep focusing on Latin America, because I think it is a key to U.S. success.”

My opinion: For a president who does not have a history of personal ties to Latin America and who is busy elsewhere, I found Obama quite up-to-date with regional issues. To my surprise, the White House did not ask me to submit any questions ahead of time. When I asked him about recent events in Cuba, Venezuela, Argentina, and Colombia, among other countries he gave sharp answers — without seeking pointers from his aides.

And, to his credit, Obama seems to grasp that to compete more effectively with the Asian and European economic blocs — as well as to reduce the inflow of illegal immigrants and drugs — the United States needs greater economic and political integration with the region.

“That’s something that isolatists in the U.S. Congress do not always understand.

But I am afraid that, barring concrete mechanisms to maintain White House attention on the region — be it annual summits, or a high-level special envoy, or anything else, we won’t see a grand plan by the Obama administration to forge the “alliance of the Americas” that he promised during the campaign. His “qual partnership” rhetoric is great, but it’s no substitute for action.
Golden State Warriors owners Joe Lacob (left) and Peter Guber (right) haven't exactly changed the Warriors' image this season.

You may recall Lacob defending the team's inactivity at the trade deadline by saying, among other things, that the Warriors passed on Gerald Wallace, who can play either forward spot, was acquired by playoff-bound Portland. The Blazers are 9-6 since his debut, 5-2 since he moved into the starting lineup. He's averaging 20.1 points (on 57 percent shooting) and 7.1 rebounds as a starter.

Though the Warriors likely could have gotten him from the Bobcats, Wallace is precisely the kind of player — a member of the All-Defensive team — that the Warriors need. He would have allowed Dorell Wright to provide quality off the bench.

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The last time these two teams met, UC Riverside opened the series with a narrow 3-2 win. The Mustangs were able to tie the series with a 5-3 10-inning victory before dropping the third game 14-5. Cal Poly's second-largest defeat of the season.

The team has also seen a major contribution from pitcher Jeff Johnson who has earned two saves in nine appearances, while compiling a 0.84 ERA. After missing two seasons with a torn labrum, Fischback said it is important the team does not get ahead of themselves and continue to focus on one game at a time.
Baseball aims to avoid struggles in Big West play

Jerome Goyhenetche

After losing its first six games of the season, the Cal Poly baseball team recovered, winning five straight and eight of its last 12 games.

Set to start their Big West campaign, the Mustangs hope to carry that momentum into their conference schedule.

The Mustangs placed third in the Big West in 2009 after injuries to numerous starting pitchers, like Steven Fischbach, crippled the team's chances of earning the top spot in the Big West.

Cal Poly then went on to finish last season with a 10-14 Big West record and finished No. 6 overall, far below its projected No. 3 finish. This season, the Mustangs were picked to place fourth in the Big West Conference preseason coaches poll.

Right fielder, and last year's Big West Freshman of the Year, Mitch Haniger said the team is more balanced offensively and defensively than it was a season ago.

"I think in years past the offense and defense have been shaky at times, but I think this year we're going to be strong both on the mound and in the lineup," Haniger said.

"We're going to have a really good year if everything falls into place." But things aren't falling into place easily for the Mustangs. Cal Poly's injury woes have transferred from the pitching mound to the batter's box.

Cal Poly is without starting second baseman Matt Jensen, first baseman Tim Wise and starting shortstop Mike Miller, among others. Miller currently leads the team with a .457 batting average, and Wise is third with a .345.

But amidst the injuries, Cal Poly has continued to win with improved pitching. The team's ERA of 6.75 has dropped to 4.08 this season.

Radeke holds a 3.06 ERA in five starts, while Fischbach lowered his ERA to 4.78 after giving up one run in seven innings in a win versus Minnesota. Both pitchers have started the season with a 2-1 record.

Head coach Larry Lee said one of the team's biggest strengths this season is having a great mixture of old and new players.

"There's a lot more quality and quantity on the mound," Lee said.

"And this year there is a good mixture of young players and experienced players. If we continue to do things well, we'll get hot at the right time."