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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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