



## **KTLA Newsfilm Collection**

### **Research Guide**

The UCLA Film & Television Archive's KTLA Newsfilm Collection of local and national news from Los Angeles, California, circa 1958 to 1981 represents an invaluable research resource for a host of disciplines. The collection documents local and national issues, covering politics, economics, civil rights and feminist activism, as well as African American, Asian American, Chicano/a/x, Latino/a/x, Native American and LGBTQ+ communities.

To augment the Archive's online collection of KTLA newsfilm ([cinema.ucla.edu/watch-listen-online](http://cinema.ucla.edu/watch-listen-online)), this supplemental study guide offers a bibliography of select resources that examine the history of the television station, its news coverage and programming, as well as additional information about related moving image materials and archival collections about Los Angeles held at UCLA.

This guide represents a sample of the relevant materials held by the UCLA Film & Television Archive. Please consult the UC Library Search catalog ([search.library.ucla.edu](http://search.library.ucla.edu)) for further listings or contact the Archive Research and Study Center for assistance.

*Archival content is reflective of the period in which it was created. Films and television programs from the past contain biases and representations that were and still are offensive and harmful. The UCLA Film & Television Archive preserves and presents such historical documents as originally created in order to illuminate the past and inform the present in support of an equitable society.*

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## **KTLA History – Moving Images**

The following television specials broadcast on KTLA highlight the station's history in Los Angeles, including interviews with reporters and clips of noteworthy news stories and programming over specific decades. Celebratory in nature, the programs provide insights into how the station marketed itself and its news gathering unit to the citizenry of Los Angeles.

This is only a partial list – consult the Archive Research and Study Center for further listings.

***The First Twenty Years: KTLA's Twentieth Anniversary Show*** (1967-05-28). KTLA. Executive Producer: Loring d'Usseau. Producers: Joel Tator, Steve Skinner. Director: Steve Skinner. Writers: Joel Tator, Steve Skinner. Host: Dick Lane. "On January 22, 1947 under the direction of the young electronics genius Klaus Landsberg, experimental station W6XYZ became KTLA-TV (Channel 5), the first commercial TV station west of Chicago. Dick Lane, who has been with the station for the entire twenty years, hosts this anniversary salute using film clips and interviews." Study Copy: VA17265 T

***KTLA at 40: A Celebration of Los Angeles Television*** (1987-03-25). KTLA. Documentary on the history and development of the Los Angeles local TV station KTLA. Study Copy: VA35 T

***KTLA at 45*** (1992-04-08). KTLA. Executive Producer: Joe Quasarano. Producer: Joel Tator. Writer: Mitchell Barry. Hosts: Stan Chambers, Steve Allen, Tom Snyder, Hal Fishman, Stephanie Edwards. "An anniversary salute to Channel 5, Los Angeles' first commercial TV station. Through interviews, archival film, kinescopes and video, the documentary presents a chronological sampling of the entertainment, sports and news telecasts that have filled the past 45 years." Study Copy: VA13594 T

***KTLA's 50 Golden Years*** (1997-05-15). KTLA. Executive Producer: Joe Quasarano. Producers: Joel Tator, Bonnie Tiegel. Writer: Mitchell Barry. Host: Stan Chambers. "Channel 5 celebrates a half-century

of broadcasting. The clip-filled special mingles news events of the last five decades with nostalgic reminiscences and clips of early TV programs.” Study Copy: VA15971 T

***The Incredible Telemachines*** (1971-04-28). KTLA. Executive Producer: Bill Fyffe. Producer-Director: Gerard Ruben. Writer: Barney Morris. Host-Narrator: Barney Morris. KTLA’s early use of helicopters in news reporting is examined through the station’s coverage of historic events in Los Angeles history. Study Copy: DVD14537 T

***The Telecopter: The Past, the Present, the Future*** (2002). Presentation by John Silva, longtime KTLA engineer, on the history and development of the KTLA telecopter. The history of KTLA’s live, on-the-spot coverage starts in the late 1940s. Features footage of the Baldwin Hills Dam disaster in 1963 and the Watts Rebellion in 1965. Study Copy: DVD120 T

***L.A.'s Treasure: Stan Chambers*** (1993-12). KTLA. Executive Producers: Joe Quasarano, Mark Sonnenberg. Producer: Joel Tator. Host: Hal Fishman. Profile of veteran KTLA news reporter Stan Chambers, whose career began at KTLA in 1947. Inventory number: T42779

## Select Publications About KTLA

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Shiel, Mark. "[Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles, in the KTLA News Collection.](#)" *UCLA Film & Television Archive* (blog), June 20, 2019.

## Related Resources at UCLA

Below are a selection of UCLA Library collections related to Los Angeles that may augment content in the Archive's KTLA Newsfilm Collection.

### **UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library**

#### **Mayor Tom Bradley, Administrative Papers**

The collection contains the records of the administration of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, whose tenure in office covered an unprecedented five terms.

#### **Tom Bradley Collection of Material About Rapid Transit and Urban Development in Los Angeles, 1975-1977**

Collection consists of typescript (photocopied and offset) reports on plans for rapid transit and city development in Los Angeles.

#### **East West Players Records, 1965-1992**

As the first Asian American theater founded in Los Angeles in 1965, East West Players and its history provide a valuable account of Asian Pacific American experience.

#### **Los Angeles County Chicano Employees Association Collection, 1970-2007**

The Los Angeles County Chicano Employees Association is an association that was formed by Latino employees of Los Angeles County in 1969.

### [Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee \(LAOOC\) Records, 1978-1984](#)

Collection consists of business records, publication and poster samples, architectural drawings, newspaper clippings, videotapes, slides and other photographic material, audio recordings, awards and certificates of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC) in the staging of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in LA in 1984.

### [Los Angeles Times Photographic Archives](#)

The Los Angeles Times Photographic Archive contains an estimated 4 million images dating from approximately 1918 to 1990.

### [Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education records, 1875-2012](#)

The Los Angeles City Board of Education serves as the governing, policy-making body for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

### [Clete Roberts Papers, 1938-1986](#)

Clete Roberts (1912-1984) was a broadcast journalist and documentary filmmaker. During his broadcasting career, Roberts worked for a number of companies, including KLAC, CBS-KNXT, NBC, KTLA, KHJ and KCET.

### [UCLA Center for Oral History](#)

#### [American Indian History](#)

Oral histories interviews with in Native American communities in Los Angeles with a particular focus on Indians who came to Los Angeles under the Bureau of Indian Affairs' urban relocation program in the 1950s and 1960s.

#### [Black Women Activists in Los Angeles, 1950-2000 Oral History Series](#)

Focuses on those who were key community players in campaigns to end discrimination in education, healthcare, voting, public accommodations and housing.

#### [Bradley Years: Los Angeles City Government, 1973-1993](#)

This series includes interviews with key individuals who served in Los Angeles city government during the administration of Mayor Tom Bradley.

### [Environmental Activism in Los Angeles](#)

Oral history interviews with individuals who were involved in environmental activism in the Los Angeles area from the 1970s through the early 2000s.

### [“La Batalla Está Aquí”: The Chicana/o Movement in Los Angeles](#)

Oral history interviews with individuals who were involved in the Chicano Movement in Los Angeles.

### [Larry McCormick, African Americans in Motion Pictures and Television](#)

Oral history interview with McCormick, who was a television and music news reporter, actor and news anchor for Los Angeles local news station, KTLA.

### [View of a Culture: Presenting Rock Music in Los Angeles, 1960s-1970s](#)

This series includes interviews with individuals involved in behind-the-scenes or on-the-air presentation of rock music in the Los Angeles area during its critical period of growth and importance, the 1960s and 1970s.

## **External Resources**

### [June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives](#)

The June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives is one of the largest archives in the world dedicated to collecting, protecting and preserving lesbian and feminist history and culture.

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