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From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A The unscripted Way from the Delicious Me everyone and welcome to L A unscripted I'm Devin and this is me own a true family owned organic Mexican restaurant in the heart of Silver Lake Everyone in the family works here and you're about to meet them all I wanted to open a restaurant because I wanted to create healthier Mexican food And it's something that I was learning from My grandmother Mio Deon is a organic Mexican restaurant in the heart of Silver Lake I came up with the name I Corazon because my grandma used to call us that when we were young it was like a term of endearment And since my grandmother taught me how to cook this was all in her memory This is the grass fed flat iron steak with Chipotle butter Oh my God Where they even got this Oh my God It's the it's the consistency of sushi Like it's that tender We're gonna try the Poblano mac and cheese Oh ho ho ho ho ho You're so warm and yummy And it really goes with the steak so nicely Oh that's so delicious We have grass fed beef from New Zealand Organic chicken wild caught seafood Our shrimp is from Baja I know what goes in Mexican food You know the artificial chicken bouillon in the rice the lard and the beans Our rice and beans are vegan They have lots of flavor from onions and garlic All our sauces are vegan I think the way we cook our food here people do notice that it tastes better These are their fish tacos I mean can we just for one second admire the beauty That is this taco Oh yeah Oh so now that my daughters are older they love to come and help and be a part of what we created here and they really understand it And it's great to hear my older daughter Zyla say I love working there and she's really proud of what we make here All of our wines are from Pada de Guadalupe and we really wanted to make sure all of our wines were from Mexico here to you know support our culture We're an amazing tequila bar We have over 60 tequilas and Mescal So we also have a barrel aging program where we rest the cocktails in for 30 days and it just gives it a much more elevated taste So on brunch we have a DJ bottomless mimosas He does a really good job of you know bringing the vibe It's definitely a party vibe So if you want to feel like you're going to Cancun I would recommend coming So we have Taco Tuesday where we have amazing specials and we actually have \$10 Casa Azul shots Our wine Wednesday includes \$25 bottles of wine from Mexico So you can explore that region Some unique drinks we have is my favorite Personally is the Coca loco which literally tastes like you're on vacation Hey

I thought it was for me and the next one's for you Now this one's for you Oh this looks so good Oh my God Oh wow You said it right It's like a dessert in a glass Oh my God It's my new favorite drink I swear I love working with my mom and my sister and my family because it's just a great way for us to spend extra time together You know we all really care about this place and it kind of just keeps us together and I think we're a great team I can say everything on our menu is worth trying because it's the best It means a lot to me as a Latina woman to own a Mexican restaurant because I know it inspires my daughters and my friends and family and I hope others Ok So you still have to meet the youngest daughter Violet She is going to show us how to make the absolute perfect guacamole coming up But first here's another local favorite at lau We don't just bring you great stories We road test them for you as well Let's get pierced Maria Tash is a New York native Uh She's been piercing since the early nineties She's recognized as bringing the art of piercing to a more luxury experience Maybe like on this little ridge here Sure That goes yeah there Sure I think that looks really good Yeah for sure Like that What sets Maria Tash apart from the other piercing spots in L A are the threaded stud mechanisms and the clicking mechanisms in the hoops They're patented by Maria herself and allow for a really safe and secure healing process as well as the curated ear All right So this placement is where we we is that good for you Love it We have one on one consultations with our clients where we browse the jewelry counter and pick our favorites as well as the client's favorites whatever they come in with I'm gonna use the back of my needle just to make sure that my angle is correct Ok Ok All of our jewelry is 14 karat solid gold and the pieces with precious stones like diamonds and emeralds are upgraded to 18 solid gold Our jewelry starts off at \$110 for just a plain gold ball which is a great starting piece and ranges all the way up to about 500,000 Some tips I would give for someone who's about to get pierced are to breathe relax everything's gonna be fine So while we are piercing just make sure that you're keeping a steady breath and try not to hold your breath It'll be over in a second Here we go Belly button and eyebrow rings are coming back uh with this whole Y2K influence in fashion and music and movies and everything Everybody wants to get their belly button pierced Here we go There it is All right Now we're just tightening the jewelry and we're done Nice How was it Great great perfect cool Now I know there's a lot of judgment behind the art of piercing but realistically it's just another expression of someone's art and personality and style And let's keep the so how stories going and flowing as we check out

another spot on our L A unscripted hit list What is the name Vita So it's basically a play on carnivore So a carnivore eats meat an herbivore eats greens and a vivo drinks wine How many wines do you have here It varies but usually around a couple 100 war is a wine and goods and gift shop that specializes in all women winemakers and makers in general So one of the things that we wanted to do to make you a little bit different and ultimately very user friendly is our charge So the idea behind it is is you read through and you see what kind of Vinovo you are and then once you figure out read through and you go oh I am definitely an orange tiger OK So then all you have to do is go over to where all of our wine is OK And read the labels And if you see an orange sticker then you know you're an orange tiger It's like animals Do you remember Wine is a business and I'm a woman in business and I like supporting other women in business So I thought if I carried just women winemakers and as many women makers as I could I would be supporting a lot of women in business all in one place Zesty lemonade clouds with green herb thunder and pineapple lightning Oh my God Like the descriptions are off the chart I am a queer person myself There's not a ton of you know queer winemakers out there for me to choose from but I sure try to get every single one that I can So we have theme boxes We have like a dog lover box and a cat lover box and you know a self love box with bath salts and things like that But also you know you can build your own box and just shop around and pick what your friend or your client or whoever uh you're gifting for you'd think they'd like And we'll be back with much more from me Zone scripted will be right back today We're going to make guacamole and I feel like it's really easy So all you have to do is we prepare the basics are tomatoes onions and cilantro lime juice Salt First she's gonna smash the avocados and then we'll just add a little salt add a little onion We'll add a little bit of tomato squeeze in some lime juice and let's not forget the Serranos We need that spice The secret to keeping your guacamole from turning brown is to make sure there's enough lime juice and salt and sealing the top layer of the avocado puree with like a wax paper or saran wrap and just push out all the air I love to help my mom work in the kitchen I help her make tortillas And during the holidays the man we girls we love being with each other and it's really fun to connect with them Nice job Vanessa and Violet And you know what I'm going to be the judge though Here we go I'm going in OK It looks delicious Oh it's almost velvety fresh lime fresh avocado tomato onion Ok This is this might be the best guacamole I've ever had Hello everyone and welcome back to all unscripted I'm de and we have

been wine and dine here me on a total family owned organic Mexican restaurant in the heart of Silver Lake But right now let's check in with my unscripted family to see where they're hanging out Hotel Figueroa is an urban oasis where you can only drink you can also die Hi I'm Beth Beltramo the owner of Eco Di Center So Eco Dive Center is a dive shop and we offer everything from scuba training to local trips tropical trips rental And we have a full retail store as well We just started the partnership with Hotel Figueroa this June and we're running it through September and it's every Tuesday evening we're offering anything from refresher to discover scuba diving experience Hi Hi Jasmine I'm super excited to be taking a course with you You're a pro You're scuba pro Yes I am How long have you been diving I started diving in college I went to college here at U started a scuba club at LMU and became an instructor and did a little traveling came back and just did a bunch of teaching Soon enough Eco Dive center was the obvious next step And my husband and I started the store together and you guys are also teaching here at the Fabulous Hotel Figueroa Why does hotel we chose Hotel Figueroa for a couple of reasons They like to partner with female ownership businesses for a lot of their vendors that they use The pool is amazing It's plenty deep to try scuba A lot of hotel pools aren't deep enough to dive at So the facility is gorgeous You can just show up with your bathing suit and we can bring everything for you and do your Discover Scuba program So we'll start in the 4 ft get you comfortable and then we will be in the 8 ft and you you'll be so excited you won't even realize that's ok before we move forward Let's talk through some signals This one was I'm ok Look at me This one was a go up What's this one I don't know if we went over that one We didn't It's a pop quiz Oh this one is Dana Dana a shark jaws Ok Luckily there's no sharks in here Luckily there's no shark All right guys I've got the scuba skills down now It's time to swim with the big fish Wish me luck coming up much more from me Zone scripted will be back before I can finish this bowl of chips and guacamole and not saying something Oh welcome back to L A unscripted I'm Devin from me A zone in the heart of Silver Lake And not only did they have organic Mexican they have vegan Mexican dishes like these enchiladas These are called the car which means it's a squash medley inside I can't even tell you how hard it has been to not take a bite of this while we were setting up the shot Ok It looks so good Oh that green sauce is in June Mm All right Let's hit another cool neighborhood for another hot spot orders So good made solid is my leather goods and accessories brand We focus a lot on handmade home goods Uh personal accessories like bags

belt made solid represents making solid connections rather than just how well we make things but we only stock things from friends that we know around the world So there's nothing random out of a trade show These are all handmade items from people that have a definite connection to us I'm really designing all of the leather goods pieces myself and making them right here in this space by hand We've gotten very well known for our leather wrap vases which weren't really existing in the market when we came out with them These are the leather vases you were talking about Yes Look at the colors of this So I painted that one myself I love how you said that everything in the store you have a relationship with the person that made it take me through and show me some of the things like I mean I can't I can't I love these these mugs like I love the way they fit in your hand In fact it's called the comfort mug It's from our friend Brielle Reto She's in Burlington Vermont This is like come to dinner kids right now What it antique cowbell from Nigeria I work really closely with the West African community here in Los Angeles We make those in house really Talavera pieces very traditional Mexican style OK That's from a friend studio in Puebla Mexico I love how they're not perfectly symmetrical These are called Manila these are about 300 years old It's bronze that had been buried and very historical artifacts They were used as currency and adornments and all of that So these are traditional jaguar head are made out of wood carved hand painted They're from Guerrero Mexico What is this Hey if that's where you go with it is a vintage bottle opener I thought it was a whip I thought this was a whole another store Leather is such a dynamic material to work with Uh And again there's so much history especially in the leather that I use It comes out of uh an American tannery been around since 18 81 in Saint Louis Missouri We can paint on it we can stitch it up to create a bag we can shape it with our hands It's just uh for me so much fun We also do classes I have workshop that are available um through our website are just coming in and scheduling Uh We make something really hands on really fun really interactive leather in general but really the leather that I work with we call it vegetable tan You set it in a window or it's in your back pocket as a wallet around your waist as a belt your body heat the oils all of that over time really wears it in to be a part of your life and over time they just become so beautiful I think most of us have seen that we apply it to our everyday lives through the pieces that we make Here Our location here on Fountain Avenue in East Hollywood is really really special This is a building art deco building built in 1930 It's called the Merrick Building Really historical to this part of Los Angeles

People come in and see me They can learn about the history and the connections and how I do things by hand That's what shopping small and in person does This is it this is my little dish for like jewelry or whatever How cute is it made by hand or made solid Ok You guys know me I'm still eating I have to try this cilantro rice but one more pit stop in tonight's show and of course we save the best for last Oh yeah I bet you you guys we can see the KTL A tower We look close enough The Ac Moxy Hotel is a brand new hotel that just opened in downtown L A and it's a dual branded property where it's truly two different experiences within one building And it's very unique in the sense that you have uh two lobbies one located all the way up on the 34th floor and one downstairs on the first level here right on Figueroa and PICO Boulevard This happens to be the first Moxie in all of Los Angeles Um So it it really is a unique and special thing to the brands and really the heartbeat of the hotel is right behind me the the bar Moxie So that's that's really what the brand is about a fun stylish hotel The design was actually a Yabu Kuschel Beg design hotel and the inspiration was really taken from the movie Easy Rider And so it is a desert nomad that was like traveling from the desert to Los Angeles You'll see little fun stuff throughout the room where you have some hieroglyphics um on the the bed frame there and those could be messages right that were left behind um by travelers on the wall You'll see like a a um handlebar taxidermy which is really cool play um on the typical taxidermy but this is with our handlebars with the motorcycle theme So welcome to the AC hotel guest room This one particularly has west facing views You can actually see the Hollywood sign the Griffith Park Observatory This is the kind of view I wanna wake up to So the AC brand is the Antonio Catalan Hotels It was um a Spanish design um designer that really developed a brand of hotels that were really specific about design right and functionality and really uh for the discerning travelers we tell the story that it's almost if the Moxie traveler that would stay here in their twenties grows up a little bit and starts to stay at a little bit more refined hotel up on the 34th floor as soon as you arrive on the lobby on the 34th floor you're gonna see these sprawling panoramic views of all of downtown Los Angeles and all of L A in generally So La Lola is a very um it's the highlight of our 34th floor and it's it's a spacious rooftop bar that that spans really 270 degree views of all of Los Angeles La Lola I like saying the name It just like rolls off your tongue It's a Spanish top bus inspired lounge and bar and some of the the the signature cocktails up there is our water watermelon sour patch Uh We also have a um farmer's margarita which is which is really a great

cocktail that's also flavored with a little bit of a carrot juice This is how I'm getting my serving of vegetables today We do a weekend brunch up here every every weekend from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. So we come out check out the wonderful view and get some great cocktails Ok That is all the time we have for tonight and that's good because they're gonna have to wheel me out in a wheelbarrow Thank you so much to the entire swan family and everyone here at me zone come here The food is amazing and organic and the family is good night Everyone love you