

# Plenty of gas stations and stores open

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Most gas stations, a lot of grocery stores and drug stores, some banks and restaurants and a few other shops, such as paint and hardware stores, were open this morning from Midcounty to Santa Cruz.

Things weren't exactly back to normal in the wake of Tuesday's earthquake, since owners and employees of even the businesses that were able to open were still busy cleaning up the mess, but at least some semblance of order appeared to be taking shape.

UC-Santa Cruz employees reported to work this morning for cleanup duty and the university is planning to start holding classes again Monday, if all goes well, said Capt. Mike Quinton, of the UCSC Fire Department.

"Generally, there've been no building collapses or even near-collapses," he said.

Structural engineers have examined all the buildings on campus and found no structural damage, Quinton said. The only buildings still in doubt are the four natural sciences buildings, he said, and that's not because of structural damage, but because of chemicals that spilled in the labs. Natural sciences' employees were meeting this morning to figure out how to go about cleaning up the mess of glass and spilled liquids.

Only two minor injuries were reported on campus, Quinton said, and one was to a student who was hit by flying glass in

downtown Santa Cruz and returned to the university for treatment.

In Santa Cruz, Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt said this morning structural engineers had inspected the buildings on the Pacific Garden Mall yesterday and last night, but she did not know what conclusions were reached as to which buildings might be considered safe and which would be condemned.

Merchants had still not been allowed back onto the mall as of this morning and were meeting with Wormhoudt, city officials and structural engineers to get an update on the situation.

A drive from Santa Cruz to Aptos, mainly down Soquel Avenue and Soquel Drive, revealed quite a few businesses open.

Grocery stores that were open included Shopper's Corner and the Alpha Beta store, both on Soquel Avenue near downtown Santa Cruz, Albertson's on 41st Avenue, Grady's Market and the Capitola Meat Market in Capitola and Parks Food Store and the Soquel Market in Soquel.

All the Safeway stores appeared to be open for business and Frank Crivello, manager of the Aptos Safeway store, in the Rancho del Mar shopping center, said all the Safeway stores that were able to open were trying to return to regular hours today. Crivello said all Safeway stores in Santa Cruz County are normally open 24 hours a day.

The Nob Hill grocery store in Capitola was closed and employ-

ees who were in the store cleaning this morning said they did not know when they would be able to open.

The Capitola Esplanade was closed. City Manager Steve Burrell said structural engineers were examining the buildings today and city officials were to meet at noon to discuss when the Esplanade might be opened.

Most Pacific Western Bank branches and some Wells Fargo Bank branches were open today, but transactions were limited in at least some of the banks to cashing checks. Other banks may also be open around the county.

Alyce Fackler, purchasing manager for Pacific Western Bank in Soquel, said that branch would not be open today. The

drive-up tellers may be open, but it depends on the electrical outlook at the bank, she said. The Watsonville main branch downtown is closed, Fackler said, but the branch in Watsonville Square is open. She was not certain about the River Street branch in downtown Santa Cruz.

Other branches Fackler said were open were the Aptos, Capitola, East Side Santa Cruz, West Side Santa Cruz and Monterey branches. The banks that are open should also be holding regular hours tomorrow, she said.

The Aptos branch of the Wells Fargo Bank was open until about 4 p.m. today and should be open tomorrow. The 41st Avenue branch was also open, but the Watsonville branches were closed.

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