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Tallest building west of Mississippi River is opening in LA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The tallest building west of the Mississippi River opens its doors on Friday, celebrating with lights and fanfare in once-stodgy downtown Los Angeles that is sprouting a crop of new skyscrapers.

Here are some things to know about the Wilshire Grand Center:

HOW TALL IS TALL?

The 73-story building has a huge spire that brings its height to 1,100 feet (335 meters), topping the nearby U.S. Bank Tower by more than 80 feet. The Bank Tower had held the height record since 1989.

Critics might argue that a spire rising nearly 200 feet above the top of the building should not count, but it meets the criteria of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, which lists the world's tallest buildings based on the "architectural top of the building." A 2-foot lightning rod at the very top, however, doesn't count.

The skyscraper is still dwarfed by buildings on the East Coast and overseas. In the United States, One World Trade Center is 1,776 feet tall, making it the sixth-largest completed building in the world. The tallest building, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, rises 2,717 feet, or more than a half-mile high.

NO FLATTOP, PLEASE

The tower features a 100-foot-tall, sail-shaped crown built of glass and steel. It is the first modern high-rise in Los Angeles without a flat roof. Since 1974, high-rise buildings had to have helicopter pads in case of fires or other emergencies. The Wilshire Center obtained Fire Department permis-

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Police Chief calls TCS crowds 'irresponsible'

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks believes the popular Twilight Concerts have become a safety hazard following a possibly record crowd for the opening show of the 2017 season.

The Chief said the events have

grown beyond the capabilities of local agencies and she has requested a security analysis from the Department of Homeland Security to help guide security plans at future shows.

After the June 22 show, headliner Khalid sent out a message on social media.

"Last night, around 60,000 peo-

ple came out to see me in Santa Monica for the free show at the Pier. Breaking records. The Staples Center holds around 21,000 people. People all over California drove hours to come out, to sit in traffic for hours before and after, all off of good energy," he said.

Seabrooks said her estimate for crowd size was similar.

The Pier deck housing the concert can hold between 5,000 and 7,500 people depending on the configuration of an event. The Pier itself can hold several thousand people due to weight constraints on the structure itself. She said the deck reached capacity quickly and

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Ring CEO steps in to help tenant facing eviction over device



Kate Cagle

SUCCESS: After legal action paid for by the local manufacturer, a Santa Monica renter will be able to keep her high-tech Ring doorbell.

KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica tenant facing an eviction threat after installing a Ring doorbell on her front door will be allowed to stay in her home and keep the device, thanks to an intervention by the CEO of Ring himself.

Ring is a Santa Monica-based home surveillance company lead by Jamie Siminoff. Shortly after

the Santa Monica Daily Press published a story about a single mom receiving an eviction notice for installing a Ring camera, Siminoff gave Jessica Katz a call.

"I've never seen a company where the CEO picks up the phone and offers to pay the bills," Katz said, recollecting the phone call where Siminoff offered to provide her with an attorney and anything else she might need to work out a

solution with her landlord. "He said: 'she may be bigger than you but we're bigger than her.'"

Katz had installed a doorbell on the front door of her rent-controlled apartment on Marguerita Avenue when she broke her back a few years ago so she could hear the door when she was upstairs with her two young daughters. Recently, Katz replaced the electronic bell with a Ring device, which provides

a live video stream to her phone and allows her to communicate with anyone at the door even when she is away from home.

Katz thought the Ring was necessary because the keypad to the apartment complex had been broken for years and the doors were kept unlocked all day and all night. However, on May 31 she received a

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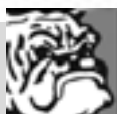
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The Guest Cottage perched higher at the back of the property is quaint and comfortable with hardwood floors throughout. This cottage features a vintage O'Keefe & Merritt stove, separate laundry, an open living room/dining area with vintage built-ins, and a wonderful sitting porch with superb westerly views. This charming house is perfect as a home office, guest quarters, or source of rental income. Close to the surf, Main Street cafes, boutiques, and the Sunday Farmer's Market. Park your car, breathe the ocean air, and enjoy life at the beach. This rare and superb 3rd Street property with peek-a-boo ocean views is a California dream come true. Will be delivered vacant.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, June 24

Shadow-printed cotton tote with Tracy Bromwich

Create a shadow-printed cotton tote bag with Studio Resident Tracy Bromwich using Lumi Inkodye and some artfully cut and arranged produce from the Farmer's Market. Cost: \$5, register at http://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/58534 or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Humboldt's Gift by Saul Bellows. Pico Branch, 2201 Pico Blvd, 1:30 -2:30 p.m.

Cuban Salsa with Kati Hernandez

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Sisters In Crime Mystery Writers Talk

Sisters in Crime Los Angeles, an organization of mystery writers, will present a panel on the topic of "Sleuth Sisters: The Female Detective in Contemporary Crime Fiction". The panel includes authors Craig Faustus Buck, Vanessa A. Ryan, Laurie Stevens and Melinda Loomis. They will be discussing their recent works and the newly published Sisters in Crime Anthology. Books for sale and signing following the program. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main Street, 2 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park

Monday, June 26

Movie and Discussion: In & Out

Film scholar Vivian Rosenberg screens and discusses In & Out, a madcap comedy starring Kevin Kline as a high school teacher who is outed by a former student during Oscar sea-

son and does his frantic best to assert his manliness. (92 min). Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Avenue. 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Mad Science-Up, Up & Away

Learn about the air with a vortex generator, hot air balloons, and a hovercraft! Ages 4-11. Free tickets will be available at 2 p.m. outside the MLK Jr., Auditorium. Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 2 - 3:15 p.m.

Airport Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Airport Commission meets the 4th Monday of each Month at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, except in August & December when the Commission is in recess. City Council Chamber, 1685 Main St.

Social Services Commission Meeting

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27

Write Away

Gain support and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Emi Carvell/Organic Gardening Workshop @ Pico Branch

Join Master Gardener Emi who will teach techniques and provide tips on how to grow plants, vegetables, and herbs you can care for at home. Tickets required; space is limited. Free tickets available 30 minutes before event. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28

Comics meetup

Join Hi De Ho Comic's weekly meetup group where the discussion begins around the week's comic book and then ultimately leads to all things comics and pop culture. This week's book is Hellboy Vol 1: Seeds of Destruction. Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

2 rescued after boat burns in Los Angeles harbor

Two people have been rescued after a 40-foot boat caught fire in Los Angeles harbor. Fire Department spokeswoman Amy Bastman says the vessel was reported ablaze near the port entrance at 9:21 a.m. Friday.

A fire boat crew knocked down the flames in 25 minutes and the rescued victims were brought to shore.

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Google to stop reading your Gmail to help sell ads

Google is going to stop reading your Gmail in search of opportunities to sell ads. The change announced Friday will end a practice that Google has embraced since the company introduced Gmail in 2004. The practice has raised concerns among privacy watchdogs and creeped out some users.

To help finance the free service, Google has been scanning through what Gmail users were discussing and then showing ads connected to some of the topics. Someone writing about running, for instance, might see ads for Nike or Asics shoes.

Google still plans to show ads within Gmail. But instead of scanning through email content, the company's software will rely on other signals to determine which ads are most likely to appeal to each of its 1.2 billion Gmail users.

The Mountain View, California, company said it would stop the ad-driven scanning of Gmail later this year.

Google says it's changing course so its free Gmail service operates more like the subscription version that it has sold to more than 3 million companies. The paid Gmail doesn't include ads, so the company has never tried to scan the content of those users' emails for marketing purposes.

Despite that, Google said some of its business customers incorrectly assumed the company was scanning those accounts as well. By ending all scanning, Google hopes to end the confusion and sell Gmail to even more businesses.

Gmail now ranks as the world's largest email service, an indication that most people didn't care about Google's scanning methods. Both Microsoft and Apple have publicly skewered Google for having the audacity to mine users' emails for ad sales, but those attacks didn't undercut Gmail's popularity.

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PARIS

Schwarzenegger talks climate change with French president

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says the environment shouldn't be a partisan issue.

The actor-turned-Republican politician told reporters in Paris on Friday that he had a "wonderful" one-hour meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron. Schwarzenegger says he and Macron, a centrist, discussed climate change.

"We all breathe the same," he said after Macron saw him to the steps of the presidential Elysee Palace.

Schwarzenegger has publicly sparred with U.S. President Donald Trump, a fellow Republican and "Apprentice" host who is withdrawing the U.S. from a global climate accord reached in Paris and taken jabs at Schwarzenegger's TV ratings.

Before leaving the Elysee, the former Hollywood star went back up the palace steps to give first lady Brigitte Macron a kiss on the cheek.

Schwarzenegger received France's Legion of Honor in April.

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LOS ANGELES

Man gets prison for Southern California grandparent murders

A Southern California man has been ordered to prison for killing his grandmother with an ax and his grandfather with a hammer two years ago.

Los Angeles County prosecutors say 36-year-old Nathaniel Wayne Scheiern of Glendale was sentenced Thursday to a term of 41 years to life.

Deputy District Attorney Fernanda Barreto says Scheiern pleaded no contest on April 27 to one count each of first-degree murder and second-degree murder.

The victims, 82-year-old Verna Scheiern and 77-year-old William Scheiern, were killed in June 2015. Their bodies were discovered by police.

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BIG BEAR

Containment of Southern California forest fire increases

Firefighters have made progress battling a 5-day-old forest fire in Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains.

The approximately 27-square-mile (625 hectares) blaze northeast of Big Bear Lake is 65 percent contained Friday morning.

More than 1,200 firefighters assisted by a fleet of air tankers and helicopters have been working in hot, dry weather since the blaze broke out June 19 in the Holcomb Valley area.

Forecasters expect slight cooling.

Elsewhere in California, a fire that has burned more than 2 square miles (609 hectares) in Sequoia National Forest is in the mop-up stage. The blaze southwest of Lake Isabella is 95 percent surrounded and full containment is expected Sunday.

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Educator Spotlight

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The Educator Spotlight recognizes those who contribute to the education of local students. Educators were chosen by consulting with site PTA, student government organizations and staff. Educators were chosen for their reputations with students, staff, parents and the community.

David Edwards

McKinley Elementary School

David Edwards was born and raised in Santa Monica and attended SMMUSD schools from kindergarten through 12th grade (Samohi Class of '97). He played trombone at Lincoln and Samohi and still spends a lot of time performing in various ensembles. Edwards says, "One of the biggest thrills of my career was being able to return to my hometown and teach at a school that, in my opinion, represents what a public school should be."

Primarily inspired by his parents for their commitments to public service and community activism, Edwards spent seven years as an educator at the Natural History Museum of LA County. There he spent a lot of time working with public school students, but was never able to build long-term relationships with them. So, he came to SMMUSD in 2013, and has taught 4th grade at McKinley since. "Elementary Education is an especially appealing field to me, because I think it's the ideal time to help students become aware of their unique talents and abilities. I don't think it's ever too late to reach a student, but the sooner they can build strong self-esteem and address personal challenges, the better," says Edwards.

In his classroom, he uses similar strategies as he did in his work with the museum, making his lessons as experiential as possible. His class has held mock legislative sessions during social studies and "press conferences" to interview characters from the novels they're reading, to name a few examples.

EDWARDS SPEAKS

One of the reasons that I wanted to teach at McKinley in particular is that I think it represents what a public school campus should look like. We have a socially and eco-



EDWARDS

nomically diverse student body that comes together to build an exceptional community. My students are dedicated, enthusiastic, and resilient, and they keep me excited about teaching. There are so many wonderful faculty members here who are committed to collaborating on the design of our short-term and long-term plans for the school. I've learned so much from everyone here, students and teachers.

I'm one of a large cohort of district teachers working with Irene Gonzalez-Castillo and USC researchers to integrate depth and complexity prompts into our curriculum. I'm enjoying integrating fresh ideas into lesson content and pushing myself to make learning rigorous for all of my learners.

I obviously want my students to build the academic and leadership skills that they'll need to succeed in their later years of schooling. But more importantly, I hope I can strengthen the foundation that will allow them to be confident, self-guided learners who will know how to ask important questions and come up with creative solutions on their own. I also hope I can play a part in making them want to continue learning long after they've finished school.



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Court reverses corruption counts in California city scandal

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

A state appeals court on Friday reversed five of 11 criminal counts against an official convicted in a scheme to bilk millions of dollars from a small California city.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal ruled that jurors received erroneous instructions before they convicted former Bell Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia of misappropriating public funds.

"It's a significant victory for her," said Harland Braun, her attorney. "She's very grateful."

The court upheld six other charges against Spaccia, including two counts of hiding public records.

Spaccia and several other former officials were accused of bilking the blue-collar Los Angeles suburb of millions of dollars through a long-running scheme to pay themselves hugely inflated salaries they hid from the public.

Bell's former city manager, Robert Rizzo, pleaded no contest to 69 corruption counts and was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

District attorney spokesman Greg Risling said prosecutors were reviewing the court's opinion and will make a decision on a possible retrial after considering the legal options.

Braun said he doubts prosecutors would

refile charges because Spaccia, who was incarcerated following her 2013 conviction, has already been released from prison.

She is living under house arrest and working full-time at an office job in Los Angeles, Braun said, adding that she's expected to be paroled in December.

During sentencing, Spaccia was ordered to repay Bell more than \$8 million, but Braun said she's broke.

When she and others were arrested in 2010, Spaccia was making \$564,000 a year in salary and benefits, according to court documents. Spaccia said in testimony that Rizzo masterminded the scheme and was making \$1.2 million a year.

An audit by the state controller's office found the exorbitant salaries were funded by illegally raising property taxes, business license fees and other sources of revenue.

At one point, property taxes in Bell, where the average annual household income is \$37,000, were higher than Beverly Hills.

Current City Councilman Ali Saleh, one of a handful of residents who suspected abuse and pressed for years for reform, said he was disappointed in the appeals court ruling.

"The 40,000 residents in the city of Bell know that Spaccia and Rizzo deliberately schemed together to defraud the community," he said. "Spaccia should be ashamed of herself."

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with additional people crowding the Pier and at least 40 - 50,000 people on the nearby beach, it was easily one of the biggest crowds to gather for a show.

The Chief said the crowd size jeopardized public safety and that while nothing serious happened during the show, police or fire officers would have been unable to help a victim if someone were in distress.

"Over the years we have diligently, police and fire, worked to ensure safe ingress and egress for emergency vehicles (on the beach)," she said. "The crowd size was so big and with the timeline change toward the latter part of the evening, those safety zones were eliminated."

Fire Chief Bill Walker said he was on the same page as Chief Seabrooks.

"If we can't get access to people, that's a concern," he said. "The ability to control that crowd and that movement, it's beyond our control because we're overwhelmed and over numbered."

About 160 police officers are on hand during the events as are 13 fire inspection personnel and three EMT teams.

According to Seabrooks, it wasn't just the density of the beach crowd that posed a problem.

At Thursday's show, an overflow crowd briefly knocked down a barricade near the entrance to the Pier on Ocean Front Walk and when Khalid appeared on the roof of the Loof Hippodrome building, the crowd surged in a way that was dangerous to those on the Pier.

While private security was able to quickly reestablish control before things got out of hand, Seabrooks said the potential for harm is high and both Chiefs said officials want to preempt problems.

"It's just a concern," said Walker. "We're in the public safety business, were in the business of worst case scenarios and in a crowd that large a worst-case scenario is something that gets away from us."

Seabrooks said the shows can't be judged safe based on if something happened, but need to be evaluated on how officials can respond if there's an emergency.

"As it stands, nothing happened but that's not the measure," she said. "The measure is being proactive and doing things safely."

She called the show "irresponsible" for attracting a crowd that was beyond SMPD's ability to regulate or control and said show organizers have ignored her past concerns about appropriate sized crowds for the Santa Monica area.

"This is not Upstate New York in 1969 at Woodstock," she said.

Seabrooks said there's nothing anyone can do to stop public access to a public beach and crowds will always flock to a beach town like Santa Monica. However, providing a free show of regional interest substantially increases the number of people who will come to the City.

"It's bounded by residences and hotels and for us to have an event like this, I'm absolutely astounded that the Pier Board would enable this kind of activity to go on despite the objection of Police and Fire and the expressed concerns of the city," she said.

The concerts are produced by the Pier Corporation, a Council-appointed nonprofit that handles events, promotions, marketing and fundraising. Pier Corp Board President Judy Abdo said staff will be work-

ing with the Police and Fire departments in the coming days.

"I am very glad that the planning process is working more smoothly this year and that the Police and the pier staff have been meeting often to address the issues that are being raised here and that my expectation is that they will meet and make sure that next week's concert addresses the issues they have highlighted from this concert," she said.

Jay Farrand, Executive Director of the Pier said Khalid was booked months ago and his popularity exploded in the mean time drawing an surprisingly large crowd for the TCS show.

He said based on social media RSVPs, none of the remaining shows have even a third of the response and while the crowd was large, the event was safe and well planned.

"I think what was successful about last night is that we've been working for months with City departments, our producers, private event staff and security to make plans for the series and that planning and preparation paid off last night with calm collaborative action that kept the night running as smoothly as possible given the large crowd," he said. "Additionally, we knew that the crowds were going to be very large for weeks in advance and had many meetings with public safety and our event staff and security to prepare, including making extra signage, hiring extra security and ushers, and more."

He said the crowd was large, happy and excited to see Khalid but not dangerous.

Farrand said the Pier hadn't changed how it promoted the show and the situation Thursday was a result of the talent surging in popularity.

"Nothing was different in how we promoted the show and didn't make any attempts to reach an out-of-town crowd, but his sudden popularity and buzz were clearly far-reaching," he said. "While the numbers were large thanks to his sudden popularity, they were a mellow happy well-behaved crowd which is the norm for Twilight and we heard this echo'd by most of the professionals working the event in various capacities."

Seabrooks said given the national and international reality, law enforcement has to be aware of potential problems and when officers can't safely access the crowd on the beach it becomes a liability for everyone involved.

"With 50,000 people in a small footprint, it only takes one person to do something sideways that has the ability to impact the city of Santa Monica and the surrounding community for years to come," she said.

"I am concerned in my professional capacity, this has gone way beyond the capabilities of Santa Monica Police Department and its law enforcement partners and EMS partners..." she said.

To provide perspective on the situation, Seabrooks requested the Department of Homeland Security provide a threat assessment of the TCS shows. She said a team of experts attended the show and were not happy with what they saw.

A full report from the inspection team will be provided to SMPD in the coming weeks but Seabrooks said its content might be kept confidential if it contains information that could expose public safety weaknesses.

There are seven remaining TCS shows spread over the next eight weeks. There will be no concert the week of July 4.

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BUILDING

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sion to use other safety features, including a special landing platform and a dedicated elevator for firefighters. The city ended the flat-roof requirement in 2015.

LIGHTS, ACTION, ENTERTAINMENT

The building's spine and sail have programmable LEDs that can provide colorful illumination and visuals. In a test last month, the LEDs glowed and flowed with rainbow colors.

The tower also includes an 889-room InterContinental hotel where rooms will go for about \$400 a night; some 350,000 square feet (32,516 square meters) of office space; a shopping mall and an observation deck.

Restaurants range from the open-air, rooftop Spire 73 offering “chic fire pits” and signature cocktails to La Boucherie, with stratospheric steak prices and a wine list with 1,200 selections.

CONSTRUCTION

The building, located in the Financial District, cost about \$1.2 billion to build. Construction began in 2014.

It reached a milestone that year when 21,200 cubic yards (16,208 cubic meters) of concrete, weighing 82 million pounds (37 million kilograms), were poured over a span of 18 hours to create the foundation. That broke the

CEO

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letter from attorney Duane Hall, who represents the landlord American Career Investments, stating that the doorbell was an “alteration to the Premises ... This is strictly prohibited.” The letter warned Katz to remove the bell or face eviction.

Two weeks later, Katz found having her own representation made all the difference.

“Tenants shouldn’t allow landlords to bully them by making absurd arguments that certain provisions override your ability to be safe and secure in your home,” said the attorney hired by Ring, Sam Yebri. Yebri sent a five-page letter to the landlord warning them to back off from the eviction threat or risk going to court.

"If this matter results in litigation, we are confident that Ms. Katz and her young children would be sympathetic to any jury in Santa Monica," reads the June 14 letter in part. Yebri says California law protects stipu-

Guinness World Record for a continuous pour set during the 1999 construction of The Venetian hotel and casino in Las Vegas.

The record was eclipsed again this April when a foundation for a mall was poured in the United Arab Emirates.

Construction work on the tower was shut down for two days last year when an electrician killed himself by jumping from the 53rd floor.

The tower includes a massive, stabilizing central core and braces designed to act as shock absorbers to withstand gusty Santa Ana winds and earthquakes. Southern California has dozens of faults, and the building is designed to withstand about a magnitude-7.5 temblor.

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE SPRAWL

The Wilshire Grand Center is part of a construction boom in the resurgent downtown area that for decades emptied out at night as commuters headed for the suburbs.

The opening of the Staples Center arena in 1999 helped anchor redevelopment projects in the surrounding area. The Walt Disney Concert Hall, an internationally known architectural landmark designed by Frank Gehry, opened in 2003.

Vacant office buildings have become pricey lofts and apartments, a new art museum opened and with changes to density and zoning laws, plans are moving ahead to create gigantic complexes of residences, hotels and shopping districts. Some 20 skyscrapers of 35 stories or more are planned or under construction.

lates leases can only be terminated for “material, substantial, or total” breaches of contract – not a small screw or two in the front door of a unit. In the letter, Yebri called the eviction notice harassment.

"Within hours of receiving our letter they began taking steps to secure the building," Yebri said. "They started locking the doors and there was a repair person working on the security panel."

"I know the neighbors are bit frustrated because now they have to carry keys," Katz said. "I feel so much safer and they feel so much safer and the girls feel so much better about this."

Katz hasn't heard anything more from her landlord. She says now that the security panel has been fixed, her little daughters can play in the courtyard outside her unit. After seven years of living in the building, Katz is looking forward to many more raising her family just a block away from Palisades Park.

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ON JUNE 10, AT ABOUT 9:06 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service of a petty theft now in the 1000 block of Alley 7. The victim told officers while he was returning home from walking his dog he noticed a subject in possession of his property, a bag containing hockey equipment, that had previously been secured in a carport. The victim confronted the suspect. The suspect returned some of the items and left the location. The victim later noticed he had some property missing. Officers located the suspect at the 600 block of Wilshire Blvd. The victim was able to identify the suspect and desirous of prosecution. The suspect was also in possession of wire cutters and the victims' hockey equipment - \$900 value. George John Johnson, 54, homeless, was arrested for burglary. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 389 calls for service on June 22.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Suspicious Person 300 block Civic Center 12:09 a.m.
Encampment 2600 block Ozone Street 12:17 a.m.
Suspicious Person 700 block Ozone 12:21 a.m.
Overdose 2300 block Ocean Park 12:58 a.m.
Disturbance at a Business 600 block Wilshire
Fight 2400 block Olympic 1:30 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2500 block Kansas 1:37 a.m.
Trespassing 1200 block 2nd 2:09 a.m.
Loud Music 1800 block 12th 3:10 a.m.
Vandalism 1800 block 13th street 3:15 a.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 1300 block 2nd street 3:17 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300 block Olympic 5:58 a.m.
General Parking Problem 200 block Santa Monica Pier 7:17 a.m.
Person with a Gun 2000 block Ocean 7:34 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2900 block 3rd 7:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary 3200 block Donald Douglas Loop 7:41 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 700 block Ozone 7:43 a.m.
Violation of Posted Sign 1300 block 26th 8:18 a.m.
Forensics Request- Fingerprint 3200

block Donald Douglas Loop 8:38 a.m.
Administrative Incident 300 block Olympic 8:39 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 2400 block Montana 8:39 a.m.
Fraud 1300 block 7th 9:17 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 400 block Santa Monica 9:28 a.m.
Fight 1700 block Ocean 9:56 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 2300 block Virginia 10:00 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 800 block 4th 10:02 a.m.
Petty Theft 1900 block Lincoln 10:11 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1100 block 20th 10:29 a.m.
Strongarm 1700 block 20th 10:34 a.m.
Medical Emergency 200 block Santa Monica Pier 12:37 p.m.
Municipal Code Violation 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 12:56 p.m.
Found Person 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:21 p.m.
Failure to Pay Parking Fee 1600 block Appian 2:27 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 500 block Santa Monica Pier 2:54 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200 block Washington 2:57 p.m.
Hit and Run Misdemeanor Investigation 20th/Santa Monica 3 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400 Ocean Ave/Wilshire 4:50 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400 block Pearl 5:32 p.m.
Party Complaint 1400 block 14th 6:28 p.m.
Bomb Threat 300 block Santa Monica PI 6:47 p.m.
Trash Dumping 1400 block 17th 7:12 p.m.
Theft of Recyclables 1800 block 9th 7:37 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating in Public 00 block Seaview 9:25 p.m.
Panic Alarm 1100 block Cedar 10:10 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 62 calls for service on June 22.

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Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 2300 block Ocean Park 12:58 a.m.
EMS 26th/Olympic 1:42 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Lincoln 2:42 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100 block La Mesa 5:03 a.m.
EMS 400 block Ocean 5:06 a.m.
EMS 100 block Pier 6:05 a.m.
Structure Fire 800 block Pico 6:23 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 7th 6:37 a.m.
EMS 2000 block 6:39 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 6:40 a.m.
EMS 900 block 10th 6:55 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 16th 7:13 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 7th 7:35 a.m.
Assist LAFD San Vicente 7:54 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2600 block 32nd 8:08 a.m.

EMS 500 block Olympic 8:27 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 11th 9:59 a.m.
EMS 1600 block 7th 10:49 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Yale 10:50 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Euclid 10:51 a.m.
EMS 800 block 4th 10:57 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Main 11:20 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 11:40 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 11:44 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500 block 6th 12:14 p.m.
Flooded Condition Euclid/Washington 12:32 p.m..
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 12:36 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 12:41 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 11th 1:13 p.m.
EMS 200 block Palisades Beach 1:55 p.m.
EMS 9th/Broadway 2:53 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 3:19 p.m.
EMS Lincoln /Interstate 10 3:38 p.m.
EMS 4th/Santa Monica 4:31 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Lincoln 4:52 p.m.
EMS Pacific Coast/California Incline 5:31 p.m.
Structure Fire 800 block Bay 5:45 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 3rd 5:51 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 6:23 p.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 6:27 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY



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Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 49M



Draw Date: 6/22
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Draw Date: 6/23
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Draw Date: 6/22
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2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 05 California Classic
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

How Green Grows My Life

■ A novel study reports that women who live in homes surrounded by greenery live longer (12 percent lower mortality rate) and have better mental health than those who do not. The novelty is in how the Harvard University scientists came to their conclusions: They examined medical data from 100,000 women who had participated the Nurse's Health Study, then compared that information to satellite images of vegetation around their homes.

■ The biggest health boosts were in respiratory and cancer mortality.

■ Though intriguing, the findings come with a lot of caveats. For example, living in more parklike areas likely means living near parks, walking more, less exposure to air pollution and noise -- all boons to better health.

MYSTERY PHOTO



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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Dizzy fan

9 Ungentle treatment

15 It's east of Albuquerque on I-40

16 "No prob"

17 It's heard in *The Rite of Spring*

18 Narrow and elongated

19 Auto made in Georgia

20 Acumen

22 Margrethe II subject

23 Rather long-lasting

25 Remove some hair from, maybe

27 Outstanding

29 Avenue south of Santa Monica Boulevard

33 Employer of some 2,000 volunteer attorneys

36 Offering from Google or Microsoft

38 Juggling set

40 Skunk

41 ___ cap

42 Elementary sextet

45 Many amateur videographers

46 It might detect high cholesterol

47 Noodles from Nagano

49 Flier of fantasy fiction

51 Bearing

55 It has argument questions

58 Verbal incidentals

60 "Rest - there needs not this ___": Chesterton

61 Process grain

DOWN

1 Sweet Easter serving

2 Contact info

3 Underlying

4 Repair centers, for short

5 Two-person cutter

6 Bonsai fruit tree

7 Remnant of the Corsica-Tuscany land connection

8 Early sounds in *Singin' in the Rain*

9 World's most popular beer

10 *Associé de confiance*

11 Warrior daughter of Zeus

12 Chain selling elk sausage

13 What chutney may top

14 Circular ocean current

21 Tone characteristics

24 The Williamses, since 1997

26 Mystery meal

28 Scrams

30 Home of a Munch museum

31 Sarong's lack

32 Calls porpoises dolphins

33 Cutaneous condition

34 Be too much

35 Frictional remedy

37 Clear, as settings

39 "What Kind of ___ Are You?" (*Cosmo* quiz)

43 Legendary model of purity

44 Worth getting an autograph from

48 Apple storage device

50 Rock music staple

52 Depths

53 Develop with assistance

54 Fooled, with "in"

55 Long-distance meas.

56 Emperor equivalent

57 Standing ___

59 "Ta-da!"

62 What to call cutters

64 Bit of poetry from Cinderella

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Registration is Now Open for Westside Food Bank's 27th Annual 5K Hunger Walk

BY MICHAEL GIRSBACK
Development Associate, Westside Food Bank

Westside Food Bank's 27th Annual 5K Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 15, 2017 starting from Ocean View Park and continuing along the beach walking path past the Santa Monica Pier and back. This annual event attracts about 500 walkers from the community with local businesses, faith organizations, schools and clubs forming walking teams to show their support. There's something for everyone with pre-walk entertainment, prizes and awards, a



Family Fun Zone with games and activities for kids of all ages, and a Beach Bash After Party at Perry's Café. You can even bring your dog! Last year's event helped Westside Food Bank provide food for over a half million meals for local individuals and families suffering from hunger and food insecurity. Here's how you can get involved:

■ **Have your business sponsor the event** – showcase your support with your business name and logo reaching over 15,000 households. Sponsorship packages include social media coverage, logos on tee shirts, mailers and other event materials as well as a presence at the event, tickets to the after party and volunteer opportunities for your team during our busy holiday season. Contact

Genevieve Riutort at 310-828-6016 ext. 18 or Genevieve@wsfb.org

■ **Donate a raffle item** – hotel & restaurant gift certificates, tickets to sporting events and movies, spa packages, gift baskets – all make wonderful prizes that help us with fundraising.

■ **Form a walking team** – gather your friends and family, colleagues, classmates and more to walk together. You'll get a dedicated team webpage to track your progress with each team member contributing towards group and individual goals. We encourage friendly competition, so consider inviting a competing business, school or club to form a team and see who can bring the most walkers or raise the most money!

■ **Be a Hunger Walker** – individuals and families can register to walk, create an individual

Westside Food Bank's 27th Annual 5K Hunger Walk, Sunday October 15, 2017

Ocean View Park – 2701 Barnard Way
Santa Monica (just south of Ocean Park Blvd.)

12pm - program & activities, 2pm - Walk Begins, 4pm - Beach Bash After Party

fundraising page and join us on October 15th.

■ **Be a Virtual Walker** – Not able to join us for the event? Hate walking? No problem. Register online as a virtual walker and you can still invite your friends and family to support Westside Food Bank.

■ **Volunteer at the event** – Contact Allison Griffith at 310-828-6016 ext12 or Allison@wsfb.org for more information.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24)

The mission drives you. At times you'll be hyper-productive, singlehandedly accomplishing more than whole teams do. Respect your need to hibernate and rejuvenate; it's how you'll stay healthy. Lifestyle upgrades are cemented in November. A new study will delight you in 2018, and you'll be paid well, too. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 48 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

If you're in a place where second-guessing is second nature, you need a place of solace too - a home base you can touch where there are people you can count on, doing work you understand well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You're willing to face rejection. It's something you have to muster up, but this willingness is harder than most people pretend, beyond the reach of many, and it's the single most useful trait in increasing your influence today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Making money doesn't make character. Doing work builds character, and often the work will bring money. It's important to make the distinction today. The riches that earn respect may not be gold.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Know your reasons. This is the difference between resolutions that fail and resolutions that succeed. When your reasons are good and deep enough, your resolve will make things happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

When the unexpected thing happens it can be exciting in a good way -- something to tell your friends about. Or it can be unsettling and hard to recover from. You're sensitive to this as you set up expectations in those around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're keeping track. In everything that happens, you've the equivalent of the black box of an airplane accounting for it. Flames and floods and love and war couldn't change the account of the faithful, honest witness inside you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Taste what you eat and get the full impact of what you touch. Treat your daily life and routine as though you'll have to do a report on it later. This level of attention will serve you well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Your family of origin has much to report about the mettle you're made of and the frailties stamped on you but in no way does it define the whole of you. The self-made part of you will shine today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

There are those who do the right thing when the eyes of the world are on them, and there are those who do the right thing when they're all alone. Align yourself with the latter and all will be well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you're going to launch yourself into the hard challenges, you'll need your own thoughts and feelings supporting you. Convince yourself. Encourage yourself. Get on Team You.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

When passion ignites, it's a stroke of luck but not necessarily a blessing. Passion is the spark, the beginning. It has to turn into something sustainable to be a gift.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

There's an ethical decision to be made. The morality of the situation isn't deep but it is complex. Getting away with it doesn't make it right, and getting caught doesn't make it wrong.

The Animal Angle of Venus and Pluto

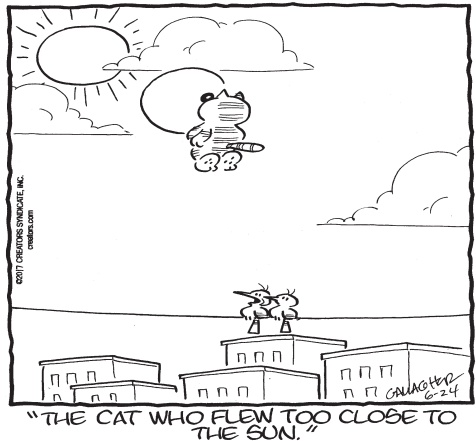
Before humans could have a text fight there was a lot more sniffing, posturing and physical contact that went into communication. Venus and Pluto align to remind us of the animal nature we're rooted in. We are vulnerable creatures with complex mental defenses. To make a strong connection, first respect the fears and frailties we live inside.

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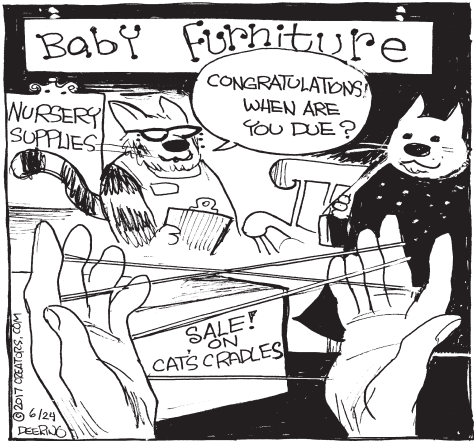
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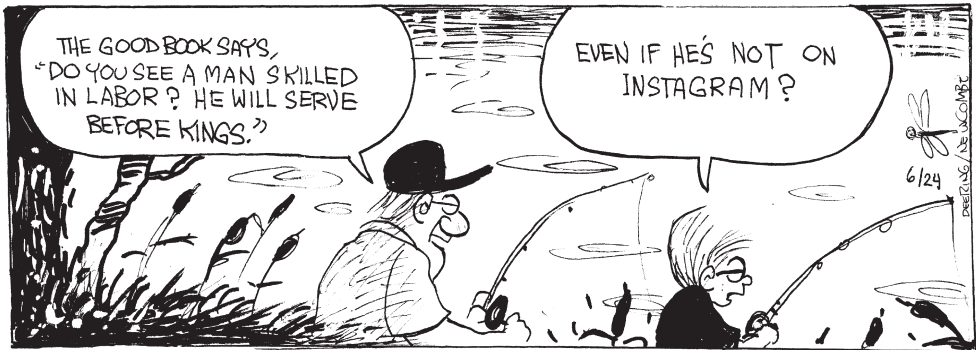
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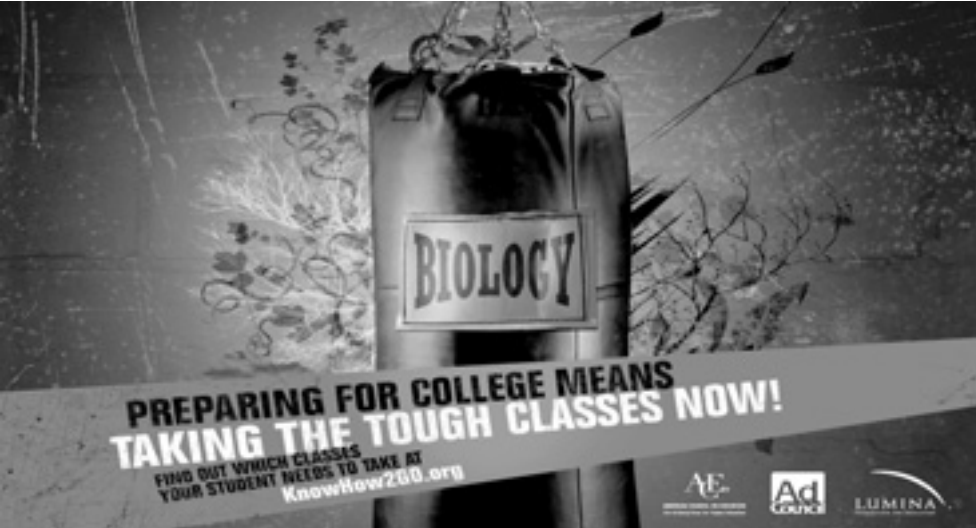
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