

EARTHQUAKE 87- City of Santa Cruz

Merchants get limited access

SANTA CRUZ — A schedule has been set up to allow downtown retail merchants and business people to return to offices that are not in condemned buildings to pick up records and other business items, beginning Tuesday.

According to Louie Rittenhouse, president of the Downtown Association, merchants will not be allowed to remove major inventory or furniture. Two people and one vehicle — a passenger car, small van or pickup — from each business will be allowed on the mall for a specific period of time.

The schedule is the latest move to let Pacific Garden Mall residents, business people and merchants reclaim some of their possessions. According to city information officer Larry Pearson, concerns over safety have been the main thing limiting access to the mall since the Oct. 17 earthquake.

"It is important to understand that the sequence of activity on the mall has been based on safety," he said.

Hotel residents were allowed in first, then owners of buildings slated for demolition. With major demolition completed, owners and tenants of other buildings will be allowed in.

"Although these are the least damaged and the largest number of structures, they had to wait for access until the most dangerous situations had been removed," Pearson said.

The following schedule has been established by the Downtown As-

sociation, the Chamber of Commerce and the city and is based on location. All people wishing entry should report to the Cedar/Cathcart Street Emergency Operations Center at 3 p.m. on the day before their scheduled entry, at which time questions will be answered.

• **Orientation Meeting:** 3 p.m. the day before entry.

• **Check-in:** 9 a.m. the day of entry.

• **Out of buildings:** 12 noon.

• **Gate check out:** 1 p.m.

• **Tuesday:** East side of the Mall, even numbered addresses only. From 1100 to 1126 Pacific Ave. and 1210 to 1320 Pacific Ave. *Trust Building occupants will be contacted on appointment access only.*

• **Wednesday:** East side of the Mall, even-numbered addresses only. From 1330 Pacific Ave. to 1396.

Thursday: 1510 Pacific Ave. to 1540 Pacific Ave., even-numbered addresses only. Front Street, odd addresses only, 805 to 821 Front Street. *There will be no access to the Leonard Building or the Pacific Western Building until further structural evaluation.*

Friday: West side of the Mall, odd numbered addresses only. 1405 Pacific Avenue to 1515, and 1213 Pacific Ave. to 1339, including all occupants of the Old Theatre Building on Walnut Street.

Afternoons are reserved for demolition and other activity. For further information, call 429-8433.