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Emotions still high in wake of punk rock riot

Worst damage to Vets hall ever reported

By Mark Brown
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Workers replaced windows and scraped the wooden dance floor of the San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building Friday repairing the worst damage the 29-year-old building has ever suffered after Thursday's clash between punk rock fans and police.

"It's just a shame. It's an absolute total travesty to have such a fine public building brutalized by that event," said Curt Sorg, county property manager. "It just defies the imagination. I can't ever recall the building ever taking that kind of damage at one function like that."

A sold-out concert starring San Francisco band the Dead Kennedys was the setting for the melee, in which 21 people were arrested.

"Practically every dance you have there causes minor damage," Sorg said, "but not to this degree. This is absolutely amazing to us."

But the county isn't blaming punk-rock concerts as a whole for the trouble, Sorg said. Other groups, including the notoriously violence-plagued Black Flag, have played the hall without any trouble.

"At this time, we're not blaming anything or anyone because we just don't have all the facts," Sorg said. "We were in the process of re-evaluating the rental of the building before this. This event just showed we were heading in the right direction."

Punk concerts would not be banned, Sorg said.

"The only thing I can say is it's a public building. We're not going to prohibit any kind of use just be-



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One of the workers called out Friday to repair windows at the Vets hall was Gilbert Mont