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From hotspots to hidden gems It's your guide to all things local The L A unscripted way fantastic food Find trending must tries under the radar destinations Consider the L A you team your hive of busy little bees discovering the sweetest spots around the city and now we're sharing the buzz with you Hi everyone Welcome to L A unscripted I'm Devin and we've only got half an hour So give us the green light because we're ready to go The people here really needed a good pizza place Oh my God this is so good I had no idea anything could be this good We've been ranked in some of the best pizzas in L A Uh Some of the big social media foodie influencers some magazines we've been ranked in the top 10 It's delicious cal pizza It's a L A pizza style place whole wheat sourdough crust Here in Atwater Village we specialize in fresh produce farm to market kind of ingredients on our pot These are little buttocks Why is this dough so special Well like uh Jeff I mentioned to you it's a whole wheat 24 hour fermented Really really really custardy I would say now we mix it the day before we shape it It sits in the fridge for 24 hours and then we put it out to be proofed you know by the air by the heat that dough is the key to It's the baseline for this business here This is starting to look like a part of my body I'm not saying what part of my body but he's talked about gravity He's doing the work Hail Mary got the name because the the restaurant that was here before didn't make it And so they pivoted to pizza and they really knew dough So that's a Hail Mary Hail Mary It Absolutely You feeling we have our nice gourmet pizzas We have a probably five or six appetizers or bites what we call them Some of our most popular items are our roni because we have a pepperoni made special for us Our pep pep and our Marinara Supreme We're gonna make our pep pep Ok That one has our special pizza sauce Yes Smoked mozzarella Oo Spanish chorizo Yes Pickled jalapenos and wildflower honey Look at the like that is just a that is just a chorizo like a pepperoni slice but it looks so good Smells so good too So this is the lilo unscripted pizza that's gonna be on your menu Yeah And I'm so excited about this So tell tell them what's on this pizza So we're basically gonna do a Hawaiian pizza What makes it a little bit different Ok Is that we brace our pineapple in Cinnamon Being named one of the best pizzas in L A is I mean it it gives chills on my arms L A is such a big city It's exciting to be like right that high you know I just wanna continue that This is the lilo unscripted pizza that we made and I'm just gonna say it's supposed to be round but clearly I did not do the greatest job shaping it and

then putting it into the oven but it doesn't matter because it's gonna be delicious Right Oh my holy Oh The pineapples are literally like something you taste in a cobbler and you have the creamiest cheese and then the jalapenos are d oh my God this is so good It's so funny because on their logo is the Virgin Mary Now I know why because this is a religious experience eating this pizza I'm having a moment I'm having visions It's insane Every bite's a miracle And we've also got a vast cake that we grill It's an almond cream kind of cake It comes with a lemon Meyer lemon curd and a honey yogurt So someone clearly told you I like sweets OK I have two dessert experts They're gonna come in So this is Andre and Anika and they are the photographer's daughters and they're gonna give us an honest dessert review So dig in ladies D on edge What do you think Delicious delicious See she's a foodie It's so good What do you think Hanukkah You find myself It's a Hawaiian pie So lilo ok lilo unscripted pizza on the menu for a month And it is so good You guys I mean 10 out of 10 dark passing through and check I'm adding that to my running list of lau faves and yes it is a long long list All right Now let's see what Olivia De Bertoli is up to This is happy Our birthday die happy Who These are heavier than I thought the big American theater It is the greatest place on earth Uh Not by a it's puppets for Disneyland for movies and most of all like a theatrical experience and often kids like the theatrical experience And it's an hour long of musical variety of beautiful puppets and lights and drops It's a beautiful experience Essentially It is life animated at its most beautiful most colorful It is this just beautiful vehicle of communication to relate to objects the things to each other And then we're starting with our left or our right Right Right OK Bob was a resident of Los Angeles grew up right in the heart of L A and really from the age of four years old saw his first puppet show and it was one of those instances where he knew exactly what invented to do for the rest of his life So really started making his own puppet started performing out and then actually opened his own puppet theater in the garage Opened on to the alley in the back of his family home You pull that that's his eyebrows with these eyebrows Look at them Oh my So in 1963 Bob opened the Bob Baer Mart theater in kind of West Lake Echo Park area Los Angeles and was with was there for 56 years We moved to Highland Park in 2019 when we lost our old theater in West Lake And uh we were really lucky to find this home This is the 100th anniversary of the York theater and I just put my fingers through the string Yeah So like this is the mouth string right there So what I'm trying to do is I'm just grabbing it kind of with my palm right in front of the mouth

string getting in tune with like the body movement of what you want the puppet to do And once you know that it's really it's like playing an instrument you just kind of practice and practice and keep going And then this is the kind of key I think of this as like the gas pedal and this is the steering wheel Ok So essentially you're going to rock that left and right kind of a seesaw motion Health is French twos Our mission is to inspire and educate around puppetry arts and the allied Arts I think the other thing we like people to take away is that actually we're a non profit theater So one of the things that you know we want people to remember is you know how much goes into making not just the performances happen but everything else that we do every puppet is about 300 hours to kind of make in construction put together Um And then for the theater as a whole there's like a mass community of volunteers of just supporters that kind of keep this place going Myself and Mary here But really we're representatives of this just huge community that that love places like this And we're so honored to be here I don't know if I'm weak or if you're just abnormally strong But this is heavy Truly our dream is that all these kids in the grow up and they open their own puppet theaters or inspired in different ways to kind of keep that going One of the things I love most about the way kids react is that you know I think on an emotional level they can forget that the puppeteers are there they forget that anybody's around them They're actually just having this real engagement with the marionette that's in front of them They've really had an emotional journey and that's really cool to see OK Are you ready for our big performance 1234 right Four We did it I I'm a puppeteer ready and wink we love exploring all our different neighborhoods And did you know L A county is the first in the nation to reach 10 million residents That's a lot of people but also a lot of cool stories And I think Jasmine Simpkins is ready to share what she stumbled upon So good You took the words right out of my mouth So good Oh my God Wow Hi I'm Danielle Uh your kua I'm the manager here at Vicky's Vicky's all day is a really fun concept that we have that has brunch and lunch and dinner So we're open right now from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every night Um So we are here all day We opened in November of 2022 Uh We love West Adams Our second mis laa was actually uh here right on the corner and then we have Johnny's Pastrami and West Adams and Crenshaw And then we have this one and the neighborhood here has just been amazing and they've just really embraced us and not only are we inside chef Danny Lay new restaurant Vicky's all day But guess what He's cooking something really special for us Vicky's is all about the bread is my favorite

thing about the restaurant It takes 48 hours to ferment and make the dough but you can really it's so flavorful like a lot of moisture really really nice And this actually comes with two items It comes with our metze plate and then it comes with our Shakshuka The Shakshuka by far is unbelievable It's like an Israeli breakfast dish and it has like roasted tomato red pepper poached eggs So do I just dip right now Yeah Yeah Go ahead man So good Oh my God I just wanna jump in the bowl It's so good Our French toast She takes 24 hours to make and it's made in our thick uh piece of uh brioche bread in our Vicky's breakfast It comes with our Johnny's pastrami the slow smoked brisket Um That's kind of like our classic breakfast Our Kachi Agua which is our kind of like almost like a yellow tail And what's really fun It comes with these like Japanese sweet potatoes chips I like melts in your mouth I love it Not only melt in your mouth but I don't think I've ever tasted something that's flavorful I can just eat that with a spoon It's so good Our pizzas are amazing I love our pepperoni pizza with Chipotle honey when people come in and try so much chef food what they tell me is it reminds them of home Like people who are far from home especially like people like from the Middle East or like Israel and stuff like that will come in and they'll be like wow he's just really creative and kind of an artist in terms of the presentation and the quality of the ingredients Everything is really made from scratch whether it's at our commissary or in the venue a lot of time and care is taken into everything that you're eating So I think that that's why the food is special is because it has a lot of heart in it It's got kind of like a soul to it And don't forget you can always check out our Instagram page at KTL A unscripted or our website for all the places we visit But we still have so much more to share tonight when L A unscripted returns Welcome back to L A unscripted I'm J Devin And if you watch the show you know I love food like everything all kinds and people always ask me if I've got any allergies or dislikes No not this one Which is why I love when my assignment for the day is to do research at places like this So dumplings it comes in many types of dumplings We have the pot stickers the wanton in Paradise dynasty We have our speciality which is Xiaolong Pao So Xiaolong Pao is also known as the soup dumpling It is filled with meat and soup So we have the eight flavored Xiaolong Pao Um It is the first kind in the world Dumplings are dated Ancient food dated back to 2000 years ago It has been declared a national treasure in Shanghai in 2006 We have about 100 and 30 restaurants in Asia This is our first venture out of Asia to the US our first location in US In the south coast Hey Dana it's time for you to work What do you mean work I

thought I was just getting to like eat the dumplings No you have to work for your food Oh what flavor are these This is the Sichuan The outside is made of flour It has uh precise 18 folds delicate thin skin created in Paradise Dynasty So you pinch you push and you poop at the same time How many years did he study to do this Many years It takes about six months for a new trainee to learn how to do this I can't even chew gum and walk much less Make 18 folds while I'm pushing this in speed is key here because they make everything fresh If I worked here I swear to God everybody would starve because 18 folds is the key Are you counting No you also got to count Look what I mean Look what I I think I evacuated the whole kitchen OK There are many ways of eating this The main thing is to sip the broth out of the salon Pow Then you eat the meat Wow that is delicious It's a hard job but somebody's got to do it And you know the weather in L A may be unpredictable earthquake 2023 But L A you you can always count on So stick around because we've still got so much more to share right after the break A is a city of dreamers and doers and getting to go off script every day is definitely a dream job because there are so many unique people and journeys we get to share like this one So it kind of happens organically I think is the best way to describe it I had gotten more into hiking and camping and I thought wouldn't it be fun to dabble with travel projects So I started getting out more during weekend trips at first documenting those taking photos videos writing about them and then pitching these stories to travel clients and one thing led to another And now pretty much all I do is shoot for tourism offices and hospitality brands There's so much all over southern California You have the coast you have the mountains I was just in Big Bear and it was lovely up there But then if you want to get a little bit farther out there a little bit more off grid the deserts are probably one of my favorite places to explore You have Joshua tree but then you also have parks like Anza Breo which is a little bit closer than Joshua tree and there's just as much good hiking That is Temple Craig How gorgeous is that It's like I feel like I'm in Patagonia Never been wanna go There's even cabins if you know sleeping in a tent isn't quite your jam and in the spring even if it's not a super bloom the wild flowers are incredible and you might even be lucky enough to spot a big horn sheep Hey a unscripted and welcome to my crib This truck gets me to places where I don't generally run into other people and that's kind of how I like it I like finding that quiet in nature when it comes to working on my truck Um when it comes to the suspension in the wheels and stuff like that I get advice from the pros which is why I met with Sarah just

now and she upgraded the suspension in my truck So we were actually a family owned company that started in 82 after my sister and I started taking over moved into more of the custom side of the truck and off road segment because that was more of what our passion was So now we specialize in doing off road builds and custom builds for people that like to go out and enjoy the great outdoors All right let's talk about this truck It is gorgeous I talked to her kind of got a idea of how she uses her truck and then we would outfit it to make sure that her truck is strong for what she's doing while she's out doing it so that she doesn't get stranded somewhere which is really important So when it comes to safety on the road for solo women this is something that's kind of been a learning process for me I'm never rolling up to a campsite at night I want to be able to assess my surroundings during the daytime And also see you know even if it looks like a nice place who might be passing through there and if I feel good about it then I'll pop up and set up for the night So give me a little tour of your home Yeah So this is the sink I have storage under here These are all pop out cabinets So the water tanks are under there But then I have like towels and soap and bathroom stuff in there And then you have a nice couch a bed and if I'm somewhere where it grizzly bear country or it's really windy I can sleep down here with the camper pop down So I don't have to worry about a bear getting in which can happen through a shower head that's magnetic and it just sticks to my truck So I can just stand here turn all the buttons on and take a shower I actually live in Joshua Tree for a couple of months every year So I spend a lot of time there I love climbing there camping there and the sunsets there are just out of this world I think probably the first or second time I ever went there I saw one of the most magical desert sunsets that was like purple and orange and yellow And there's this perfectly silhouetted Joshua tree It's one of my favorite photos and it's been licensed and used a lot It's something I'm very proud of To me nature is therapy I think we should all spend more time in nature It's a place to be quiet and reflect and just really absorb everything around you It's very meditative also I think you know if you're having a stressful day or week and you can just escape even for a couple of hours to the mountains or to the beach It's just a wonderful way to kind of calm your soul Whether you're into the foodie scene art scene are just getting outside We're pretty lucky to have it all here And you know I've never won the lottery but I always feel like we hit the jackpot when we come across some super special spots like this one He was the hardest working man I've ever met in my life He sacrificed everything for his family Any picture we have of him with a

dinos shirt on This was his life This was his legacy We are at Dino's chicken and burgers L A where we serve our Dino's famous chicken This is the original my dad opened this restaurant in 1969 by himself and we've been here ever since But when he opened this restaurant he started fiddling around with uh some of the Latin flavors and the Greek flavors and developed this marinade People have guessed people have tried to recreate it and it's just not the same And I think it has a lot to do with the fact that he put his heart and soul into that recipe We are known for our char broiled chicken on a bit of French fries with coleslaw and tortillas It is healthy because it is charbroiled We are very lucky We have a very loyal following We have employees that have been working with us since 1969 1970 that are still with us today So it's kind of nice to have this familial um experience with our customers with our employees Ok Now your turn let us know where to go off script next email us at L A and scripted at KTL A dot com because you never know where we end up Next Good night everyone