

More demolitions



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A whole host of buildings along the Pacific Garden Mall between Lincoln and Cathcart streets were demolished this week.

Mall continues to fall

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SANTA CRUZ — The demolition of three more buildings on Pacific Avenue between Lincoln and Cathcart streets this week leaves an enormous expanse of rubble-strewn open space at the south end of the Pacific Garden Mall.

Ford's Department Store fell, joining its neighbors on the same side of the street; Plaza Books/Paper Vision; Logos Books & Records; Gensler-Lee Diamonds; and Athletic Express. The only building left is the old Morris Abrams building at the Lincoln Street intersection where Lily Wong's is now.

Across the street, Acapulco restaurant and the Colonial Hotel above it were demolished Wednesday and Thursday. Next door, a three-story building housing the Blue Moon Cafe, Pacific Garden Imports on the street

Clock at 5:04 after all

SANTA CRUZ — In a bit of revisionist history, city workers Thursday set the town clock to read 5:04.

The clock stopped after the earthquake Oct. 17. Two faces read 5:08, two others read 5:06 and 5:10 respectively.

But Thursday shortly before noon, a city worker on a cherry picker went up and set all four faces to read the same time: 5:04, the moment the earthquake struck.

"We wanted it to start out with the right time," said Lynn Zachreson, one of sev-

eral residents who helped organize a clock-starting ceremony for Sunday.

Another organizer said the group asked the city Parks and Recreation Department, which is co-sponsoring the ceremony, to reset the clock.

"We felt like that needed to happen," said Sherry Conable. "It's important to remember the time of the quake."

The clock will be started up again at exactly 5:04 p.m. Sunday.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

damage as a result of liquefaction, the phenomenon of ground turning to something like quicksand during an earthquake.

City Manager Dick Wilson said the Casa del Rey was the only building in the city to fall victim to liquefaction. The single-room occupancy hotel housed 147 older people.

More downtown buildings are pegged for demolition including the St. George Hotel, the Penman Title building and the old Western Union office at 1012 Pacific Ave. And others are still under evaluation, according to Wilson, including the Pacific Bank Building, Shandrydan/Shen's Gallery building and Leonard Building on Cooper Street.

Wilson said walls in the Pacific Western Bank building are continuing to separate from the floors and roof.

level, and offices above also was knocked down.

Elsewhere in the city, demo-

lition began on Casa del Rey on Cliff Street by the Boardwalk.

The building suffered severe