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SPORTS

## KINGS CAN'T SEAL DEAL

Blackhawks stay alive with a 5-4 win in double OT.



INSIDE

### A billion little arguments

Shelly Sterling was taking bids from Clippers buyers. Husband Donald was having none of it. This is turning into a really expensive domestic dispute. **SPORTS 1**

### Want ads: L.A.'s hot jobs



Those looking for booming career fields can consider jobs ranging from biomedical engineering to event planning. See the list of Southern California's hottest jobs. **BUSINESS**

### House sings the blues



Actor Hugh Laurie of TV's "House" fell in love with the blues early. Now he's playing them with his Copper Bottom Band, landing at Hollywood's Fonda Theater on Monday. **GO+DO**

### Angelou: Her voice rose above

Maya Angelou died Wednesday at age 86, leaving behind works that touched many. **NEWS 10**

## 'DETECTIVES WITHOUT GUNS'

Eric Ball and his six-person Runaway Outreach Unit use social media and all the tools they can to get kids off the streets. They're succeeding.



Eric Ball's team includes Valarie Fishbain, left, Adriana Ledezma, Julie Hildreth, Rochelle Horowitz and Emma Espinoza. **ARMANDO BROWN, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER**

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**P**icture this: A teen is fed up with her foster home. Maybe she doesn't like her foster parents. Maybe there was a disagreement. Maybe she's fighting with one of her foster siblings. It feels like someone else's home. Maybe she's just sick of the system: sick of her social worker, sick of her choices.

There's probably a different rea-

son for every kid who runs away. No matter what the reason, many run. And when they run, someone has to find them.

Eric Ball and his six-person Runaway Outreach Unit bring back runaways. It's not an exact science, and they use any possible technique at their disposal.

One of the most successful tools is social media, like Facebook and Instagram.

"To look at a screen is a whole lot

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“  
But by hook or by crook, we're going to help them understand that we're not there to arrest them.”

**ERIC BALL**  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

## UFO EXPERT WAITS FOR HIS SHIP TO COME IN

Jan Harzan heads group that searches for evidence of aliens.

Jan Harzan is the kind of guy you want to sit next to at a dinner party. What's he been up to lately?

Oh, investigating alien abductions, looking for extraterrestrial motherships a quarter-mile long and running tests on possible fragments from a UFO crash.

And that's all before 10:30 a.m. on a typical day.

"People ask me, 'Do you believe

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PAUL RODRIGUEZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jan Harzan is the national director of the Mutual UFO Network or MUFON, which recently moved its world headquarters to Newport Beach.

## Vets' body backlog remains a mystery

It's unclear why 52 indigents remain unburied.

BY **DARRELL R. SANTSCI**  
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**RIVERSIDE** • Los Angeles County officials say they have a backlog of as many as 52 indigent veterans' bodies awaiting burial because of a policy change by a private mortuary that moves the remains to Riverside National Cemetery.

A mortuary spokesman said there were no such policy changes.

Normally, indigent veterans

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### WATCHDOG

## Monitoring of criminals hindered by laws, budgets

BY **TONY SAAVEDRA**  
and **KEEGAN KYLE**  
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Federal probation officers charged with supervising two Orange County sex offenders who are now accused of four killings were overworked, underfunded and hampered by GPS systems that did not communicate, an internal inquiry concluded Wednesday.

The report also blamed state and local laws for exacerbating oversight problems, including sharply restricting where sex of-

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