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[Study aims to show if 'superbugs' pose dangers to surfers | Orange County Register](#)

As a longtime surfer, Megyn Rugh knows that surfing comes with risks — especially when it comes to what lingers in dirty waters. Rugh, a graduate student from UCLA, is helping to spearhead a study to find out just how funky Southern California's ocean water might be. The study uses surfers as test subjects to see whether they are showing evidence of potentially dangerous MRSA, a "superbug" that can be tough to tackle even with potent antibiotics. And so far, some areas of the coastline showed "surprising" results for the Surfer Resistance Project.... For more than a decade, students studying under UCLA professor Jennifer Jay have been testing water quality, focusing on "superbugs." (Also: UCLA's Jennifer Jay interviewed on [KNX-AM](#) – audio download)

[Smithsonian 'can do more and should do more,' Latino museum advocate says | Washington Post](#)

But its success does not eclipse the Smithsonian's overall failure to improve its Latino representation, according to a critical report from UCLA's Latino Policy & Politics Initiative. Released on Sept. 10, "Invisible No More" found the Smithsonian has failed to act on most of the recommendations made in a 1994 report, including working with Congress to launch a new Latino museum.... "Just as ... the largest minority in the country comes to the table, (the Smithsonian) says, 'We can't do that anymore, we're going to try something new, to integrate you across the institution,'" Chon Noriega, one of the report's authors, said. "That should be happening anyway. That shouldn't be the compromise."

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"I don't think this campaign will test him," said Jim Newton, a lecturer on public policy at the University of California, Los Angeles. "And that's too bad. He's a quality candidate. It's too bad we are not given a chance to see more of him and learn what he would do. I think he plays defense through Election Day."

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“Affirmative action doesn’t mean colleges are accepting less qualified students because of their race [or] ethnicity, it means that within a highly qualified group of applicants, a college may consider race [or] ethnicity in their selection process to ensure their student body features diversity, in multiple forms, and perspectives of students from a variety of backgrounds,” says Gary Clark, director of undergraduate admissions at the University of California Los Angeles.

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“If the worst of these allegations is proven true, he will likely have to resign from the bench,” said Adam Winkler, a specialist in the Supreme Court at University of California, Los Angeles. “If he stays on the bench, these allegations could hurt him with clerkship applicants ... especially among women.”

[Oxford, Cambridge top global university rankings; UCLA ranked No. 17 | Wall Street Journal](#)

The U.K.’s University of Oxford and University of Cambridge took the top two spots for a second time in a global university ranking, with long-dominant U.S. schools mostly stagnating against international competitors.... University of California Los Angeles ranked No. 17.

[UCLA students attempt to break world record | KABC-TV](#)

UCLA will be turning one hundred years old next year. The university, which was founded in 1919, is beginning celebrations today with a special feat. This morning, about 10,000 UCLA students will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest group of people to form a giant number. That number is 100, of course.

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To conduct the delicate analysis of silicon and oxygen contained in the zircons, the team turned to the high-resolution ion microprobe at the University of California, Los Angeles, which shoots a fine beam of charged atoms at the tiny samples and measures the ejected ions that bounce back... “That’s a pretty cool result,” says Elizabeth Bell, a geochemist at the University of California, Los Angeles, who was not involved in the work. Many of these processes are largely indistinguishable from oxygen isotopes alone, she notes, calling the use of silicon “really significant.”

[How a breakthrough therapy helped two paralyzed people walk again | Time](#)

In 2014, researchers at the University of Louisville, including Harkema and Angeli, used epidural stimulation to help four paralyzed individuals regain movement of their legs. And on Monday, the same day the new Louisville study was published, researchers from the

University of California Los Angeles and the Mayo Clinic reported in Nature Medicine that they helped a paralyzed man walk with assistance.

How losing sleep can cause you to pack on the pounds | Healthline

“We need to send the message to people that they should not accept sleep deprivation as a standard factor of life, or a condition that they will eventually just be able to overcome,” Dr. Alon Avidan, MPH, professor and vice chair in the department of neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles, told Healthline. “You cannot essentially just get used to sleep deprivation, you cannot borrow sleep and pay it off on the weekends. If you do that, then it comes at a very high interest rate.”

Genetic technique reverses autism’s sensory impairment in mice | United Press International

“The focus in autism has been trying to tackle social impairment,” first author Dr. Anubhuti Goel, a postdoctoral researcher in neurology at UCLA, said in a press release. “But if there is a deficit in learning due to being unable to process certain kinds of sensory input, it affects your development. We’re trying to identify early brain processes that will impact behaviors in children when they are older.”

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