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Report finds UCLA impact on the state economy tops \$11 billion | Los Angeles Business Journal

"UCLA's contributions to our state's economic vitality are significant and widespread, from discovering life-changing technologies to employing tens of thousands of Californians," UCLA Chancellor Gene Block said in a statement. "Measuring this economic impact allows us to demonstrate how every dollar invested in UCLA pays substantial dividends back to people throughout our state."

Los Tigres del Norte will become the first norteco act to play at Hollywood Bowl | Los Angeles Times

Given their stature, and the popularity of Mexican regional music, it's surprising that it's taken this long for Los Tigres to be invited to perform at the Bowl. "It's kind of shocking in a way," says Chon Noriega, director of the Chicano Studies Research Center at UCLA, where the band has supported an important digitization effort of 20th-century Mexican music. "They are the Spanish-language chroniclers of our time. They are speaking the dominant language of the hemisphere and they are doing it with an understanding of all the people that make up that hemisphere."

California cities lead the U.S. in personal income growth | Wall Street Journal

"We don't have slack in many of our labor markets in California and so you get wage increases," said Jerry Nickelsburg, a senior economist at the University of California-Los Angeles. California's economy, which grew 3% in 2017, has in recent years outpaced growth in the overall nation. It now ranks as the fifth-largest economy in the world, surpassing the United Kingdom last year.

Wine tasting can work the brain more than math, according to neuroscience | NBC News

"It's hard to argue against the neuroscience [Shepherd] presents," says David A. Merrill, MD, PhD, a clinical research scientist and psychiatrist at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at University of California Los Angeles. "It is entertaining to think of how many neural systems are activated from a process that looks so simple on the surface."

How safe are e-cigarettes? | Rolling Stone

"I would not discourage a tobacco smoker from switching to e-cigarettes, but we need more research on vaping risks and how the two compare," said Dr. Holly Middlekauff, professor of medicine at UCLA, in 2017. "I would definitely discourage a non-smoker from starting to use e-cigarettes."

Rethinking what gifted education means, and whom it should serve | New York Times

"Race is a very scary thing, and when people are liberal, they try to figure out how to have diversity in a way that still feels safe and still feels protective of their own children's privilege," said Jeannie Oakes, an emeritus professor of education at the University of California, Los Angeles. "It's this sense of, 'Well, if we can find the good ones, it would be good to have diversity in these programs.'"

California's record on climate change is a stark rebuttal to Trump | The Atlantic

Yet looking backward is one way California can point the way forward: As Trump and his allies portray climate action as an economic threat, California's record remains perhaps the most powerful rebuttal. "California is showing that climate policy can be ... compatible with

economic growth," says Ann Carlson, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Carson is getting a new premium outlet mall | KPCC-FM's "Take Two"

"Well, a premium outlet mall is different from an enclosed mall shopping center like the Westside Pavilion. The Westside Pavilion faced intense competition from Santa Monica Place and Century City, and the market couldn't hold it. Outlet centers from the point of view of the real estate developers, they don't have to build it as an enclosed mall so it's cheaper to build, and two, it's normally on cheaper land. Land in Carson is a lot less expensive than, say, land on Pico Boulevard in Westwood," said UCLA's David Shulman. (Approx :30 mark – audio download)

Lack of surgical care in U.S. prisons may cost lives | Reuters Health

It's very likely that these kinds of problems aren't limited to Miami Dade, said Dr. Joe Hines, a professor and chief of general surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine... "I would imagine that there is a similar situation across the country," said Hines. "This is another example of a population in our country that is completely underserved. For those who can access health care and the best doctors, things go pretty well, but that's not true for most of the country and the prison population is in that same bucket."

Santa Monica offers cash to seniors to help with rent | CALmatters

"You would think their rents would be low, but even the 3 to 5 percent increases allowed a year outstrip the increases in the cost of medical care and other costs combined with the limited increases in Social Security," said Steven Wallace, associate director of UCLA's Center for Health Policy Research.