

## First work in Aptos Village

APTOS — The first work has begun on a portion of earthquake-damaged Aptos Village.

Workers have raised the historic buildings along a portion of Soquel Drive in the village, and are digging trenches for a new foundation, said property owner Jim Broadwell. He hopes the first repaired business — Cafe Sparrow — will reopen by late April.

The work on the six businesses, encompassing 4,000 square feet, is expected to cost \$250,000. Businesses being repaired include Monterey Bay Business Advisors, Goldspink Architects, Mark Allen Hair Design, QSD Incorporated, Pacific West Realty and Cafe Sparrow.

Other damaged and still-closed businesses in the village include the largest building, Aptos Village Market. Anne Bass, daughter of 100-year-old owner Paul Johnston of Aptos, is still working on repair plans.

According to Broadwell, his buildings will look "virtually the



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Supports have been constructed under Aptos's Sparrow Cafe where the foundation was hoisted.

same from the outside" when work is completed. Internally, however, extensive structural work will occur. All-new foundations will be built since the oldest building was

built in 1923, he said.

The particular portion of Aptos Village damaged from the Oct. 17 earthquake, across the street from the Bay View Hotel, feature

swestern-style wooden walkways, wooden buildings and porch-like overhangs. Aptos Supervisor Aptos Levy has called it "the heart of Aptos."