

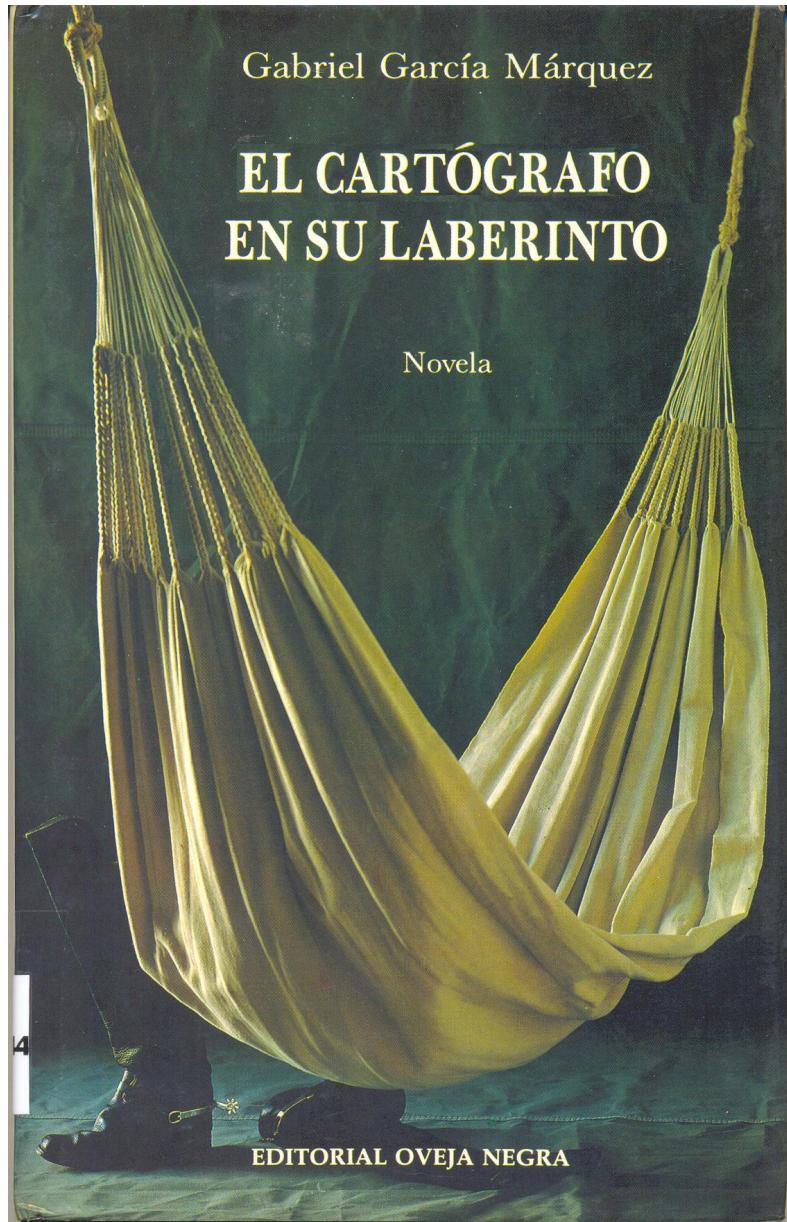
# EL CARTÓGRAFO EN SU LABERINTO

How hack journalists managed to map out  
a local crime database – and how you can too.



A remembrance by @paleewire

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I can't speak Spanish, but I am a fan.

# My name is Ben.

I sometimes go by @paleewire.



I work in  
#DTLA.





Our team is called the Data Desk.  
We turn databases into news.

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>>> import django
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That means we write code.

## Brown rejects more time for abuse lawsuits

Legislation would have given some victims a longer window to file claims.

By ASHLEY POWERS  
AND MELANIE MARSH

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a bill that would have given some child-abuse victims more time to file lawsuits, after a heated opposition campaign led by the Catholic Church that stretched from Capitol hallways to Los Angeles church pews.

In an unusually detailed three-page veto message released Saturday, the Democratic governor, a former Jesuit seminarian, said the bill raised questions about treatment of public and private employers. Pointing to a centuries-long tradition of

limiting the period when legal claims can be filed, Brown said institutions should feel secure that "past acts are indeed in the past and not subject to further lawsuits."

He also argued that the legislation, which would have in part lifted the statute of limitations on sexual abuse claims for one year to allow some childhood victims to file lawsuits, was "unfair" because it targeted private organizations, such as Catholic dioceses and the Boy Scouts. Public schools would not have been affected by the bill, something Brown called "a significant injustice."

The children assaulted by Jerry Sandusky at Penn State or the teachers at Miramonte Elementary School in Los Angeles are less worthy because of the nature of the institution they

(See Abuses, A26)



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**THE NEW MART** in L.A.'s fashion district, a concrete building. After a 1985 quake in Mexico, Ethan Eber had a structural engineer assess the safety of his building. Most such structures have not had similar scrutiny.

## A CONCRETE RISK

Short on steel support, hundreds of L.A. buildings are a threat in quakes

By RONALD LIN II, ROXANNE XIA AND DAVID SMITH

More than 1,000 old concrete buildings in Los Angeles and hundreds more throughout the county may be at risk of collapsing in a major earthquake, according to a Times analysis.

By the most conservative

### Hidden dangers

Buildings in Los Angeles County that may be constructed of concrete and could pose a risk in a major earthquake. Explore the buildings at [latimes.com/earthquake](http://latimes.com/earthquake).

■ Potentially at-risk buildings

Los Angeles officials have known about the dangers for more than 40 years but have failed to force owners to make their properties safer. The city has even rejected calls to make a list of concrete buildings.

## Senate leaders join negotiations

But we still remember English.

We make things like...

# Legal drugs, deadly outcomes

BY SCOTT GLOVER, LISA GIRION. VIDEO AND PHOTOS BY LIZ O. BAYLEN

November 11, 2012

*Prescription overdoses kill more people than heroin and cocaine.*

*An L.A. Times review of coroners' records finds that drugs prescribed by a small number of doctors caused or contributed to a disproportionate number of deaths.*



Terry Smith collapsed face-down in a pool of his own vomit.

Lynn Blunt snored loudly as her lungs slowly filled with fluid.

Summer Ann Burdette was midway through a pear when she stopped breathing.

Larry Carmichael knocked over a lamp as he fell to the floor.

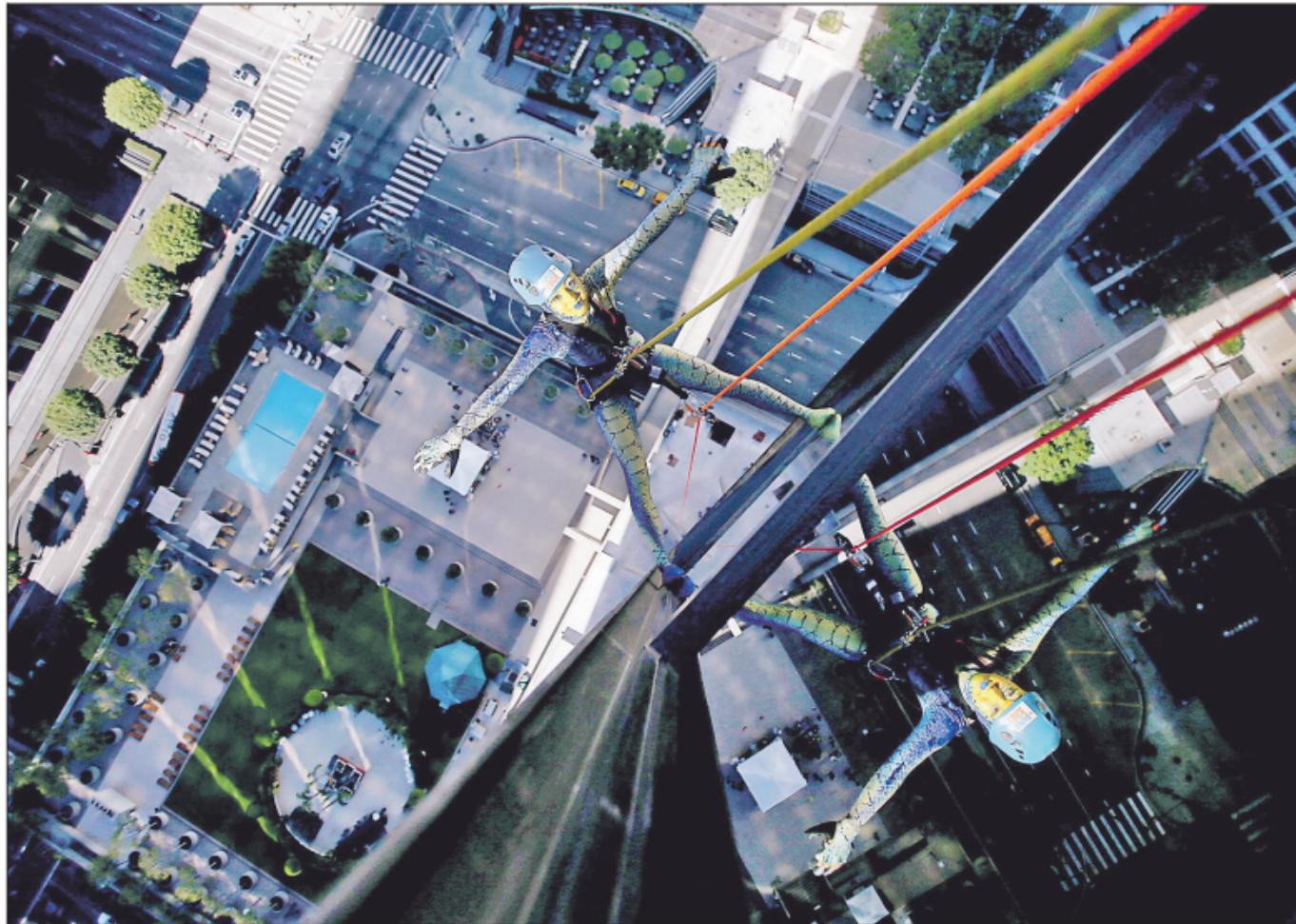
Jennifer Thurber was curled up in bed, pale and still, when her father found her.

Karl Finnila sat down on a curb to rest and never got up.



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LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

## SUSPENSION OF DISBELIEF

Cirque du Soleil performer Rebecca Slivka is reflected in the mirrored surface of the downtown Westin Bonaventure Hotel on Friday as she rappels 26 floors down the side of the building during Over the Edge IV, a benefit for the Boy Scouts of America.

## Brown signs 2 bills on Rx abuse

A third, aimed at identifying reckless doctors, gets the governor's veto.

BY SCOTT GLOVER  
AND LISA GIRION

Gov. Jerry Brown signed two bills Friday aimed at curbing prescription drug abuse but vetoed a third that could have helped the state's medical board identify reckless doctors whose patients died on pills they prescribed.

The three bills, which garnered strong bipartisan support, were spurred by a series of investigative reports in The Times that linked drugs prescribed by doctors to nearly half the prescription-involved overdose deaths in Southern

# A GAME CHANGER

State legislation backed by the NFL and five other pro leagues would sharply limit teams' workers' comp liability

BY KEN BENSINGER,  
ARMAND EMAMDJOMEH  
AND MARC LIFSHER

By the thousands, professional athletes from around the country are seeking medical care or money through California's workers' compensation system for brain trauma and other injuries suffered on the playing field.

Former athletes have filed more than 4,400 claims involving head and brain injuries since 2006 — seven times more than in the previous 15 years, according to a Times analysis of state records. Nearly three-quarters of all new claims made in California now include alleged brain injuries.

Most of these claims



RAY STUBBLEBINE Associated Press



CONRAD DOBLER

**CONRAD DOBLER**, left, at work in 1977. He has had nine knee replacements since retirement. He filed a claim against his former teams in California in 2009.

come from former pro football players, brought by superstars such as Joe Theismann, Tony Dorsett and Earl Campbell, as well as unheralded practice squad players.

The claims represent a huge financial risk for National Football League teams. Research suggests that repeated head trauma from violent contact can lead to dementia, Parkinson's disease and other incurable conditions. A complete list of claims by football players, culled from millions of filings from the Division of Workers' Compensation, is posted at [www.latimes.com/sports-injuries](http://www.latimes.com/sports-injuries).

Now the NFL and five other professional sports leagues are close to limiting [See Benefits, A20]

# L.A. full of roads to ruin for cars

Street quality hinges more on topography and age than wealth, a Times analysis finds.

BY BEN POSTON

A drive along Angus Street in hilly Silver Lake requires navigating a gantlet of buckled concrete slabs and dirt-filled cracks.

But on South Seabluff Drive in Playa Vista the ride is smooth, the pavement is black and you can smell the fresh asphalt.

Despite the city's best efforts to keep up with the constant flood of road repairs, Los Angeles is a city divided — by its potholes, cracks and ruts.

A Times analysis of street inspection data found wide

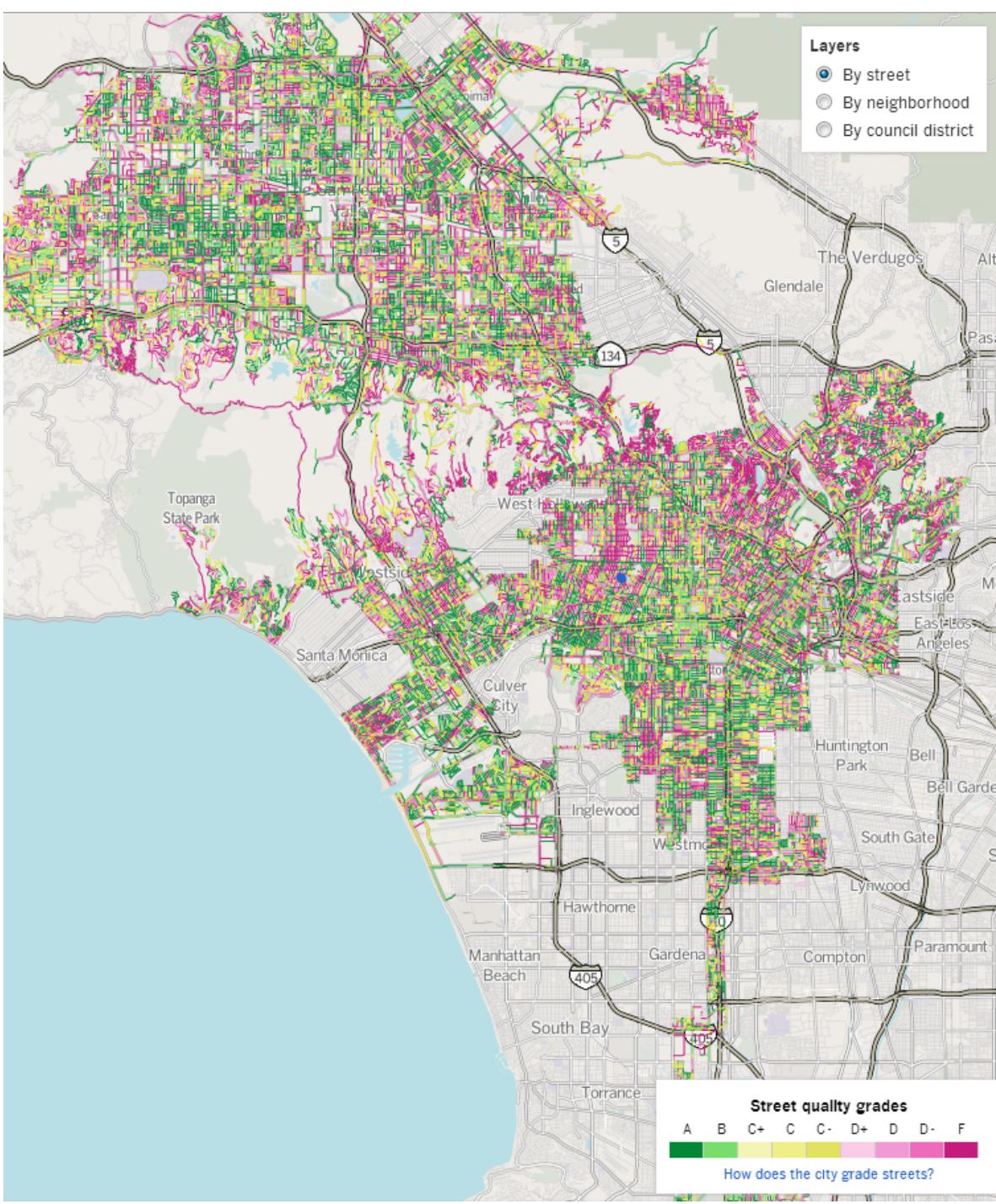
disparities in road quality among the city's 114 neighborhoods.

The streets in the newer development of Playa Vista, which the city's database gives the highest ranking with an average grade of B, scored 80% higher than those in Silver Lake, which ranks among the worst with a D-minus average.

The differences are not driven by wealth or political power. In fact, some of the poorest parts of the city have some of the best roads.

The heart of the problem is aging streets, heavy traffic, undulating terrain and the sheer size of the network. The streets in the poorest shape tend to be in hillside neighborhoods, such as the Hollywood Hills, Mount Washington, Los Feliz and Bel-Air.

[See Streets, A20]





Photographs by IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

**RAPT:** Third-graders at Morningside Elementary in San Fernando listen to teacher Zenaida Tan. Contrary to popular belief, the best teachers weren't concentrated in the most affluent neighborhoods.

# Who's teaching our kids?

A Times analysis, using data largely ignored by LAUSD, looks at which educators help students learn, and which hold them back.

JASON FELCH,  
JASON SONG  
AND DOUG SMITH

The fifth-graders at Broadus Elementary School come from the same world—the poorest corner of the San Fernando Valley, a Pacoima neighborhood framed by two freeways where some have lost friends to the stray bullets of rival gangs.

Many are the sons and daughters of Latino immigrants who never finished high school, hard-working parents who keep a respectful distance and trust edu-



**HIGH PERFORMER:** Miguel Aguilar's students have consistently made striking gains on state tests.

tors to do what's best.

The students study the same lessons. They are often on the same chapter of the same book.

Yet year after year, one fifth-grade class learns far more than the other down the hall. The difference has almost nothing to do with the size of the class, the students or their parents.

It's their teachers.

With Miguel Aguilar, students consistently have made striking gains on state standardized tests, many of them vaulting from the bottom third of students in Los Angeles schools to well above average, according to [See LAUSD, A26].

# No gold stars for excellent L.A. teaching

Effective instructors get little recognition. Often their principals don't even know who they are.

JASON FELCH

It's a Wednesday morning, and Zenaida Tan is warming her students up with a little exercise in "Monster Math."

That's Tan's name for math problems with monstrously big numbers. While most third-graders are learning to multiply two digits by two digits, Tan makes her class practice with 10 digits by two — just to show them it's not so different.

On this spring day, her students pick apart the problem on the board —  $7,850,437,826 \times 56$  — with the enthusiasm of game show contestants, shouting out answers before Tan can ask a question. When she accidentally blocks their view, several stand up with their notebooks and walk across the room to get a better look.

The answer comes minutes later in a singsong unison: "Four hundred and thirty-nine billion, six hundred and twenty-four million...."

Congratulations, Tan tells them, for solving it *con ganas*. That's Spanish for "with gusto," a phrase she picked up from watching "Stand and Deliver," a favorite film of hers about the late Jaime Escalante, the remarkably successful math teacher at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Unified School District has hundreds of Jaime Escalantes — teachers who preside over remarkable successes, year after year, often [See Excellence, A22]



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

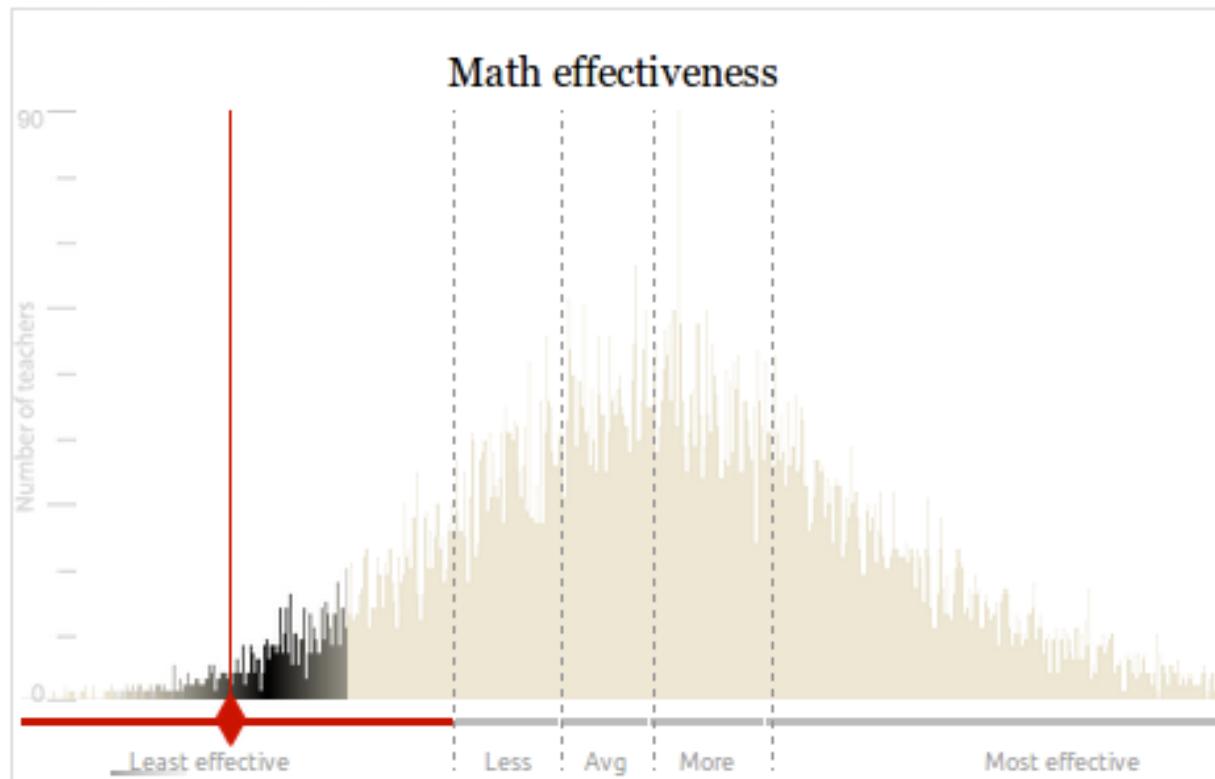
## John P. Smith

[See 2009 rating](#)

A 5th grade teacher at [Hillary T. Broadous Elementary](#) in 2010

These graphs show a teacher's "value-added" rating based on his or her students' progress on the California Standards Tests in math and English. The Times' analysis used all valid student scores available for this teacher from the 2003-04 through 2009-10 academic years. The value-added scores reflect a teacher's effectiveness at raising standardized test scores and, as such, capture only one aspect of a teacher's work.

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## Pricey home is no guarantee of a quick rescue

BY KATE LINTHICUM,  
BEN WELSH  
AND ROBERT J. LOPEZ  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Waits for 911 medical aid vary dramatically across Los Angeles and many of the city's most exclusive neighborhoods have the longest response times, according to a Times investigation.

Under national standards adopted by the Los Angeles Fire Department, rescuers are supposed to arrive within six minutes to almost all medical emergencies. But the Times analysis found that in affluent hillside communities stretching from Griffith Park to Pacific Palisades,

firefighters failed to hit that mark nearly 85% of the time.

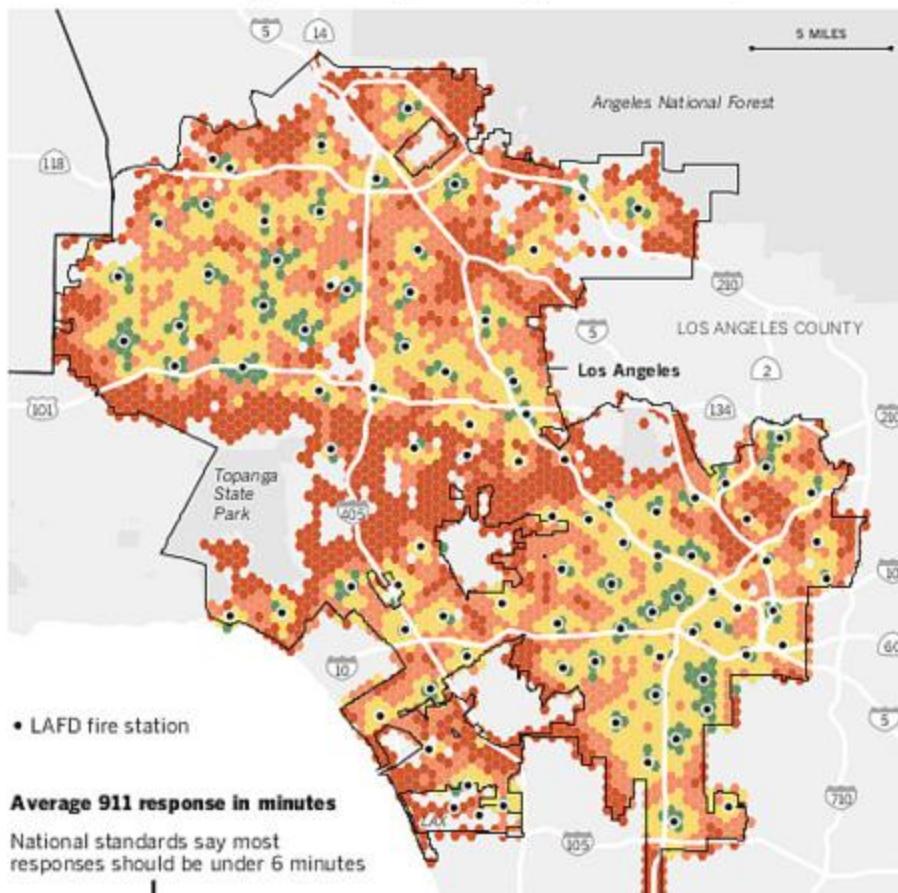
In contrast, rescuers beat the six-minute standard in most of their responses in the more densely populated neighborhoods in and around downtown, where 911 calls are more frequent and the department deploys more resources.

The disparities were also seen in cases of cardiac arrest, one of the most time-sensitive emergencies; brain damage can begin just four minutes after the heart stops beating. Over the last five years, cardiac arrest responses to incidents in Bel-Air have been twice as long as those in the Westlake neighborhood surrounding MacArthur Park, where rescuers arrived on average in just over five minutes.

The Fire Department's

### How fast is the LAFD where you live?

Rescuers are expected to arrive to nearly all 911 calls within six minutes, a national standard Los Angeles Fire Department leaders concede they routinely fail to meet. The Times analyzed more than 1 million runs by the Fire Department over the last five years and found that what Angelenos can expect often depends on where they live.



## Romney blames loss on Obama 'gifts'

He says the president gave 'a lot of stuff' in his first term to young people and minorities to secure their votes.

BY MAEVE RESTON

Mitt Romney said Wednesday that his loss to President Obama was due in large part to his rival's strategy of giving "gifts" during his first term to three groups that were pivotal in the results of last week's election: African Americans, Latinos and young voters.

"The Obama campaign

## INTERACTIVE MAP

# How fast is LAFD where you live?

An analysis by the [Los Angeles Times Data Desk](#)

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The Times analyzed more than a million runs by the Fire Department over the last five years and found that what Angelenos can expect often depends on where they live. You can read about the causes and patterns [in the Times story](#).

Use this map to compare the LAFD's performance across L.A.

### Average full 911 response in minutes (2007-2012)



[National standards](#) say most responses should be under 6 minutes

From 2007-2012:

407 total responses

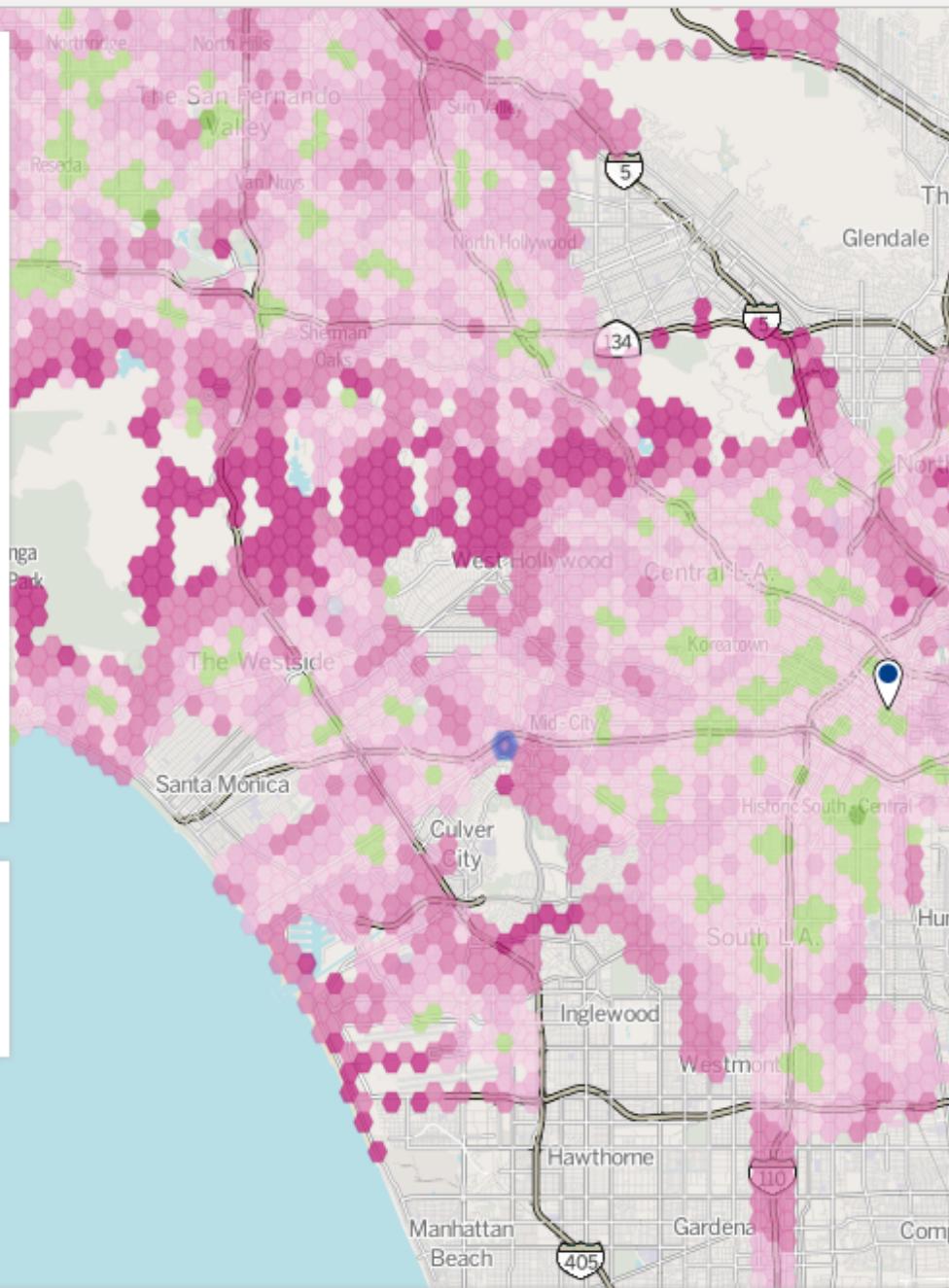


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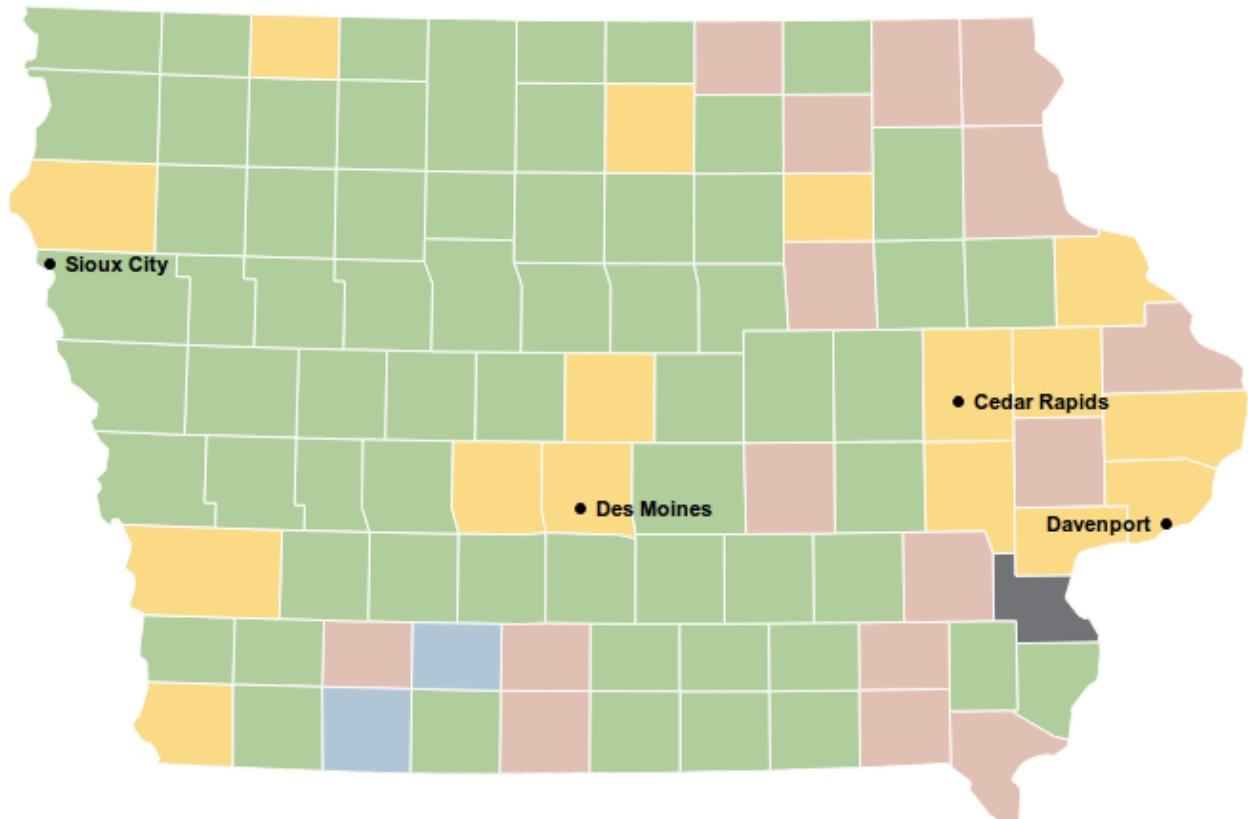
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Percent Delegates\*

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29,805 votes				
	Paul		21.4%	1
26,036 votes				
	Gingrich		13.3%	0
16,163 votes				
	Perry		10.3%	0
12,557 votes				
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6,046 votes				
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Leader by county Margin by county

At stake: 28 of 2,286 primary delegates

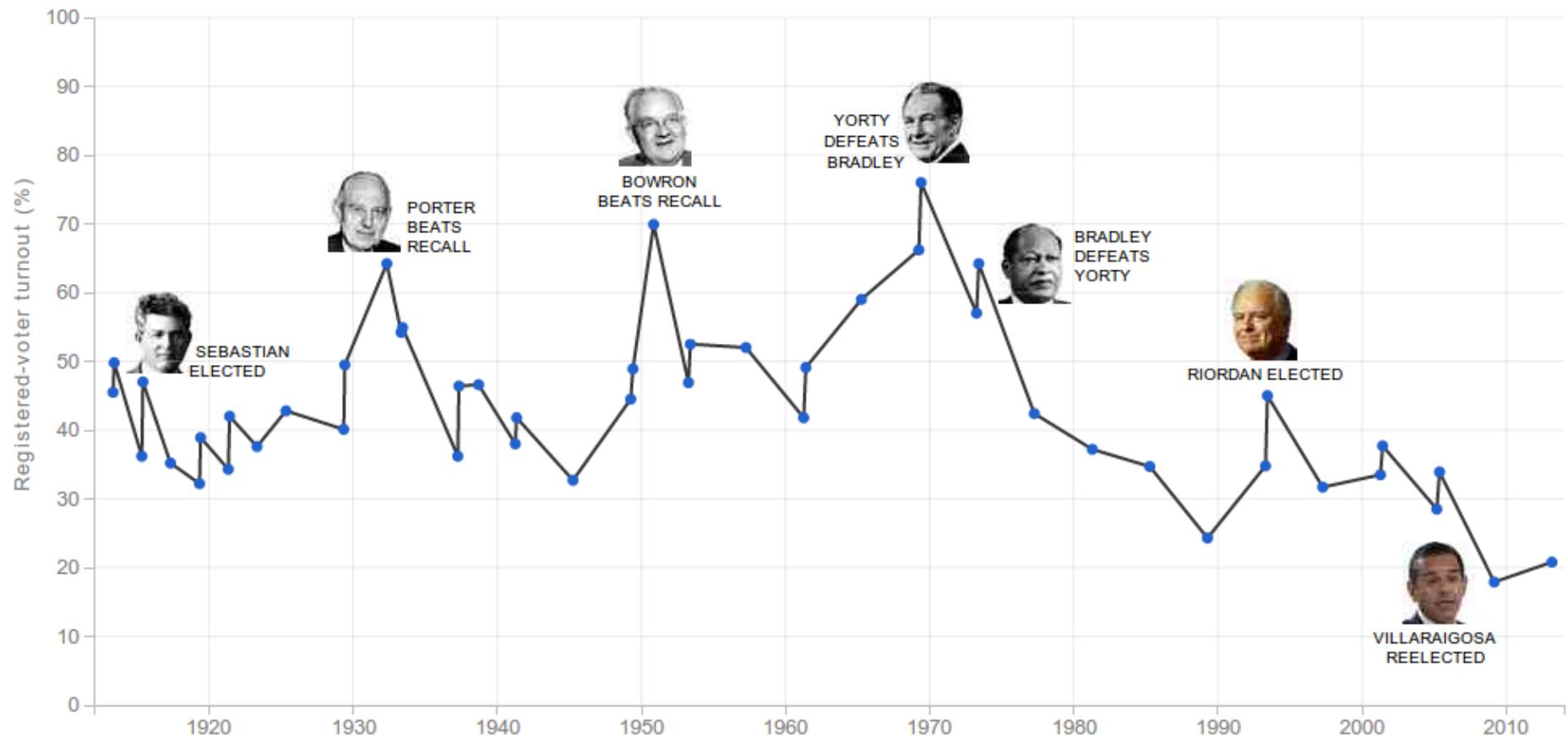


No votes in Tie

\* Although the Iowa caucus results do not technically guarantee delegates for any candidate, the Associated Press is providing estimates for 25 of the 28 delegates. Three others are chosen by party leaders.

## Los Angeles turnout sinks to historic lows

The percentage of registered voters who cast a ballot in L.A.'s mayoral elections peaked in the late 1960s and has declined to historic lows, according to a Times analysis of 100 years of city election results.



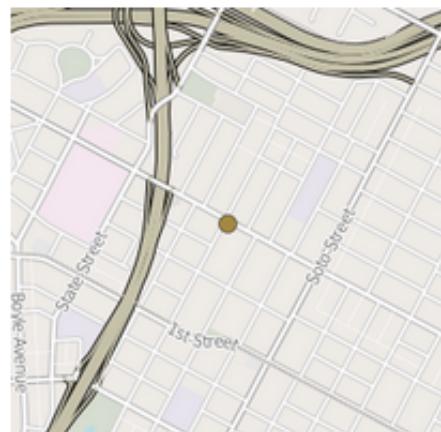
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**BEN WELSH** Los Angeles Times

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## Guisados

Yep, I've been.  I want to go!



📍 2100 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Boyle Heights

📞 (323) 264-7201

🌐 guisados.co

🕒 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays

💰 \$

✖ No alcohol. Takeout. Credit cards accepted.



(Mariah Tauger / For The Times)

Who wants to go?

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None of your friends have said they want to go [here...yet](#).

Into the locavore thing? You might want to try the tacos with chiles torreados at this Boyle Heights taquería, which is to say ultrahot chiles grown in Armando De La Torre's backyard, sautéed until they practically melt from the heat, served in a fresh tortilla made from nixtamal ground several times a day in his brother's tortillería next door. Guisados, specializing in tacos de guisados, Mexico City-style tacos of carefully prepared stews instead of grilled meats, is a neighborhood hangout that has become the Eastside restaurant most likely to be visited by folks from west of the river, drawn by the tacos stuffed with griddled shrimp with tamarind, spicy chicken tinga, or diced pork chops in chile verde. This is one of the few taquerías in Los Angeles where you can take a vegetarian: You'll find delicious tacos of stewed calabacita; sautéed mushrooms with onion and cilantro; and sizzled panela cheese.



# Dodgers

(23-30) | 2013 payroll: \$216,753,286

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

BAL	BOS	CHW
CLE	DET	HOU
KAN	LAA	MIN
OAK	SEA	TB
TEX	TOR	NYY

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARI	ATL	CHC
CIN	COL	LAD
MIA	MIL	NYM
PHI	PIT	SD
SF	STL	WAS

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# Angels

2013 payroll: \$137,271,250 | (25-30)



## AMERICAN LEAGUE

BAL	BOS	CHW
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KAN	LAA	MIN
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# 'THERE IT IS — TAKE IT'

## A century of marvel and controversy

*For 100 years, the Los Angeles Aqueduct has delivered water to a thirsty city, wending its way for more than 200 miles from the Owens Valley, through canyons and deserts, down to the modern metropolis. A feat of engineering and a product of political maneuvering, it nurtured the region's growth while leaving conflict in its wake.*

BY LOUIS SAHAGUN, PHOTOS BY BRIAN VAN DER BRUG

October 28, 2013



# FBI file on Christopher “Notorious B.I.G.” Wallace

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The FBI has released hundreds of pages of records from their investigation into the 1997 slaying of rapper Notorious B.I.G. The records, which contain FBI files spanning eight years, come from a civil rights probe the bureau launched into the killing. The records were posted on [the FBI's website](#) and are heavily redacted. [Read more »](#)

— Robert Faturechi (April 6, 2011)

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#### Description of Wallace's death

Wallace was killed by a 9mm gun with "very rare Gecko 9mm ammunition"

#### The FBI's chronology of events

#### Possible sources of the rare ammunition

Property recovered includes "marijuana, three condoms and asthma inhaler"

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# The life and work of Steve Jobs

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Steven P. Jobs, the charismatic technology pioneer who co-founded Apple Inc. and transformed one industry after another, from computers and smartphones to music and movies, died at age 56 after a long battle against pancreatic cancer.

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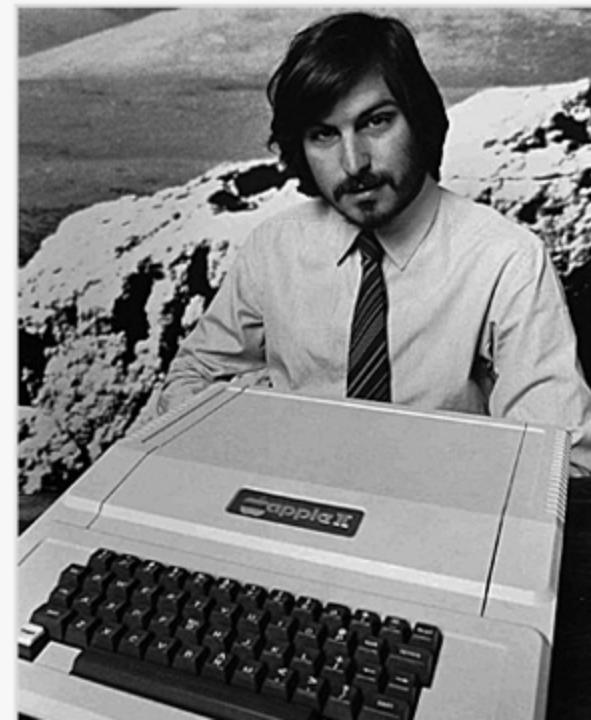
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The first Apple II computers go on sale for \$1,295 and become an instant hit. The Apple II is the first computer to display color images and the first to come with a keyboard, and in 1979 it becomes the first to offer a "killer app" – Visicalc – a spreadsheet program.





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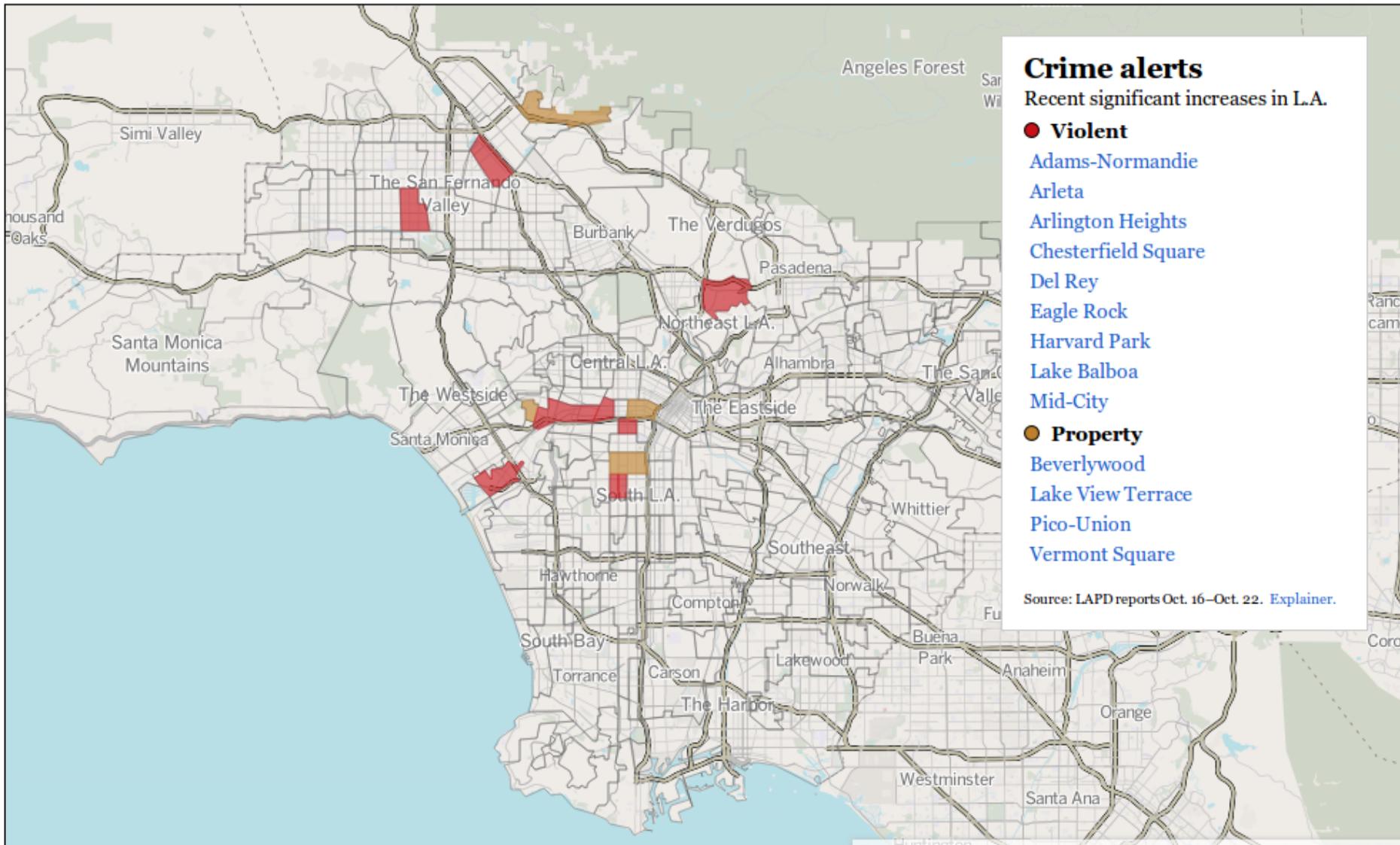


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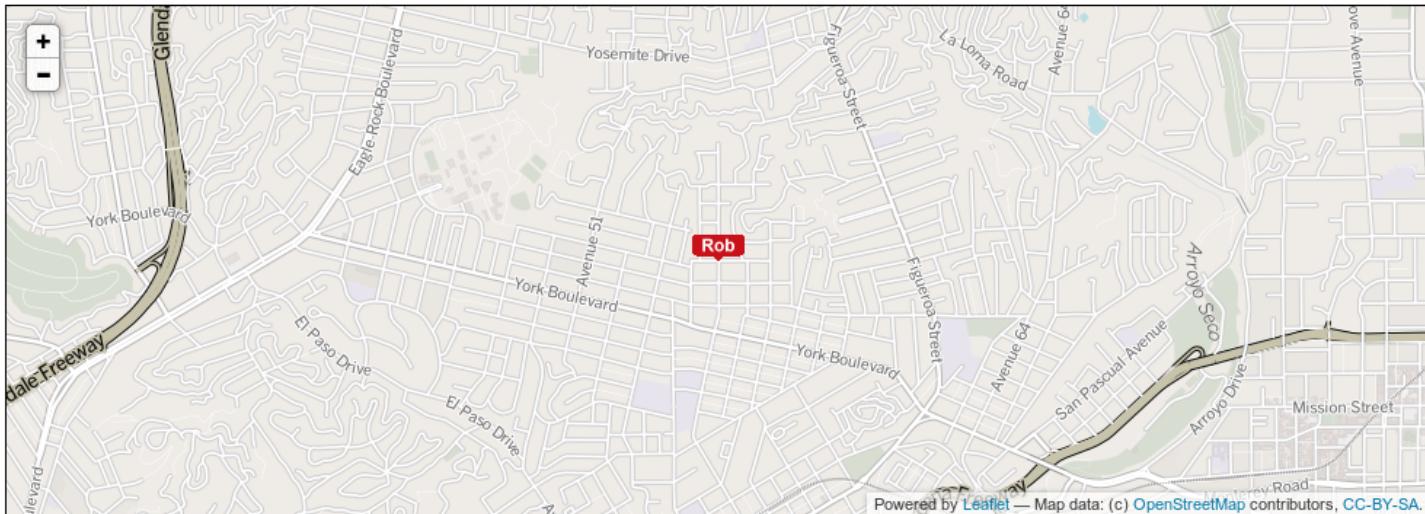
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# Robbery in Highland Park

Avenue 56 and Range View, Oct. 22, 2013, 9:30 a.m.



**Sections:** What happened? What can you do? What do others think?

## What happened?

- A robbery was reported at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 22, 2013, at the intersection of Avenue 56 and Range View in [Highland Park](#).
- The report was filed as number **131119162** in the Los Angeles Police Department's [1127 reporting district](#), which is in the [Northeast division](#).
- Robbery is defined as taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

## What can you do?

- **Share a tip with authorities:** Call the Los Angeles Police Department's [Northeast division](#) at 213-485-2563.
- **Share an anonymous tip:** Officials from Los Angeles law enforcement and the non-profit Crime Stoppers organization promise anonymity for tipsters at [lacrimestoppers.org](http://lacrimestoppers.org). You can send a tip via text by messaging "**TIPLA**" plus your tip to CRIMES (274637).

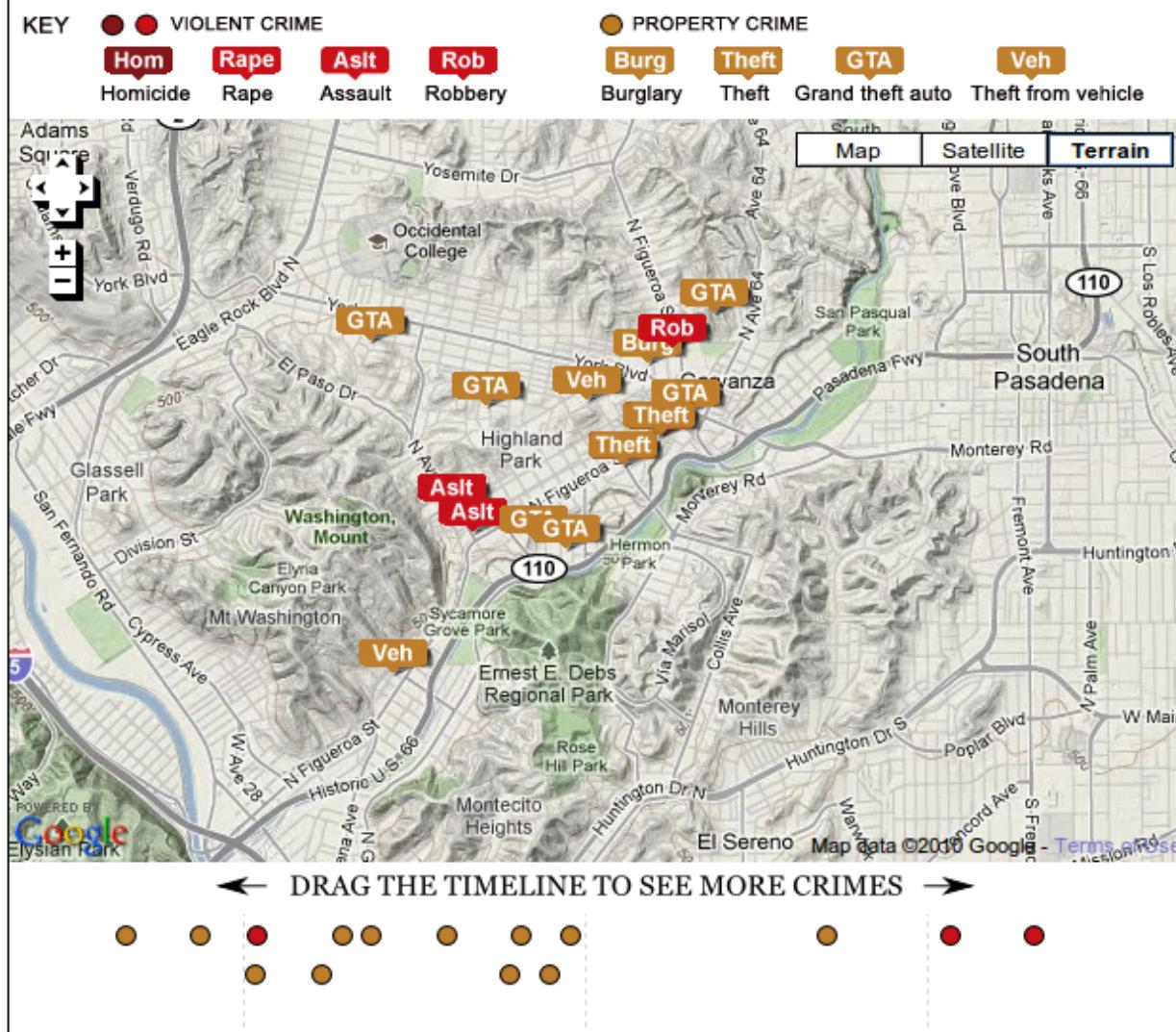
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# Highland Park

**ALERT**Property crime reports are up significantly. [About »](#)**PROFILE****CRIME****SCHOOLS****COMMENTS**

Latest complete week Oct. 16–Oct. 22

3 VIOLENT CRIMES

10 PROPERTY CRIMES

2.1 CRIMES PER 10,000 PEOPLE

- In the seven days between Oct. 16 and Oct. 22, violent crime reports were about average and property crime reports fell.
- Over the last three months, Highland Park averaged 2.7 violent crimes and 15.5 property crimes per week.
- This week's rate of 2.1 crimes per 10,000 people is higher than in nearby **Lincoln Heights** and **Montecito Heights** and lower than **Glassell Park**, **Eagle Rock**, **Cypress Park** and **Mount Washington**.
- A 2008 population estimate of 60,841 from the L.A. Department of City Planning is used to calculate per-capita totals.

Location	Crime	Date and time
5000 block of Monte Vista Street	Theft	Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m.
200 block of South Avenue 57	Theft	Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
Avenue 56 and Range View	Robbery	Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m.
4800 block of Mendota Avenue	Grand theft auto	Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
6100 block of North Figueroa Street	Burglary	Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
300 block of Leslie Way	Theft from vehicle	Oct. 20, 10:30 p.m.
900 block of North Avenue 49	Theft from vehicle	Oct. 20, 2 p.m.
300 block of Vista Place	Grand theft auto	Oct. 18, 9 p.m.
Avenue 50 and Monte Vista	Theft	Oct. 18, 1:25 p.m.
4800 block of Marmion Way	Robbery	Oct. 17, 7:45 p.m.
100 block of South Avenue 58	Aggravated assault	Oct. 17, 3 p.m.
1000 block of North Avenue 64	Grand theft auto	Oct. 16, 10:30 p.m.
Avenue 50 and Baltimore	Theft from vehicle	Oct. 16, 8 p.m.

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## Crime alerts for Sherman Oaks and nine other L.A. neighborhoods

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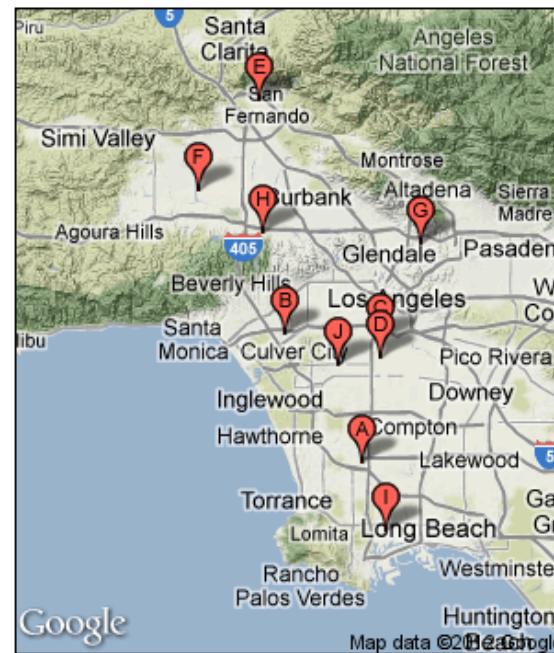
Crime reports are up significantly for the latest week in 10 L.A. neighborhoods, according to an analysis of LAPD data by the Los Angeles Times' [Crime L.A. database](#).

Seven neighborhoods reported a significant increase in violent crime. [Harbor Gateway](#) (A) was the most unusual, recording seven reports compared with a weekly average of 1.9 over the last three months.

[Sherman Oaks](#) (H) topped the list of three neighborhoods with property crime alerts. It recorded 45 property crimes compared with its weekly average of 33.5 over the last three months.

Alerts are based on an analysis of crime reports for April 11 to April 17, the most recent seven days for which data are available.

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## Six-month summary

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CRIMES  
PER 10,000  
PEOPLE  
77.1

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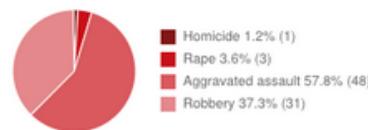


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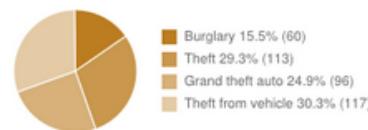


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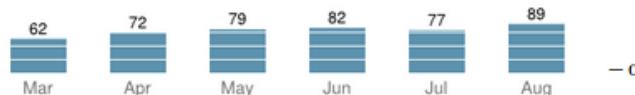
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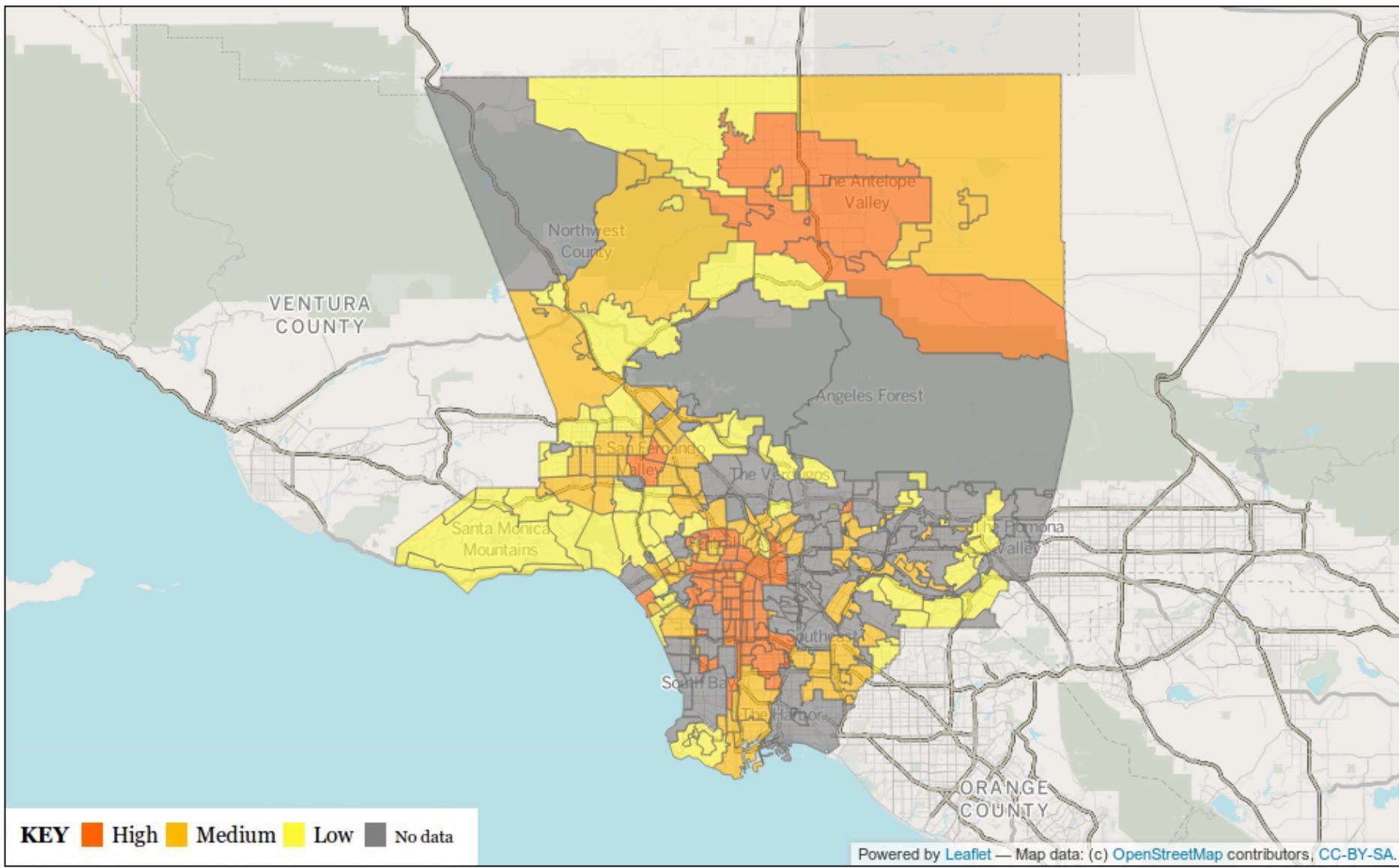


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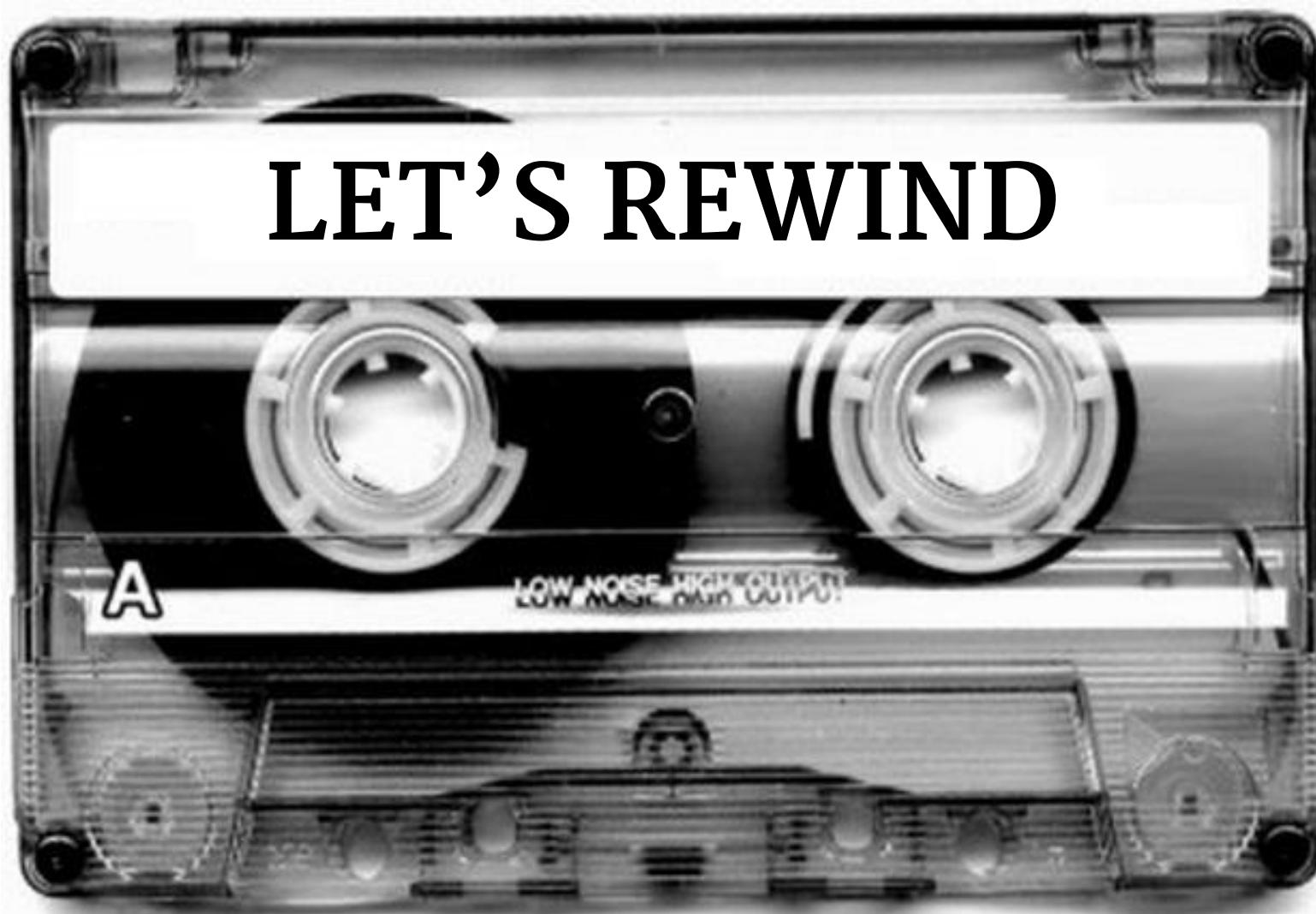
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# LET'S REWIND



Hey. You.  
Build us a  
crime site.



**Meredith Artley**  
latimes.com boss, circa 2008

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# That put us here.



# These two departments



Cover 69% of population and  
89% of territory

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Sheriff's Department

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# LAPD's public map omits nearly 40% of '09 crimes

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The database, touted as tool for residents to track neighborhood safety, is managed by an outside contractor.

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BEN WELSH  
AND DOUG SMITH

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The Los Angeles Police Department's online crime map intended for public use has failed to include nearly 40% of serious crimes reported in the city, a Times analysis has found.

The omissions, which date

back at least six months, include thousands of crimes known to LAPD officials and are included in their official crime statistics.

Among the 19,000 incidents between Jan. 1 and June 13 that do not appear at [lapdcrimemaps.org](http://lapdcrimemaps.org):

- 26 homicides
- 137 rapes
- 10,766 personal, vehicle or other nonviolent thefts

In one of those rapes, a man hid in the back of a woman's car, forced her to drive to an abandoned North Hollywood apartment and assaulted her. It was the kind of incident that residents of the neighborhood

around Sherman Way and Kester Avenue would have wanted to know about.

The March 26 attack was reported on the LAPD's blog but has yet to show up on the public map.

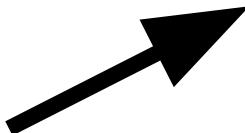
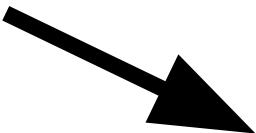
The lapses mean that the map, touted by city leaders as an important and innovative resource for city residents to determine whether their neighborhoods are safe, presents a drastically incomplete image of city crime.

Some residents have tried to bring the problem to the department's attention, to no avail. Jason Insalaco, a former resident of Atwater Village who

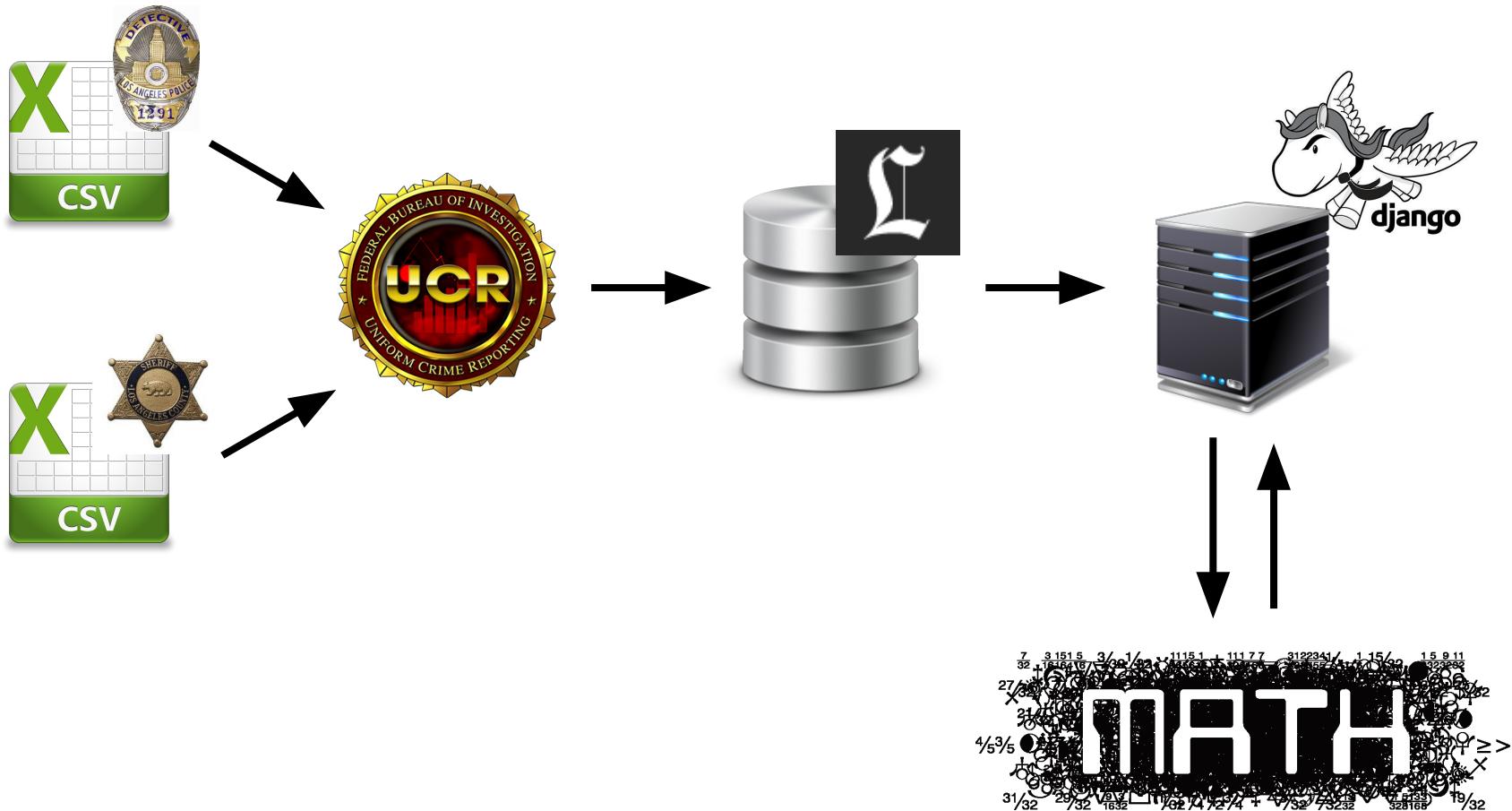
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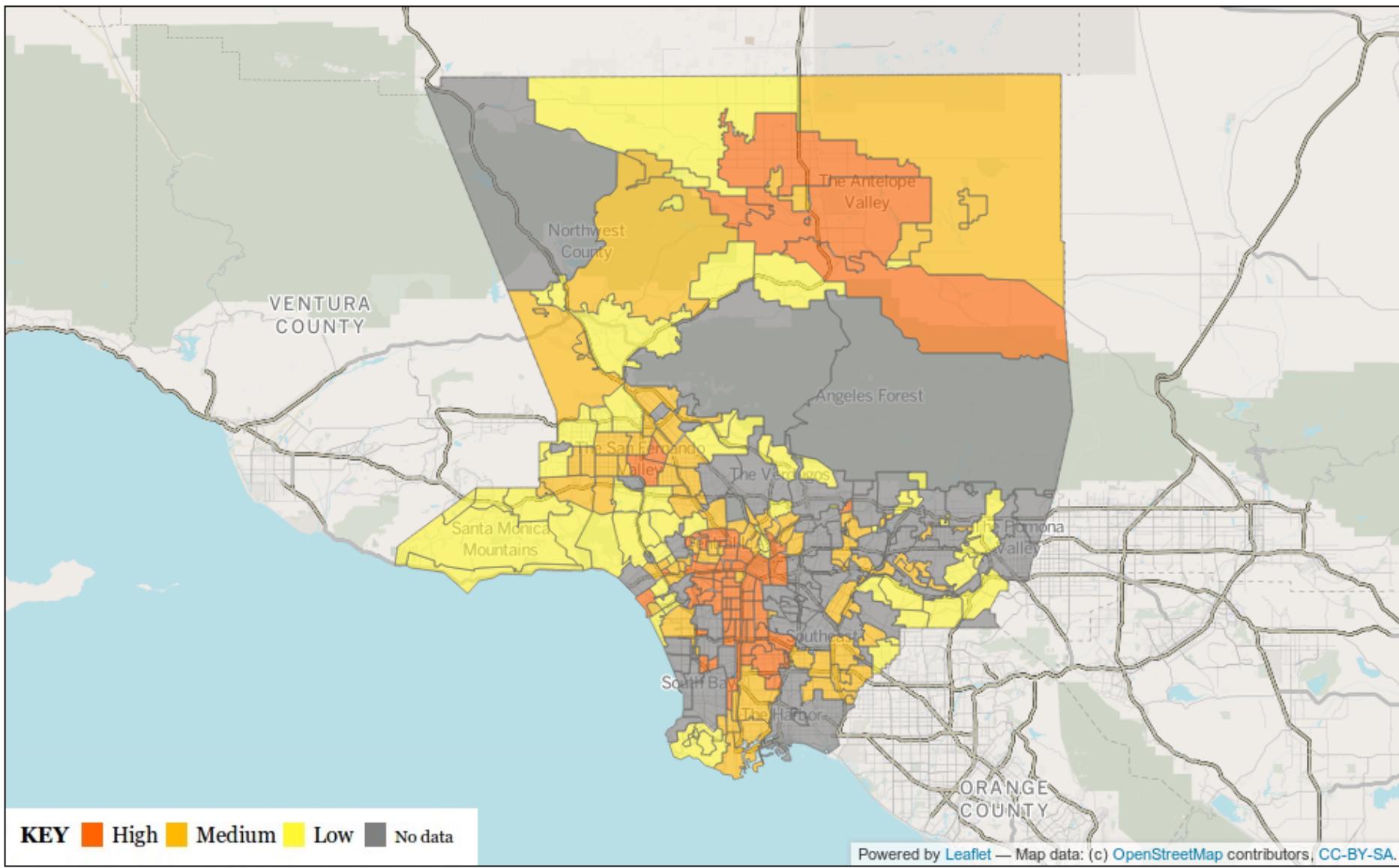
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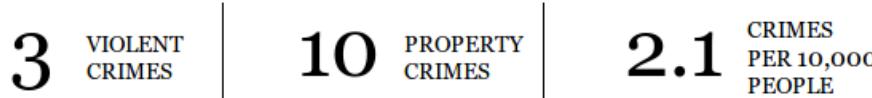
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Latest complete week Oct. 16–Oct. 22



- In the seven days between Oct. 16 and Oct. 22, violent crime reports were about average and property crime reports fell.
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Location	Crime	Date and time
5000 block of Monte Vista Street	Theft	Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m.
200 block of South Avenue 57	Theft	Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
Avenue 56 and Range View	Robbery	Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m.
4800 block of Mendota Avenue	Grand theft auto	Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
6100 block of North Figueroa Street	Burglary	Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
300 block of Leslie Way	Theft from vehicle	Oct. 20, 10:30 p.m.
900 block of North Avenue 49	Theft from vehicle	Oct. 20, 2 p.m.
300 block of Vista Place	Grand theft auto	Oct. 18, 9 p.m.
Avenue 50 and Monte Vista	Theft	Oct. 18, 1:25 p.m.
4800 block of Marmion Way	Robbery	Oct. 17, 7:45 p.m.
100 block of South Avenue 58	Aggravated assault	Oct. 17, 3 p.m.
1000 block of North Avenue 64	Grand theft auto	Oct. 16, 10:30 p.m.
Avenue 50 and Baltimore	Theft from vehicle	Oct. 16, 8 p.m.

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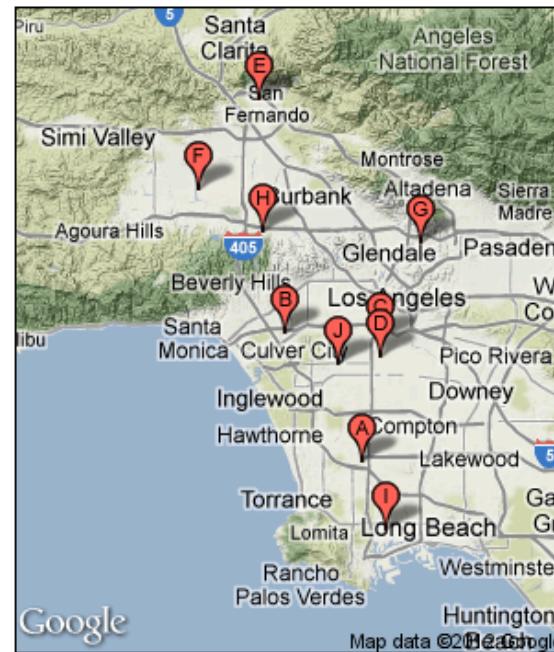
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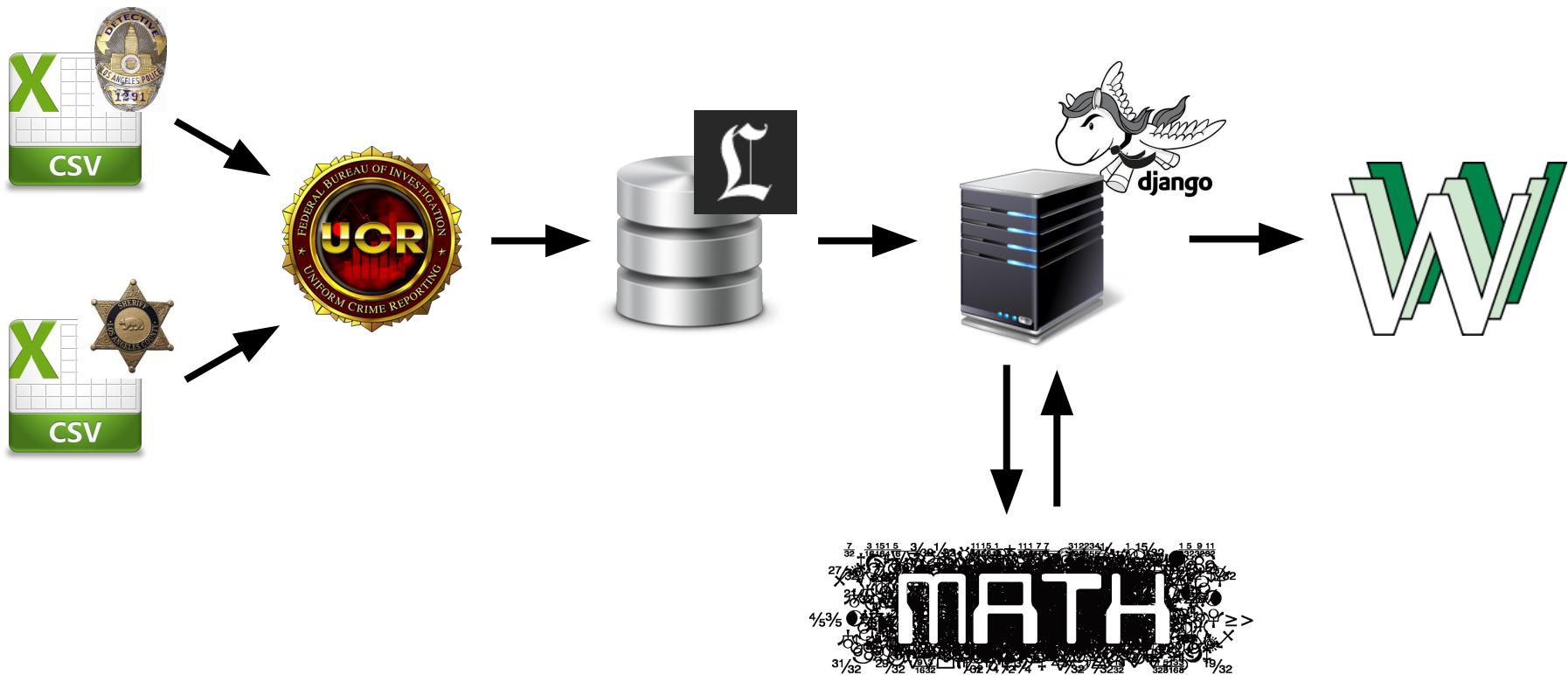
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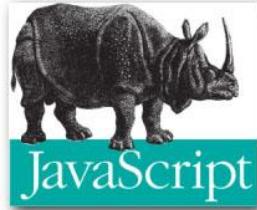
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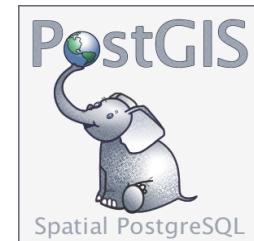


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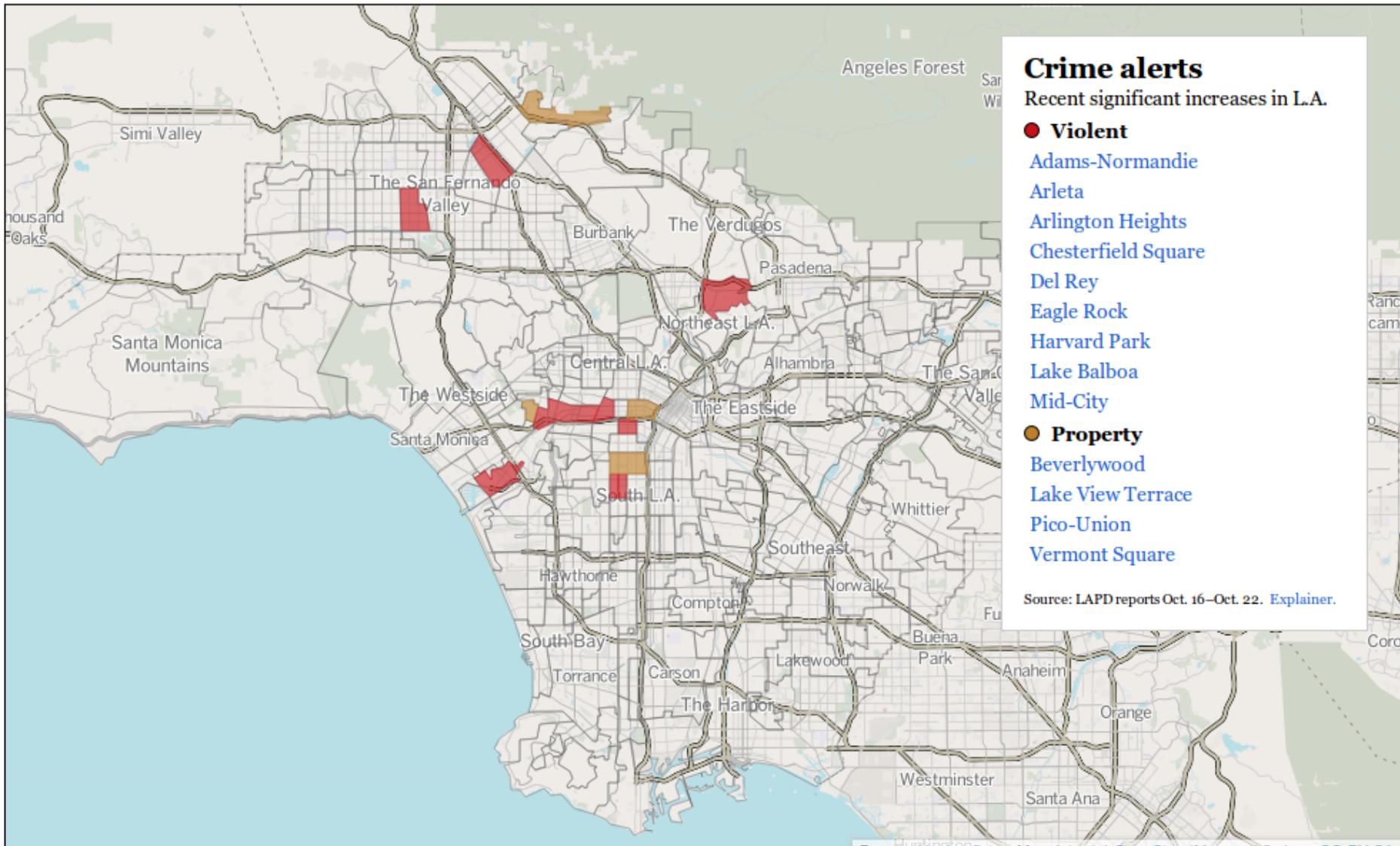


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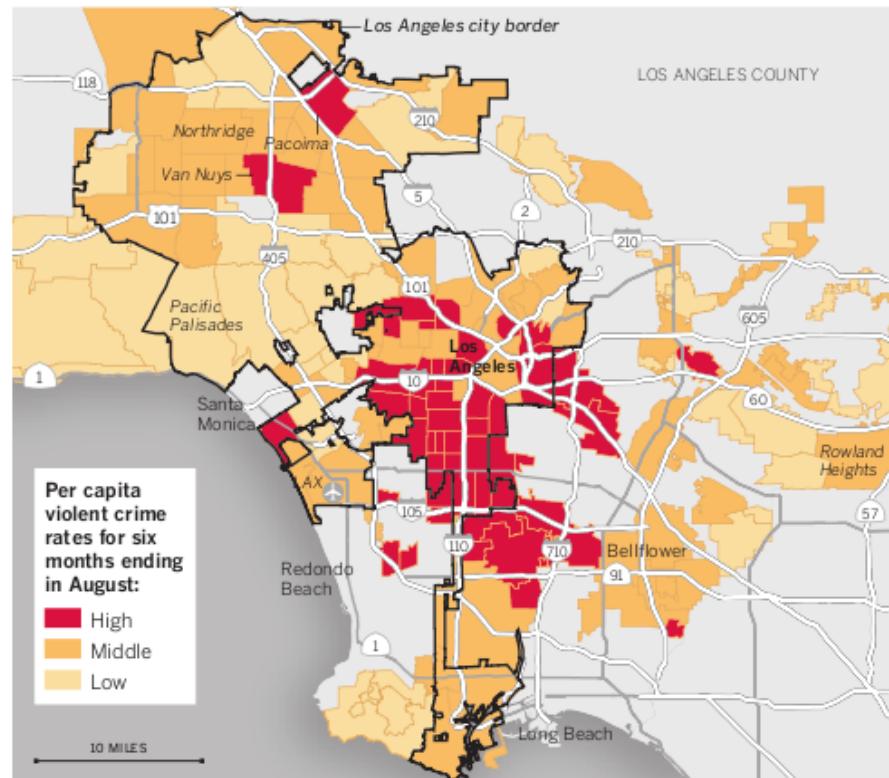
# Mom and Dad don't live here anymore

China's tradition of tightknit families is unraveling as parents go to cities in search of work, leaving their children behind.

MEGAN K. STACK  
REPORTING FROM  
LIZHUANG, CHINA

This is a village of empty rooms, children left behind and frail grandparents who struggle to hold it all together. Most of the able-bodied adults have left the hamlet of rutted, muddy roads and drought-withered fields of corn.

House after house, the same family tale is repeated: The parents have migrated



## Crime in your neighborhood

Crime L.A. — An interactive database at [latimes.com/crimela](http://latimes.com/crimela)

Readers can compare violent and property crime rates across more than 200 cities and neighborhoods patrolled by the LAPD or the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. Crime L.A. provides alerts to unusual increases in crime, detailed analysis and trends, and a timeline that allows readers to learn about serious crimes in their neighborhoods dating back to January 2009.

### Neighborhood snapshots

■ Violent ■ Property

# Bell pension plans bigger than thought

Supplemental benefits using taxpayer funds would go to dozens. Rizzo's annual payout would be \$1 million.

JEFF GOTTLIEB

Then-City Administrator Robert Rizzo designed a supplemental pension plan for himself and 40 other Bell city officials that will provide them far larger taxpayer-financed retirement packages than previously estimated, according to interviews and documents reviewed by The Times.

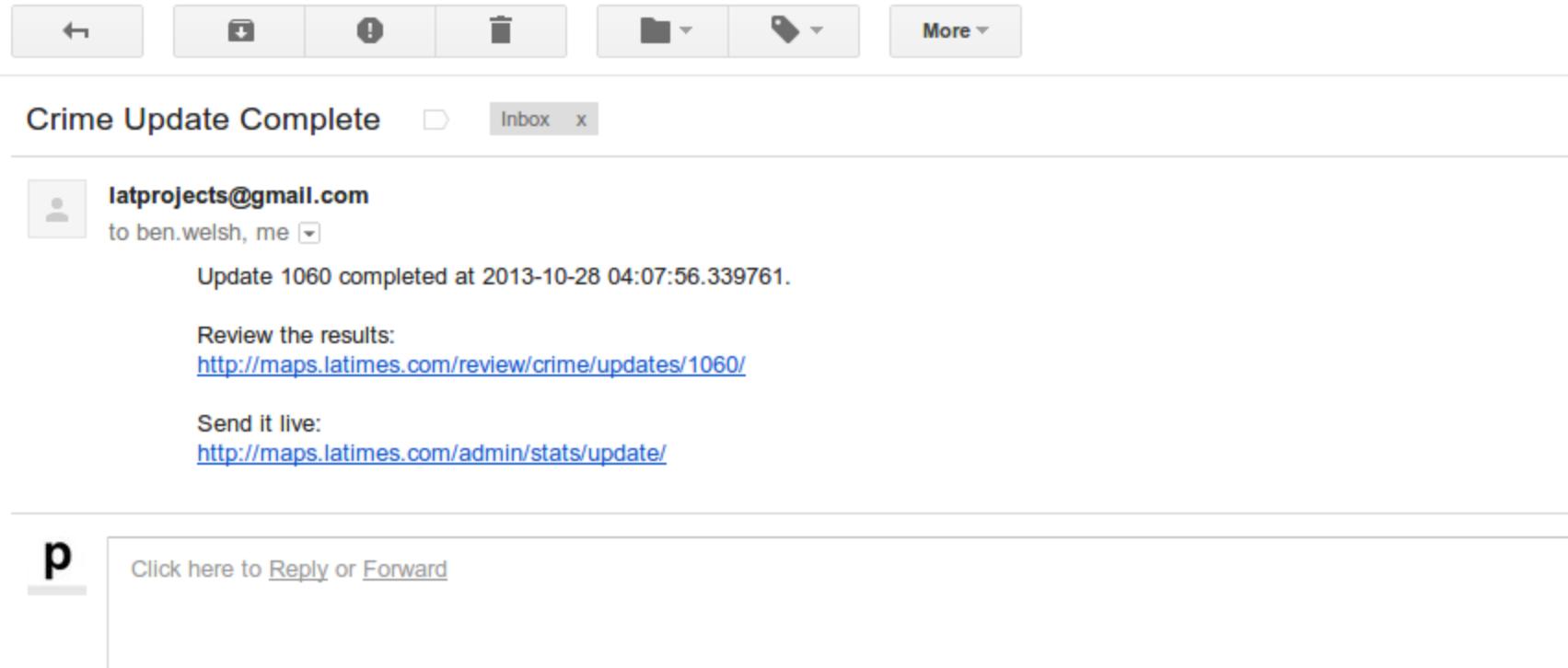
The supplemental plan was paid for entirely by Bell tax funds. It allowed Rizzo, who was charged last week with public corruption, and other city employees and all City Council members to cir-

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Rizzo earned nearly \$800,000 a year and Spaccia about \$375,000, making them among the highest paid city officials in the state. But the supplemental pension plan also included rank-and-file workers who made more modest salaries.

An employee who worked in Bell for 25 years could retire at age 55 and continue receiving more than 90% of his or her final pay. By contrast, most employees who work for the city of Los Angeles for 25 years would have to wait until they were 60 for full retirement and then would get a pension of just more than half of their highest year's pay.

# Every morning.



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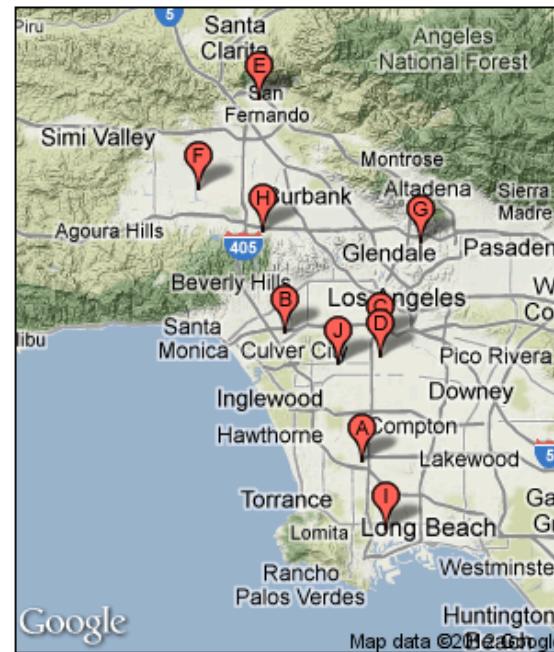
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# Hollywood struggles to escape the past

## Fatal stabbing prompts calls for more patrols

BY MARISA GERBER,  
ANDREW BLANKSTEIN  
AND BEN WELSH

The corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue offers a picture postcard view of the new, revitalized Tinseltown.

The boulevard is jammed with tourists, the streets lined with tour buses. Street performers dressed in colorful costumes entertain and panhandle on the sidewalk in front of chain stores such as Forever 21, Sephora, the Hard Rock Cafe and Express. Comedian Jimmy Kimmel films his late-night show across the street.

But this week, Hollywood got a stark reminder that for all the upscale development and trendy venues, the district hasn't fully shaken off its darker past. On Tuesday, in front of the American Eagle clothing store, a 23-year-old woman collapsed after being fatally stabbed.



Police arrested a transient who had allegedly demanded \$1 from her after she took his photo.

The death of Christine Calderon left the Hollywood tourist district stunned and on Friday prompted Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck and Mayor-elect Eric Garcetti to call for increased patrols, including by horse-mounted units.

We "don't want to lose any of the ground that's been

gained in Hollywood," Beck said. "What we don't want is for this tragedy to go unrecognized."

Hollywood's transformation over the last decade or so has been dramatic. The once-glamorous district had been in steep decline for decades, bottoming out in the 1990s when crime reached new highs and many of the old theaters that once dominated the boulevard closed down.

The Hollywood & Highland complex where Calderon was found fatally wounded — an imposing shopping center that includes the theater where the Oscars take place each year — was the first of several mega-developments that transformed the area. The most recent is the luxury W Hotel development at the iconic corner of Hollywood and Vine.

These days, tourists dominate during the day. Af-  
[See Hollywood, A10]

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AMERICANO.

*But we can't get data.*



We turn databases into news.  
(You remember this bit.)



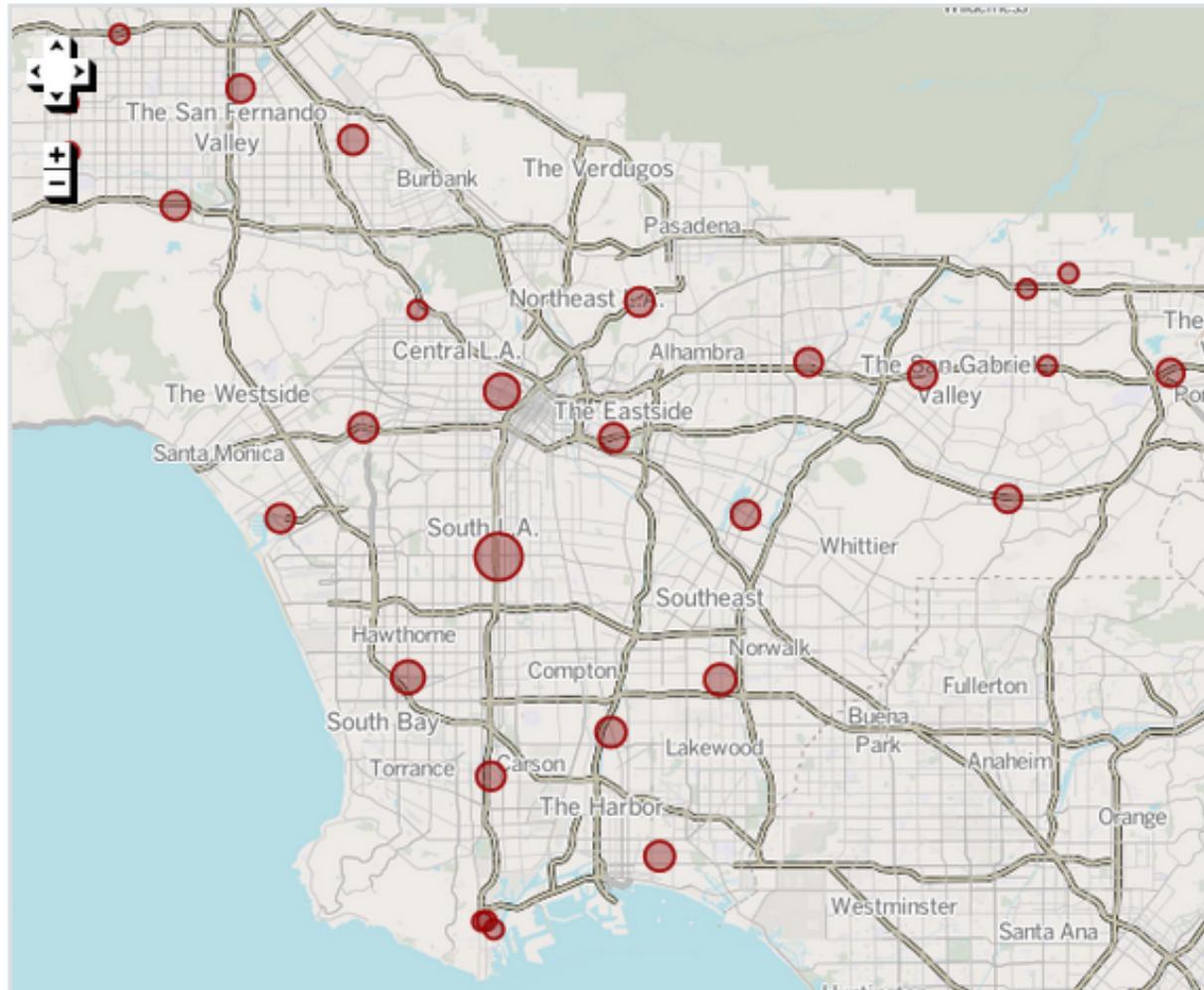
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# The Homicide Report

THE TIMES CHRONICLES L.A. COUNTY HOMICIDE VICTIMS

Showing 500 homicides from Jan. 1, 2013 to Oct. 27, 2013

Current view: 2013 ▾



Homicides are grouped based on number of homicides in an area. Click a group to zoom there.

Name	Age	Date
William Alfred Harvey III	57	10/27/13
Brian Adams	27	10/26/13
Efrain Gainza Jr.	40	10/25/13
Cheryl Dejarnette	53	10/22/13
Juan J. Estrada	24	10/22/13
Rene Balbuena	41	10/19/13
Victor L. Valentine Sr.	42	10/17/13
Evie Maldonado	32	10/15/13
Diane Amaya	38	10/15/13
Ricardo Venegas	42	10/13/13
Joe Anthony Ordaz	24	10/12/13
Kellye Lynnette Taylor	53	10/11/13
Steven Michael Salas	19	10/10/13

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<http://projects.latimes.com/homicide>

# Michael Jackson, 50

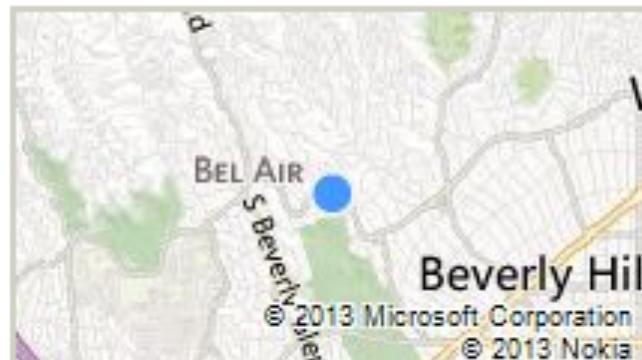
*Died June 25, 2009*



Michael Jackson, a 50-year-old black man, died Thursday, June 25, after he was given a surgical anesthetic, in combination with other medication, at his rented home in the 100 block of N. Carolwood in Holmby Hills, according to authorities.

Two months after Jackson died, Los Angeles County coroner's officials released their determination that his death was a homicide.

The following is an excerpt from Times' reporters Richard Winton and Harriet Ryan's Aug. 29, 2009 story on that decision:



100 block of N. Carolwood

Neighborhood: [Beverly Crest](#)

Age: [50](#)

Gender: [Male](#)

Cause: [Other](#)

Day of the week: [Thursday](#)

Agency: [LAPD West L.A.](#)

Race/Ethnicity: [Black](#)

Crime scene: [Residence](#)

# Rene Balbuena, 41

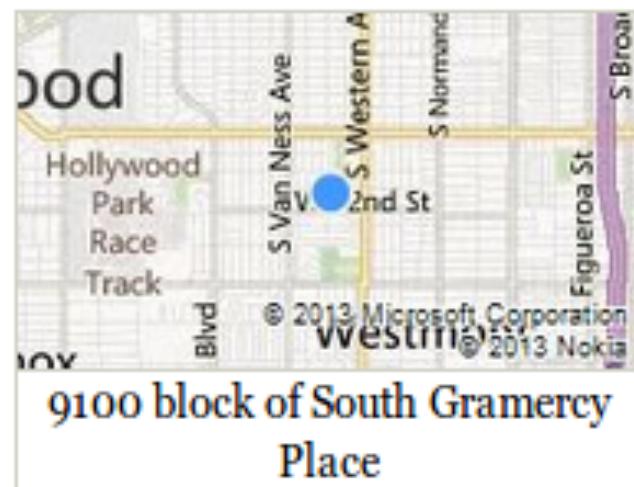
Died [Oct. 19, 2013](#) at 8:17 p.m.



Rene Balbuena, a 41-year-old Latino, was shot and killed Oct. 19 near the 9100 block of South Gramercy Place in Gramercy Park, according to Los Angeles County coroner's records.

About 7:40 p.m., Balbuena and his 15-year-old son drove to the area in response to a Craigslist ad for a cell phone, according to a news release from the Los Angeles police.

When the father and son arrived at the location, two people approached the vehicle and demanded money.



Neighborhood: [Gramercy Park](#)

Age: [41](#)

Gender: [Male](#)

Cause: [Gunshot](#)

Day of the week: [Saturday](#)

Race/Ethnicity: [Latino](#)

Crime scene: [Public place](#)

# Jana Collins, 26

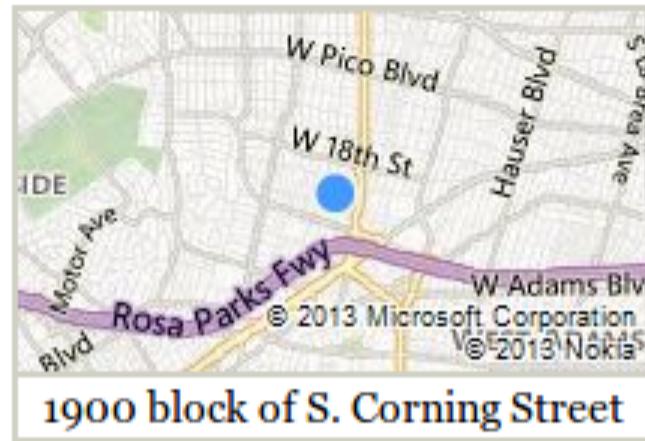
Died [May 5, 2010](#) at 9:31 a.m.



Jana Collins, a 26-year-old black woman, died Wednesday, May 5, in the 1900 block of South Corning Street in Mid-City, according to Los Angeles County coroner's records.

Collins, who was 18 weeks pregnant at the time, was sitting in a parked car Wednesday morning when a gunman opened fire on a group of people. She was hit once in the head.

Friends jumped in the car and drove her to a nearby hospital, where she was pronounced dead about 9:30 a.m., police said. Collins' unborn baby, later identified as Desire Green, was delivered by emergency C-section. Desire died shortly after



**1900 block of S. Corning Street**

Neighborhood: [Mid-City](#)

Age: [26](#)

Gender: [Female](#)

Cause: [Gunshot](#)

Day of the week: [Wednesday](#)

Agency: [LAPD West L.A.](#)

Race/Ethnicity: [Black](#)

Crime scene: [Parked vehicle](#)

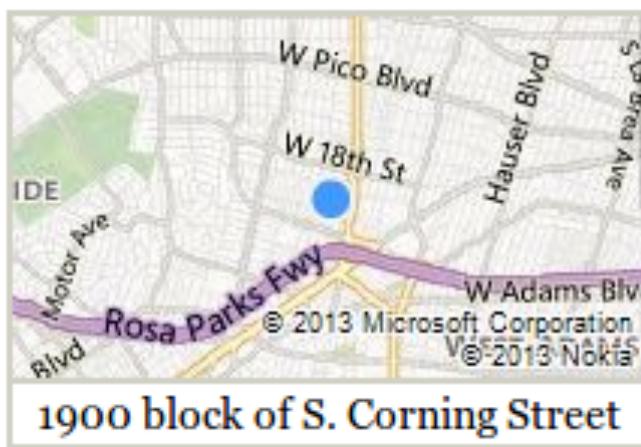
# Desire Green, fetus

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Gender: [Female](#)

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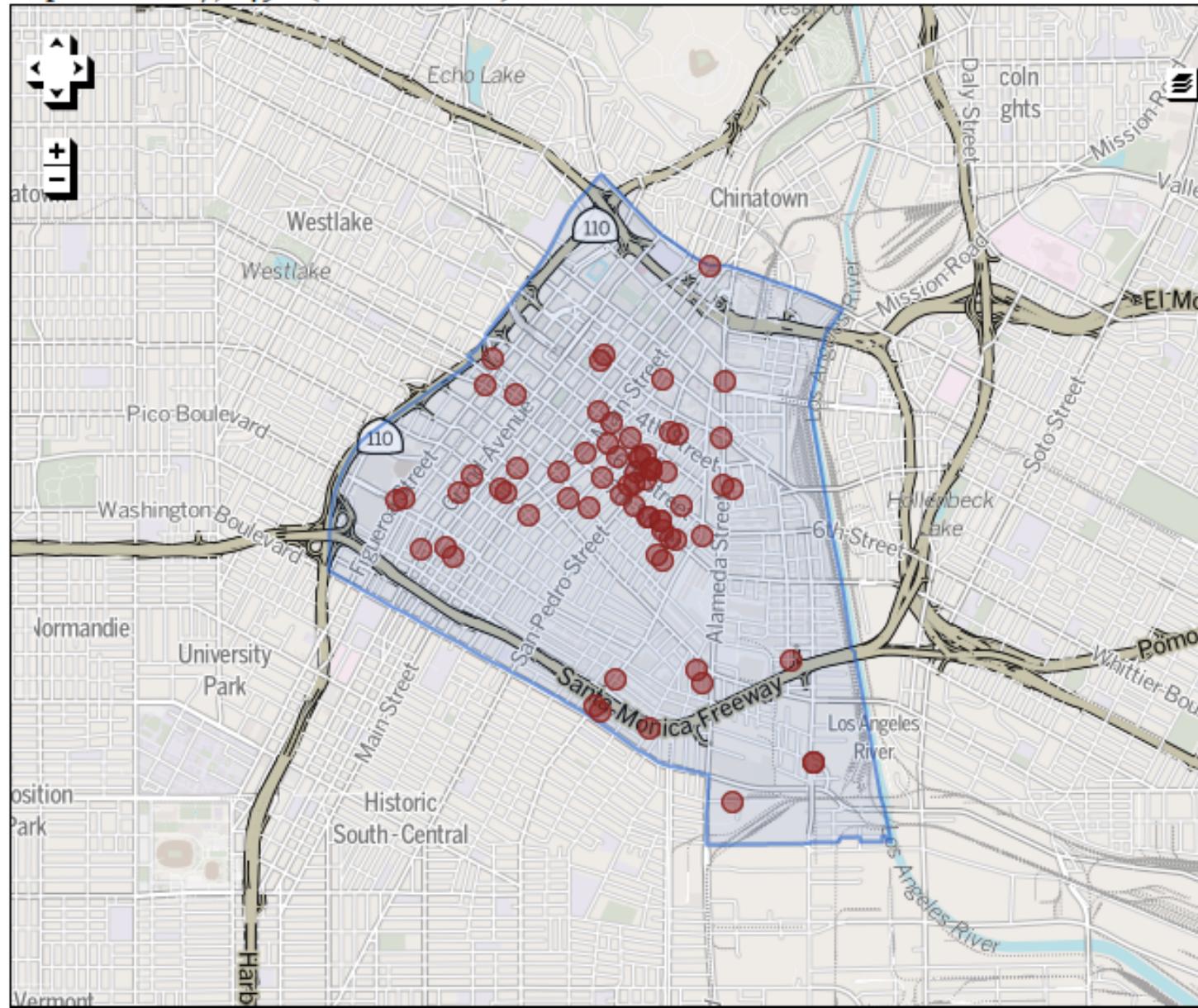
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# Showing 68 homicides in Downtown since Jan. 1, 2007

Population: 27,849.1 (2000 Census)



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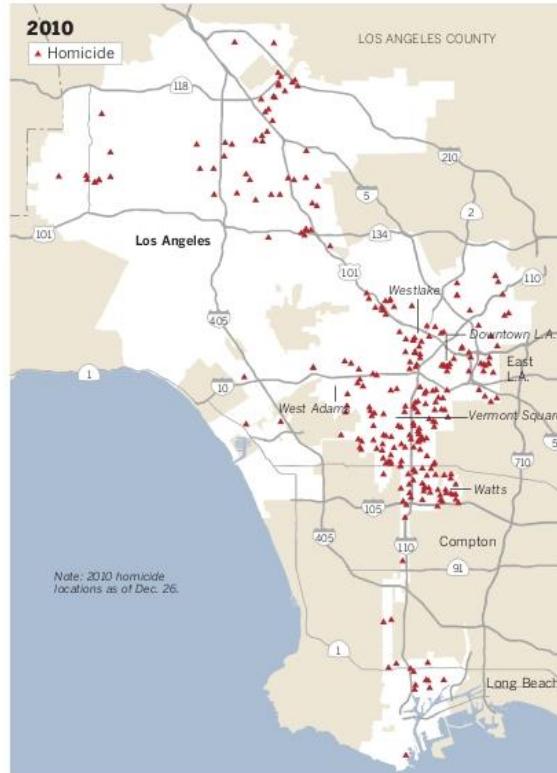
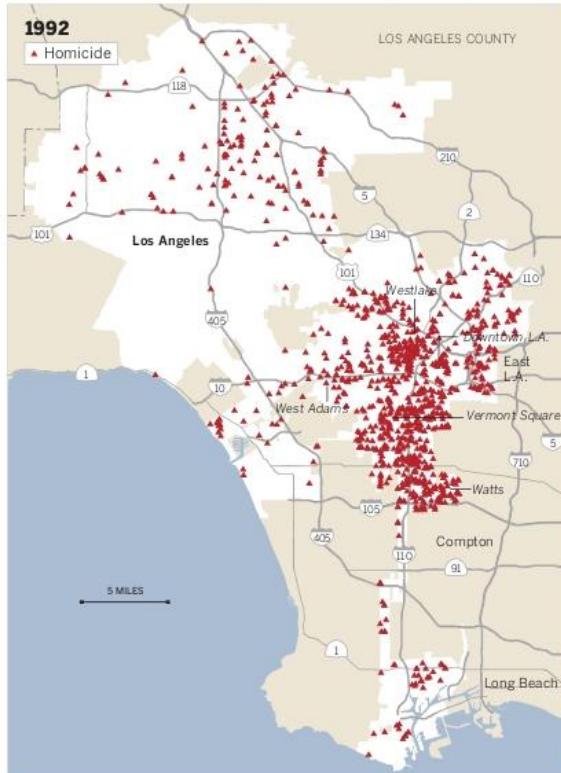
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## L.A. homicide rate falls

Both the rate and number of homicides in the city of Los Angeles are at their lowest level since the 1960s. Here's a look at how homicides this year compare with 1992, when L.A. reported more killings than any other city in the nation. Additional data are available at latimes.com/crime.



Annual number of homicides in Los Angeles: 1939-2010



## KILLING IN L.A. DROPS TO 1967 LEVELS

Despite the faltering economy, homicides decline to one of the lowest rates among major U.S. cities.

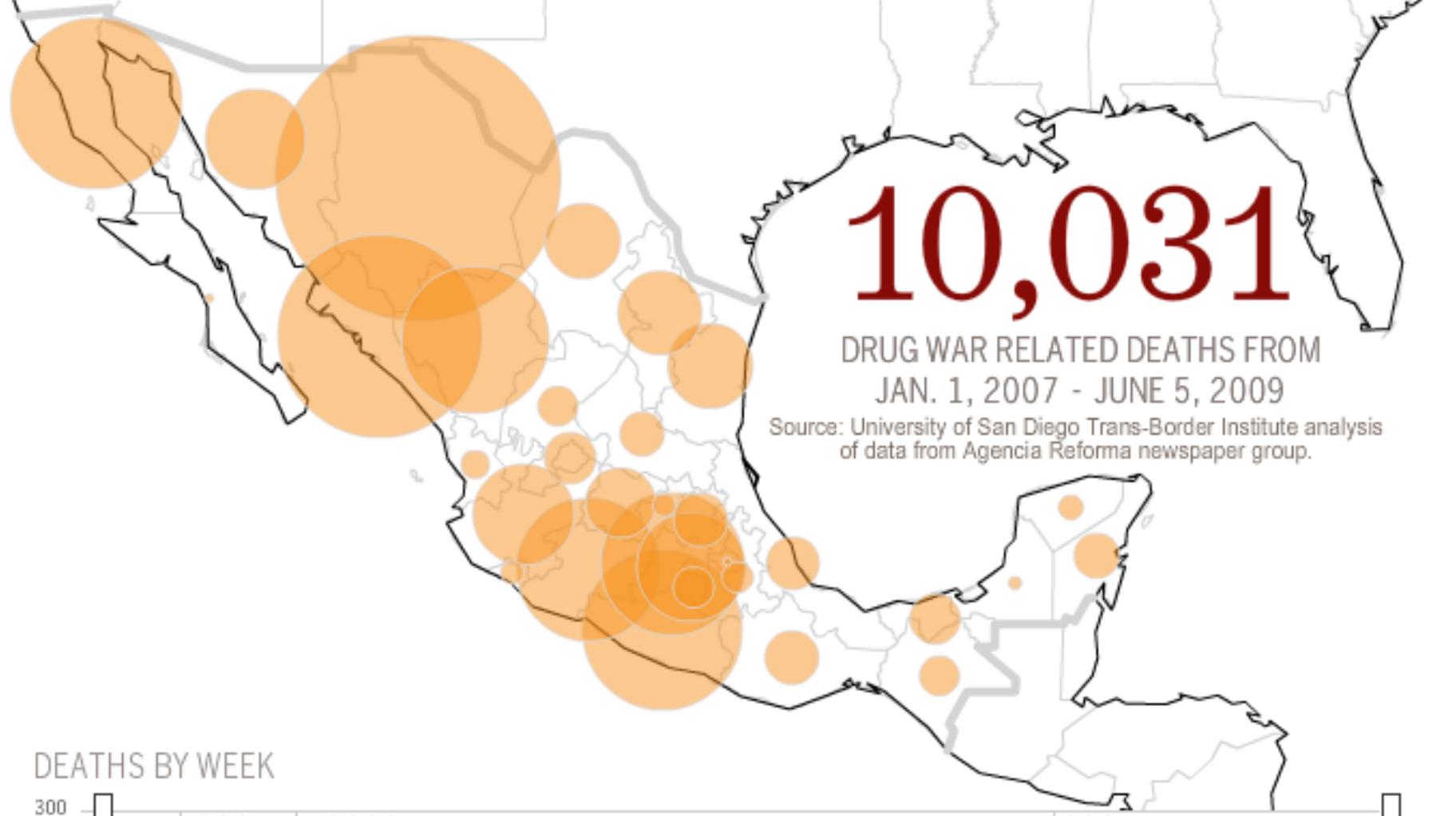
JOEL RUBIN  
AND ROBERT FATURECHI

For the first time in more than four decades, Los Angeles is on track to end the year with fewer than 300 killings, a milestone in a steady decline of homicides that has changed the quality of life in many neighborhoods and defied predictions that a bad economy would inexorably lead to higher crime.

As of mid-afternoon on Sunday, the Los Angeles Police Department had tallied 291 homicides in 2010. The city is likely to record the fewest number of killings since 1967, when its population was almost 30% smaller.

Strikingly, homicides in the city have dropped by about one-third since 2007, the last full year before the economic downturn, according to a Times analysis of coroner records. Throughout the rest of Los Angeles County, which is pa-

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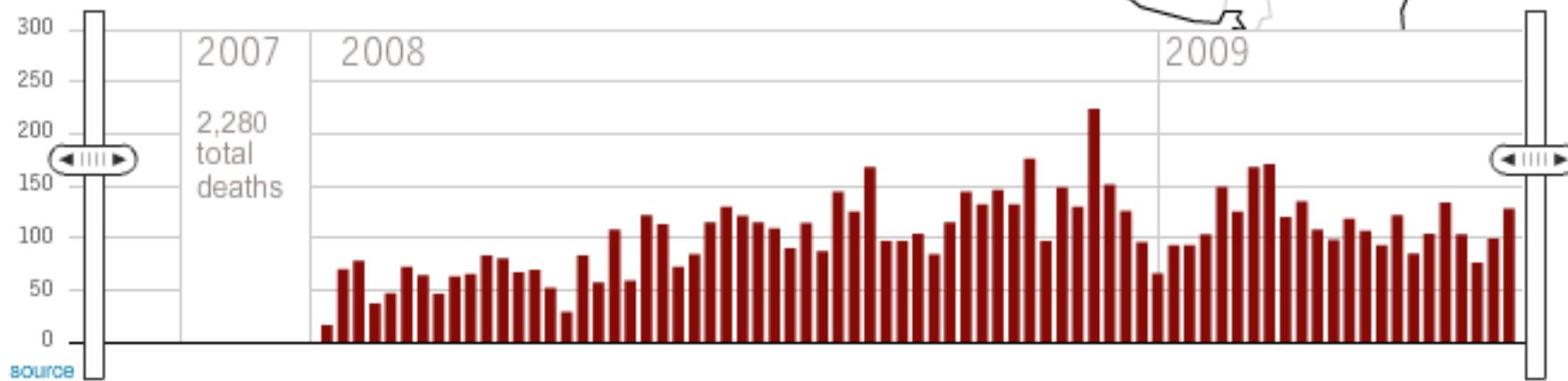


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DRUG WAR RELATED DEATHS FROM  
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#### DEATHS BY WEEK



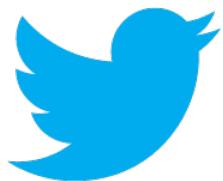
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