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# UCLA Today

Good morning! Here's your Thursday briefing from [UCLA Newsroom](#). It should be [mostly sunny](#) in Westwood today, with a high around 70.

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## [Q&A: Dr. John Mazziotta on the future of UCLA's medical school and health system](#)

The new vice chancellor, dean and CEO spoke about his new roles and how he wants to make UCLA's medical enterprise a John Wooden-like dynasty of excellence in health science.

## [Disease-specific health plan appears to help keep diabetes care under control, UCLA study finds](#)

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new research evaluates effectiveness of a health plan designed for people with diabetes and pre-diabetes.

## Chon Noriega in Smithsonian's 'What it means to be American'

Professor and director of the Chicano Studies Research Center pens essay for national conversation hosted by the Smithsonian and Zócalo Public Square.

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### UCLA In the News

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"If they've never had a stone before, if it's on the right side they always think it's a burst appendix. If it's on the left, they come in thinking it's a heart attack. They're that awful, they're that painful." — Dr. Gregory Jack, UCLA assistant professor of urology and director of the Kidney Stone Center

[Summertime, and risk grows for kidney stones](#) | Wall Street Journal

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## Sikh Student Association hosts Sikh Awareness Day

Students hope to shed light on their often-misunderstood community with the help of music, dancing and free food.

### On campus today

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## Imagery of the Other by Early 20th-Century Japanese American Artists

Professor ShiPu Wang, an associate professor at UC Merced, will give a research presentation on the topic, "Visualizing Cross-Racial Alliances: Imagery of the Other by Early 20th-Century Japanese American Artists," part of the Asian American studies department's Faculty Colloquium. Young Research Library, Presentation Room 11348.

### UCLA Happenings calendar

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