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County government takes long holiday

City, other agencies close for Christmas

Most governmental agencies will be closed Christmas eve. DEC 22 1993

Santa Cruz and Monterey County offices will be closed tomorrow afternoon and all day Friday (See related story).

Watsonville city offices will be closed all day tomorrow and Friday.

The last buses will run in the Santa Cruz Metro system at 8 p.m. Christmas eve. There will be no bus service Christmas day.

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Unless your house is being broken into or you're hauling trash to the dump, any business you have next week with the County of Santa Cruz will have to wait until Jan. 3.

Except for emergency services and a few other vital services, county offices will be closed from noon tomorrow through Jan. 2. The closure was approved last summer as a cost-cutting move; county employees get the time off without pay.

These county services will be available next week:

- Sheriff's deputies will maintain their normal patrols, but the Sheriff's Office will be closed for business services.

- Public Works crews will continue to perform maintenance.

- The county landfill (dump)

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will maintain its normal schedule; it will be closed at 11:30 a.m. Friday, and on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

- The Elections Department will be open Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in modular courtroom G, in front of the courthouse, to accept in-lieu petitions from candidates in the June election.

- The Health Services Agency will operate an outpatient medical clinic Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Emeline Street center in Santa Cruz, by appointment. The South County Mental Health Clinic will be open for appointments Tuesday and Dec. 30.

- Mental health crisis response will be available at 941 El Dorado St., Santa Cruz, Monday through Friday next week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The Public Guardian will be available for emergencies Monday and Dec. 30 from 8 a.m. to noon.

- Income maintenance programs will be open Monday and Dec. 30 at Emeline Street to process emergency Medi-Cal cards, food stamps and welfare checks. The South County of-

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The Monterey-Salinas Transit will also be shut down Christmas Day.

Normal service on both systems will resume Sunday.

Outside the city of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County libraries will close at 6 p.m. tomorrow and remain closed until Jan. 4 because of a job furlough plan ordered by the city of Santa Cruz, which manages the library system.

The Watsonville public library will be open until 9 p.m. tonight and then closed tomorrow, Friday and Saturday. It will reopen Monday morning.

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- Courts will be closed, except for in-custody arraignments. A drop box will be in front of the courthouse for documents, but they will not be processed until Jan. 3.

- The Recorder's Office will be open in modular courtroom G Monday through Thursday.

- Parks will be open, with minimal staffing.

The Register-Pajaronian will publish a morning edition on Friday, Christmas eve. There will be no paper on Christmas Day.

The circulation department will be open until 11 a.m. Christmas eve.

All other departments will be closed Christmas eve and Christmas day.