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Question Of Library Authority *Libraries - 1970-1979* Must Be Addressed, Says Forbus

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"If they (Santa Cruz City Council) are going to close county branch libraries unless we come up with the full budget they are asking, we might just as well draw out of the agreement and open our own libraries," Supervisors' Chairman Dan Forbus said this morning.

Forbus and Supervisor Pat Liberty met with city repre-

sentatives last week and will do so again prior to the library's budget consideration Tuesday.

Forbus said that the legal question of library authority has to be addressed.

The city states it has final authority on the library system, with county council saying that the joint-powers agreement between city and county means that the Library Board has full authority, except for the budgetary control of the two larger government bodies.

"We will either reach agreement on that, or go to litigation," Liberty said today.

The library system budget is \$1.54 million, with the county being asked to fund about \$1.03 million.

The county administrator's recommendation is for \$809,634 of that amount.

On June 14, Santa Cruz City Councilman Larry Edler said that if the county will not fund its assigned share, "The city should close some of the county branches."

Vice Mayor Joe Ghio added, "Shut down July 1 if the money is not appropriated by the county."

Forbus today indicated that if the county and city can't get together on which governing body runs the library and which cuts will be made if the county does not fund the full \$1.03 million, the county may not approve the library budget.

He said, "We want a time schedule set to work these things out within six months, and we will have to have the time schedule by tomorrow."

Three Persons Hurt In Sunday Auto Accidents

Three persons were injured in Sunday automobile accidents, according to California Highway Patrol reports.

An accident which occurred at about 7:30 p.m. on East Zayante Road and Lompico Road sent Kirk Langenfelter, 18, Felton, to the Community Hospital.

According to reports, Langenfelter's car was struck



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