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Flattening Santa Cruz's Flatiron



Robert Flory, left, protects his face from dust being raised as he watches workers battering down the walls of the 1859 Flatiron Building, below, regarded as the oldest structure in Santa Cruz. Heavily damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the building has been remodeled so many times over the years that even preservationists have grudgingly agreed it has lost its historic integrity. Some signs and other artifacts will be preserved for museum display. The two-story building derived its name from its triangular shape, which suggested a well-known early-day domestic device. It is not known what will replace it.

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