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▶ Cleveland, where a few ... Santa Monica ... "And what ... is knowing n... less are out t... counted."

Art fans flock to see empty spaces

By John Larrabee
USA TODAY

BOSTON — Hundreds of art lovers, reporters and mystery fans flocked to tour the reopened Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, site of the art theft of the century.

Weekend thieves stole 11 priceless paintings and prints.

"Of course it's a sad loss, but it's exciting and suspenseful to be here, like being on the scene of a detective novel," said Lynne Ottariano, 34. "It is fascinating to think how they could have pulled it off."

The FBI issued composite drawings of two men. Wearing police uniforms, the men talked their way into the museum Sunday and made off with artworks by Rembrandt, Degas and other masters. They also swiped an ancient Chinese vase and a gilded eagle from a Napoleonic flag pole.

For some, the springlike burst of flowers in the museum's Italian villa courtyard failed to dispel the gloom.

"The museum represents so much of Boston's culture," said Lauri Shannon, 33. "That's what makes it such a tragedy."

At the crime scene:

▶ The entrance to the Dutch Room — which reopens next week — was blocked by a folding wood screen and a yellow ribbon marked: "Do Not Cross — Boston Police."

But visitors looking across the courtyard garden could see the empty spaces where stolen paintings once hung.

▶ A sign posted in the Short Gallery listed the titles of five stolen Degas sketches. Beneath were the words: "Stolen, March 18, 1990."

▶ Nobody was allowed in the Blue Room, where Monet's *Chez Tortoni* was missing.

The museum collection, assembled 70 years ago by Isabelle Stewart Gardner, a wealthy Boston eccentric, was not insured. But museum officials were optimistic a $1 million reward offered by Sotheby's and Christie's auction houses will bring results.

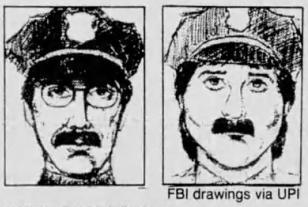
"A million dollars is quite a sum," said spokesman Barry Wanger. "People would turn in their mother for a million."

Considered too widely known to be sold on the open market, the haul from Gardner's collection has been estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Photos by Jann Van Horne

ON THE SCENE: Lynne Ottariano, front, and Lauri Shannon visit Boston's Gardner museum Wednesday. The art theft is a sad loss, says Ottariano, 'but it's exciting and suspenseful to be here.'

MUSEUM DIRECTOR: Anne Hawley stands outside the Dutch Room, where two paintings were taken.



FBI drawings via UPI

THEFT SUSPECTS: The FBI released these sketches Wednesday. Authorities say the mustaches may be fake. One suspect, at left, is in his late 20s to early 30s, dark eyes and hair, 5'7" to 5'10", medium build, with wire rim glasses. The second suspect is in his early to middle 30s, dark eyes and hair, 6' to 6'1", 180 pounds.

Hacker's break-in 'tip of the iceberg'

By Paul Hoversten
USA TODAY

A hacker's easy entry into a worldwide computer network signals a growing problem for government and industry.

named "Dave" in a call to *The New York Times* Tuesday, said he gained access to computer systems in recent months to taunt security experts.

The hacker said he gained access via Internet, a system program that destroyed or overloaded files. He is to be sentenced in May.

"Dave" told the *Times* he intended to tease security experts but not damage the systems he entered. "It used to be

The Smithsonian Astronomical Observatory said it has disconnected its computers from Internet since the break-ins. Tuesday, the Computer Emergency Response Team, a federally financed computer securi-

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By Jim Pfiffe...
USA TODAY

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