

# Engineers study teetering Aptos Village

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APTOS — Geologic studies are still being conducted to determine whether much of historic Aptos Village can be saved after being heavily damaged in last week's earthquake.

Much of the block-long, western-style commercial district across Soquel Drive from the Bayview Hotel is tottering on damaged piers over

the deep ravine of Aptos Creek.

Gaps two and three feet wide are visible between the pavement and the buildings, with cracks all over the street. While that portion of Soquel Drive is open to vehicles, it is closed to pedestrians.

Aptos Supervisor Robley Levy said Thursday that geologic studies are under way. "This is the heart of Aptos Village," she said. "Our hope is it will be able to survive the '89 quake as it survived the '06 quake."

The 12 businesses in jeopardy include Aptos Village Market, Village Garage and Colonial Barber, all of which have been red-tagged by county building inspectors. Red tags means occupants are not allowed to go in for any reason.

In yellow-tagged businesses, in which occupants have limited access to retrieve items, include: Lorraine Bruce Interior Design, Cafe Sparrow, Goldspink Architects,

R.C. Anderson Law Offices, Monterey Bay Business Advisers, Hanna and Associates Appraisers, Pacific West Realty, Kearney Photography and Richard Peterson Architects.

Owners of the various business include Jim Broadwell, Paul Johnston and Robert Anderson. Broadwell reportedly is hiring his own engineer and soils consultants to check the geologic stability of the buildings.