

WEST Cruisin Down Memory Lane

UT Community News students often cover hard-hitting stories related to housing prices, crime, the unhoused, and other public policy issues affecting their communities.

For its recent episode of the "Cal State LA Community News Hour" on KPFK 90.7 FM, the class wanted to provide our audience with a flavor of the small cities and neighborhoods we cover in Los Angeles County – on the Eastside, in the Northeast, Southeast and in South Los Angeles.

1 **A 21st birthday to remember in Highland Park**
by Tigran Aslanyan

2 **Happy meals, happy times in Lincoln Heights**
by Gisselle Mauricio

3 **Multigenerational celebrations in Hermon**
by Ashley Romero

4 **'Sweet' memory**
by Jackson Tammariello

5 **Playing Ball in Alhambra**
by Arturo Orellana

6 **Actor recalls odd coincidence in Echo Park**
by Tupac Zapata

7 **Celebrating a cultural melting pot in Boyle Heights**
by Miguel Diaz

8 **Brainstorming on the bus in South Los Angeles**
by Tristan Longwell

Longtime Echo Park resident Roger Smith, loves his neighborhood despite its high crime rate.

Boyle Heights resident Vivian Escalante reflects on her childhood memories of celebrating "May Day" at Sheridan elementary in the neighborhood.

Community has always played a vital role in Jorge Lopez's life, whether it's South Los Angeles, where he lives now or East Hollywood, where he grew up.

Lincoln Heights community member Ana Mendez reflects on a simple, but happy memory in the neighborhood she calls home.

Hermon community member, Wendi Riser, discusses the neighborhood's trend of multigenerational roots and cherished holiday traditions.

Luanna Arriola has fond childhood memories of playing softball in Alhambra. Arriola's favorite memory sheds light on the lasting impact of recreation and after school activities on residents.

Former bus driver Javonne Sanders tells her story of the moments that inspired her to create her salad shop in South L.A., "Toss It Up."

Longtime Highland Park resident Danielle Thompson reflects on a cherished memory she has from celebrating a birthday at one of the neighborhood's well-known establishments.

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 2. Selfie provided by Ana Mendez.
 3. Selfie provided by Wendi Riser.
 4. Photo of Jorge Lopez by Jackson Tammariello.
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