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IN THE NEWS:

New Star Found Orbiting Black Hole

The discovery by UCLA researchers and colleagues of a new star orbiting the Milky Way's black hole at a faster rate than any other star was reported Wednesday by [Ars Technica](#) and Saturday by the [Los Angeles Times](#). Andrea Ghez, a UCLA professor of physics and astronomy who holds the Lauren B. Leitchman and Arthur E. Levine Chair in Astrophysics, was quoted in the coverage.

Insights Into the Sleeping Brain

[Science Blog](#), [Asian News International](#) and the [Indo-Asian News Service](#) report today, and [Medical Express](#) reported Sunday, on a study led by Mayank R. Mehta, professor of neurophysics in UCLA's departments of neurology, neurobiology, and physics and astronomy, spotlighting the role of a brain region called the entorhinal cortex in sleep-time memory consolidation. Mehta is quoted in the coverage.

NICU Nurses and Babies Reunite

The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) reported Sunday on a reunion between UCLA nurses and those they cared for as infants in the neonatal intensive care units at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica. Shohreh Samimi, director of the NICU at Mattel Children's Hospital, and UCLA nurses Bessie Ang and Joyce Keeler were quoted.

The Rent Is Too Darn High in L.A.

[Curbed LA](#) on Thursday highlighted a report by Paul Habibi, lecturer in real estate at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, detailing the high expense of rental housing and homeownership for middle-income Los Angeles residents and proposing a remedy for the problem. Habibi's report was also referenced Friday in a [Wall Street Journal](#) article about a growing number of Silicon Valley executives buying homes in Los Angeles.

Home Sweet Chaos

[USA Today](#) on Thursday highlighted a book by researchers at the UCLA Center on Everyday Lives of Families (CELFF) examining in intimate detail the home lives of 32 middle-class, dual-earner families with children in Los Angeles. Jeanne Arnold, UCLA professor of anthropology and a CELFF researcher, was quoted.

Film Tax Credit Helps State

An article in Friday's [Variety](#) analyzing the net benefits of California's film tax credit program cited a study by UCLA's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment showing that the tax credit is helping to create jobs and generate revenue for the state.

Easing Pain at the Pump

Nurit Katz, UCLA's sustainability coordinator, was interviewed Saturday on KCAL-Channel 9 about rising gas prices and how drivers can save money by reducing the amount of fuel they use.

Sharing Doctors' Notes With Patients

Dr. David Baron, executive director of the UCLA Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center, was interviewed Saturday on KNX-1070 AM about a new study indicating that patients with access to their doctors' written notes feel more in control of their health.

Fighting Obesity Where it Lives and Works

KPCC-89.3 FM reports today that a health and fitness program developed by researchers from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center that encourages individuals in ethnic minority communities to exercise at work, church services and school has received a \$20 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A Day in the Life of Chon Noriega

Saturday's [Los Angeles Times](#) featured a profile of Chon Noriega, director of UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center and a professor at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. Noriega was quoted.

High Court Readies for Affirmative Action Case

Sunday's [Los Angeles Times](#) featured an op-ed co-written by UCLA professor of law Richard Sander about affirmative action in college admissions and an upcoming U.S. Supreme Court case dealing with the issue.

OBITUARY:

Michael Heim, 69, Professor and Renowned Translator

Heim, a distinguished professor at UCLA who produced widely admired English translations of some of the most influential German, Russian and Eastern European writers of the 19th and 20th centuries, died Sept. 29. See Sunday's [Los Angeles Times](#).

QUOTABLE:

Stuart Gabriel

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Gabriel, the Arden Realty Professor of Finance at the UCLA Anderson School of Management and director of the Ziman Center for Real Estate at UCLA, was quoted Tuesday in a Wall Street Journal Marketwatch article about banks offering hefty incentives to entice wealthy homebuyers to take out large loans.

Dr. Wally Ghurabi

Ghurabi, medical director of the emergency department at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, was quoted Friday in an article in Salt Lake City's *Deseret News* about how parents' preoccupation with smartphones and other wireless devices may be endangering their children.

Ilan H. Meyer

Meyer, senior public policy scholar at the UCLA School of Law's Williams Institute, was quoted Friday in a *New York Times* article about National Coming-Out Day and the process of announcing one's sexual orientation.

Gary Orfield

Orfield, professor of education and co-director of the Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles at UCLA was quoted Sunday in a *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* article about an upcoming Supreme Court case dealing with affirmative action in college admissions.

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