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## [La Raza photos document Chicano life in L.A. during the 60s and 70s](#)

Professor Chon Noriega of the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center narrates a guide to the photos in an exhibition at the Autry Museum in Los Angeles as part of Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA.

## [‘Winking’ star 550 light-years away may be devouring wrecked planets](#)

“I’ve been studying young stars near Earth for 20 years and I’ve never seen anything like this one,” said UCLA astronomer Benjamin Zuckerman.

## **Ancient fossil microorganisms strengthen case that life in the universe is common**

The study, by UCLA and the University of Wisconsin, was based on analysis of specimens more than 3 billion years old.

## **Thousands of citizen-scientists help researchers map kelp forests**

Volunteers analyze photos from NASA’s Landsat program to locate the coastal ecosystems in oceans around the world.

## **UCLA senior delivers digital health monitoring to fight disease in Cameroon**

Vikash Singh was selected for the 2017 UCLA Global Citizens Fellowship and is using the \$5,000 award and his medical technology background to turn an idea into action.

## **UCLA grant program funds interdisciplinary brain cancer research**

Team includes neurosurgeons, neuro-oncologists and pharmacologists, all studying how metabolism traits in glioblastomas may represent a weak spot in the cancer.

## **New scholarship endowment at UCLA Law will honor Soundgarden leader Chris Cornell**

The influential singer and songwriter died in May, but his commitment to justice, human rights and advocacy for those in need lives on.

## **UCLA campus closed for winter break Dec. 23–Jan. 1, 2018**

Some operations, like the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and police and fire departments, remain open.

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