

Correction:  
A Monday story erroneously reported the increase in room and board for students new to UNL. Costs actually will increase \$150, \$5 of which will go to the Residence Hall Association. Returning students will not experience a change in costs.



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## California quake inflicts death, destruction

### At least 27 people killed in disaster

From The Associated Press

**L**OS ANGELES—An earthquake devastated the sleeping suburbs of the San Fernando Valley Monday, crumpling freeways and apartment complexes and hurling fireballs through cracked and flooded streets. At least 27 people were killed.

Thousands of terrified residents fled their homes onto darkened sidewalks and "a tidal wave of walking wounded" were sent to hospitals.

Fourteen people died in one apartment building near the epicenter of the quake, where still more victims were feared in the rubble from the third floor's collapse onto the second. Firefighters searched for any other victims.

Most of the building's residents were students at nearby California State University,

Northridge. The quake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, was felt from San Diego to Las Vegas.

A handful of motorists were briefly trapped in tons of concrete rubble as overpasses on three freeways buckled, severing Interstate 5, California's main north-south highway, and Interstate 10, the nation's busiest freeway.

The quake derailed a freight train carrying sulfuric acid and briefly closed Los Angeles International Airport. Telephone service was lost throughout the region and power was disrupted as far away as Canada.

"The whole street was on fire. Even the tall palm trees were burning. It was a very frightening experience. We lost everything. We have nothing, but nobody was hurt. We're all safe," said Al McNeil, whose home in Granada Hills was destroyed by fire.

Sirens wailed as smoke from building and gas main fires drifted across the valley, 20 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. Firefighters raced to rescue people believed to

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### California natives shaken by news

By Angie Brunkow  
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**A**fter a four-hour wait Monday morning, Abdul Muhammad learned the only thing a California earthquake did to his family members was give them a shake.

Muhammad, a junior human development and the family major from Compton, Calif., said his mom called around 11:30 a.m. to tell him that she, his sister and two brothers were OK.

"She said it wasn't too bad," Muhammad said. Muhammad said his family lived about 45 minutes south of San Fernando Valley, where the earthquake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, hit at 4:31 a.m. PST Monday.

Attempts to call his family earlier, he said, were delayed by a recording that reported phone

lines were down.

Jeff, Marc and Mike Adolphus — triplets from Los Angeles — also spent most of Monday morning on the phone to friends and family members who felt the quake.

The triplets, freshmen at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said they had several family members, including their mother and sister, living in Los Angeles.

"I talked to my girlfriend and my mother this morning," Mike Adolphus said. "Everything seems to be OK."

Jeff Adolphus said he was grateful that the earthquake didn't happen any later.

"Monday mornings, my mom travels on the Santa Monica Freeway at 6:30," he said. "If it had happened just a few hours later, my mother would have been on that freeway."

This quake wasn't the first for these California natives.

Although Muhammad said his house had no more damage than broken pictures and glasses, it had stood with the family through four or five

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Jeff Haller/DN

Fong Woon Lai, left, talks with Marilyn Stadler, right, while eating dinner at the Stadler house Sunday night. Stadler's family, and about 130 other Lincoln families help foreign students through a program called Lincoln Friends of Foreign Students.

## Home away from home

### Program gives foreign students friends in Lincoln community

By Kristine Long  
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**A**lthough she was a foreign exchange student in high school, Cecile Guillard needed a home away from home when she decided to attend graduate school at UNL.

She needed a place to get away from campus, someone to call in case of emergencies and someone who wanted to share her French culture.

Cindy and Dave Piester of Lincoln gave her all that.

The Piester family met Guillard through the Lincoln Friends of Foreign Students program that matches University of Nebraska-Lincoln foreign students with families in the community. The families meet

with the students at least once a month, sometimes forming lifelong friendships.

The program benefits not only foreign students, but Lincoln families as well, giving them a chance to learn about other cultures.

"It's good for foreign students to have contacts within the city and outside the university," Guillard said.

Marilyn Stadler, president of Lincoln Friends of Foreign Students, agrees. That was one of the reasons the program was started.

Stadler said the program, which began more than 30 years ago, grew because residents saw that foreign students were in need of a friend away from home.

Stadler matched Guillard with the Piester family.

The Piester's two children, Molly and Andrew, were studying French in high school at the time Guillard signed up, so the family decided it would be a good match.

Since that time, the family has been linked with two other students, another from France and one from Malaysia, for shorter periods of time. The family has invited the students to dinners, taken them to zoos and concerts and enjoyed long conversations with them.

The Piester family also shared American holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Halloween, with their students.

"For foreign students, it's the best way to really get close to the American culture," Guillard said. And the learning goes both ways. Cindy Piester said she had

learned so much about other cultures from her foreign friends.

"I'm real interested (in other cultures)," she said. "That's why I'm doing it."

Her son Andrew, a junior at Lincoln Southeast, also has learned from the students.

He said having discussions with foreign students had made him realize the world was a lot different from Lincoln.

"It's nice to know it's not all this way," Andrew Piester said.

Friends of Foreign Students places 150 foreign students with families each semester. About 130 Lincoln families are active in the program.

The group also plans three or

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## Speaker clarifies King's aims

By Matthew Waite  
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**M**ore than 75 people gathered in the Nebraska Union Monday to hear the record set straight on the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

George Garrison, chairman of the black studies program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, addressed some criticisms about making King's birthday a federal holiday.



Garrison cited Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., a past critic of this holiday, as saying King was a communist.

Rather, Garrison said, King called communism Christianity's most formidable foe, an ideology that removed religion from society. King wrote that all Christians should fight communism, Garrison said.

Garrison said King exemplified three concepts on which America was based — America is a constitutional democracy, America is civilized and the majority of Americans claim to be Christians.

"Dr. King was well aware of the philosophy on which this country was formed," Garrison said. "Dr. King operated inside the system, not outside the system."

King used his rights given to him in the Bill of Rights — and confirmed by Abraham Lincoln — to promote change, he said.

Garrison said King was responsible for more change in racial politics in America than any other person in the last 30 years.

"(Thirty years ago), there was a diabolical system of segregation that rivaled South Africa," he said. "(King) struggled hard to give meaning to the Constitution ... and America's ideal claims (of equality)."

Out of respect for Christianity and civility, King taught non-violence, Garrison said.

"Dr. King tried to make this nation live up to the idea that it was a civi-

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