

## **Long Beach Press Telegram**

### **Building Boom**

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The old Pacific Trade building in San Pedro has been reduced to a pile of rubble. At around 6:30 Sunday morning, five pounds of carefully placed explosives brought the 41-year-old, 12-story office building to the ground. In its place will rise a 16-floor oceanfront apartment building, part of the ongoing redevelopment in the city's downtown. Rafael Ibarra from American Wrecking, right, celebrates as the dust settles from the building's 10-second trip to the ground.