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From hotspots and hidden gems to lots of viewer email We are going off script tonight Thanks to you the viewer Hello everyone and welcome to L A unscripted I'm Dana Devin And tonight's show is all about you the viewer Now whether you watch on traditional TV or stream us on the app youtube or online we get so many great suggestions here at our you home base and we love hearing where to go what to eat and who to see So we've dedicated this entire episode to you up first We heard about this magical Santa Monica spot from the owner of a true Hidden Gem I was actually watching TV one night and I saw the show and I thought you know what this is a great place for them to showcase So I sent you guys an email and said this is one of Los angeles' Hidden Gems and it needs to be explored illusion magic lounge is a magic theater and a beer and wine bar It's located on just up from third street promenade in downtown Santa Monica And we've got three basic venues where we have magic in the front of the house We have the bar and the lounge and we have strolling magicians who go from table to table chair to chair to do extreme close up magic for people We offer beer wine and soju drinks And we also have a kitchen that creates small plates like flatbreads charcuterie boards hummus things like that So people can have something to eat drink and watch close up magic all at the same time What is this It makes me look professional This is just this is just a these were our bands John Armstrong is one of our favorite performers His pumps OK He's a former close up magician of the year at the Magic Castle Youngest person ever to be elected to the board of trustees and the youngest chairman of the Board of trustees at the Magic Castle Jimmy H is performing in the theater Jimmy's a professional magician He's been doing it for 25 years and he's in high demand not just in Southern California but all over the world Ladies and gentlemen I present to you my favorite trick The one I've been performing the longest the one that has taken me around the world three times like I said put that egg inside the bag OK Now do you see the egg I do if you wanna see what real magic looks like I want you all to look at the expression on her face in about five seconds Dana from the outside of the bag and the outside only Hey Dana Ok Feel from the outside and feel stop it reach down to the bottom of the bag Take out what's inside their show The audience and Illusion Magic Lounge is for all ages Starting with our weekend shows on Saturdays we have a family matinee which is specifically geared to younger Children Los Angeles is certainly one of the magic capitals of the world

Maybe even the magic capital of the world Illusion Magic Lounge is a great place for people to come We've never seen live magic before because it's hard if you see it on TV to imagine the impact that it's going to have When you see somebody this close doing magic you watch their hands they watch their cards their coins whatever they're working with and the sense of wonder that that creates is truly unique You know we think you guys are pretty magical especially this lady Super fan who told us her incredible story at one of our favorite restaurants These are the kind of people we love to highlight I'm so excited to introduce you to Talula She is an L A unscripted Super fan and she's here at one of my favorite restaurants Queen Violet that we actually discovered on L A unscripted So we're gonna get to know each other and have a little lunch and a little few cocktails I was born and raised in L A County I've always been a fan of KTLA I really connected with L A unscripted when I was in the hospital And what landed you in the hospital I was in an accident I was pummeled by a truck in Long Beach I was 37 weeks pregnant I was a passenger in a car I had 17 broken ribs I had collapsed lungs chest tube puncture diaphragm basically the placenta everything But my child was damaged and you were a musician by trade Correct Yes I'm a violinist for months Even after coming out of the hospital I mean my journey was far from over I still couldn't hold my daughter for many months and I still couldn't play the violin It's been almost a little over a year I am pretty proud of my progress and being able to care for my daughter and play the violin you know for a few minutes at a time You high five Yes Good girl Do it again Some of the details I don't know about when you were in the hospital Did you watch it did you watch Elliot Scripted or I did Ok So our producer said that you actually wrote a really special post Could you read it to me Absolutely Ok So this is November which is eight months after I got out of the hospital I said Triggers are a trip L A unscripted was on TV It's just a sort of light hearted show about things going on in L a the host is Dana De and she was talking to the camera and I immediately had tears in my eyes and it took me a moment to figure out why in the hospital I was so weak I could not even hit a button on the remote to change the channel And every day at the same time the show would be on And it sounds really weird and twisted but I almost felt like she is my friend The hospital was so lonely and isolated at times but she was consistent I remember it being like torture to be so helpless and void of pleasure Yeah Every day watching all this delicious food and fun events and things happening that I was not sure if I would ever experience Anyway Dana thanks for showing up day after day

with your big smile and happy spirit Bringing a bit of sunshine to my darkest days Oh my God Oh my God That is so sweet Oh my God Thank you for seeing that It was during a time where I couldn't get a lot of visitors I really felt like a connection and I think it's just because you're so welcoming and your thirst for life I think is what really made me get out of this feeling of self pity and you know darkness it made me start piecing together You know the things that I would love to do once I heal take my mother to a nice restaurant in L A or you know go to a drag show or something OK Latin This is our Queen Violet This is our magic Margarita and this is our signature curry with a tender lion chop it And lastly we have our signature magic noodles It takes a second They're going to turn into like bright purple So earlier she said this was a hug on a plate and I have to say you are a hug in a person I love you Thank you so much for coming to visit us Oh my God you are a joy love you We love our unscripted viewers You are family We'll go wherever you want Just DM us let us know I'm not crying you're crying OK Now our viewers are culinary conquerors who don't just stick to one kind of dining experience So if this is your dish then this viewer suggest you will totally eel I mean real you in it's time to get electric at the only eel specialty restaurant in L A So we unagi special cuba So that has your more unique texture Can compare any other fish So we have a restaurant in nationwide and also we wanted to try and bring us a little bit of the Japanese history to the UAs How amazing Japanese unagi can be So I'm going to grab it This was already steamed I'm going to dip in the eel sauce just submerge it later OK Drip drip drip drip OK And then I'm going to put it right here Yes Mm Look at that sizzle the vitamin the so the benefit of eating up the NAI is vitamin ABC de and more of so many beneficial to eating out Nai I'm going to become the chef today You're going to show me how to make stuff right first I need the chef Thank you so much I have the chef coat on So I really should be the chef right So I'm going to try to prepare my own eel So push these down first and then take it out Oh I got one We have all of the food in front of us and I'm so excited to try before we start a little fun fact we got an email from this restaurant You guys are fans of the show So we really appreciate it Do you love our show Yes Thank you so much Ok so you said just eat it as is just to get the pure taste of the eel and the rice right So go now Ok here we go Like I said I wasn't a fan of eel So we'll try see how this goes Oh my God that's so good That's completely different from any eel I've ever had in my life Now that was an Ely good story I'm sorry I'm sorry I can't stop with the puns I need a commercial break A unscripted We will be right

back with more of your suggestions Welcome back to a unscripted and our viewers choice show I'm David Devin and we want to know where you love to go off script So make sure to reach out and let us know I love meeting this next couple so much but I like toasting and tasting their locally made spirits even more So are you ready to get some drinks It's 11 a.m. and I'm ready to get drinks going Vinda Distilling is a distilled spirits plant located in the heart of Los Angeles Minutes from downtown specializing in premium vodkas We decided to make vodka because Los Angeles didn't really have a producer of distilled spirits that was significant around here that anybody had ever heard of I mean this is my hometown I've been here since I was born in Glendale right And we're standing here in Glendale doing this It was all about making a premium spirit in Los Angeles and you know something high quality that we can be proud of and say it's from Los Angeles I'm Lithuanian your husband's Lithuanian He is And honey vodka is something that is very strong in the Lithuanian culture The honey vodka was really the kind of this brainchild that we've been making for years You know our grandparents made it everybody had like a blend of their own And so we decided to take that and take a modern twist on it Oh that is so good Wow My grandparents used to always have it around and then my parents continued that tradition as we were going forward and now here I am doing it on a completely different level We worked really hard to get that blend correct So that you get what you want you get the honey up front But you also get a little bit of that kick of the vodka in the back so that you have a nice you know juxtaposition to the flavors you wrote into us and I want to read you this Hello We are big fans of everything KT We are a small batch handcrafted vodka company in Los Angeles We make our vodkas in Glendale We would love to be featured on your show Thank you so much for your consideration So are you a fan of Ellie unscripted It's on every day I mean we were in Bahamas and we were watching KTL A there Amazing And then when we answered were you surprised Of course we had just come back from Disneyland that day as I was checking my email I was like exhausted and I was like what this is happening No way And then we're here today and now you're here today So what are you making right now You are making the uh honey lavender lemonade That is a beautiful drink garnish with a little lemon and oh my God Wow I wasn't expecting that That is my new summer drink Right there OK So this is the Mojito Really good That's almost like a vodka soda which is a hint of mint which makes it so much more refreshing but not too sweet or sticky This is our honey Rita Love it It's

so good How is it Launching an alcohol brand and working with your wife I'd kill my husband and I would kill each other Working with my wife is great actually I mean we work well together I wouldn't have it any other way I had to take an Uber home from that shoe I'm kidding All right Well we have to take a quick break but we'll be back with more of your emails D MS and local suggestions when scripted returns Welcome back to L A unscripted and our viewers choice show I'm Dany Devin So meet the girlfriend who went out of her way to get her boyfriend the ultimate birthday gift a visit with a unscripted by daring me to learn the guitar This was a fun one Ministry is a band that explores a lot of different genres We've been around since 1981 Other people have given me the moniker the godfather of industrial music They call it industrial I call it more collage rock where I take a lot of different um influences and genres I put it in the stew and um put my own ingredients and spices in it and then serve the meal later as soon as we're done with this taping today we go back into the studio and 16 should be out this year So we keep plugging along Monty auditioned and got the job as a guitar player We're all set to go but he was also under contract with Madonna So Madonna decided to stop touring for a while So Monty is back in the fold now and we all lived happily ever after By the way Monty Pittman is literally the professor of guitar to the stars He basically taught Madonna She's the best She gave me my first break and I just moved to L A from a small town in Texas And I've never been on tour before I started teaching her how to play guitar You taught Madonna how to play guitar So I played with her on David Letter That moment changed my life forever And then she said shortly after that I'm gonna go on tour I want you to come on tour with me and teach me and I'm gonna need a guitar player You know why don't you play guitar for me And I just figured maybe I'd do one tour and then she'd find somebody else But 23 years later still there KTL A is the only one I watch here I love watching Dana I'm just a fan but KTL A it's like my comfort food So whatever Dana says to do on on her shows I I go and try when your boyfriend has a favorite news channel and you also have an 80 inch TV in your house Dana seems like our friend So Al's birthday was coming up and I was trying to think of what I could do to really knock it out of the park for him And I thought I would secretly dare Dana to take a guitar lesson from Monte So I spilled the beans to him and he still doesn't believe that it's happening and she's sitting in our home studio Yeah Yeah I'm seriously in shock right now All right Dana the time has come I dare you to take a guitar lesson from our Maestro Mr Monty Pittman and Dana If you

come out of this good enough you can come up on stage with our band and rock out Basically I know so little about guitar You might need to like explain this is a guitar these are strings this is a pick That's about all I know Literally Just play that one note right here Good now play that note But see what happens if you leave your finger on Do I keep all three down OK So it's 12345678 So you're going to be within this boundary Where's fifth again right here OK Got it OK Ready You can just keep doing that That's your scale That's your whole library of notes that you can play for all that Oh My God that was so good That's a sequence of notes Right And now you're in the band I'm in the band now You know a ministry song I knew a ministry song Do you think Madonna wants me to come on stage Well I don't want you to take my gig and I just want you guys to know I did get so good I was actually offered a spot in the band but I can't leave you all now can I Ok Here's one from a viewer who popped into our emails with this Courtney hot spot Ok You guys the viewers have given us the absolute best suggestions of where to go And that's exactly why we're in Long Beach today and I want you to meet our viewer This is Rosemary Rosemary Send us an email Do you want to read it for us Surely Hello I went to this Gourmet popcorn shop Seems like a hundreds of flavors a great husband and wife business locally And I watch L A unscripted all the time There's not a day that goes by that I don't watch L A unscripted Heart Rosemary All right Do you wanna go try some popcorn Sure Let's go Hi I'm Jasmine Chapman Hi I'm Vernon Chapman And this is Popcorn World Long Beach This is Rosemary So Rosemary suggested we come here Thank you so much Rosemary We are so appreciative of you We love customers like you We really appreciate it So much So we have flavors like crab legs We have a Doritos nacho cheese flavor Hawaiian pizza Are you kidding me Hot wings loaded baked potato These aren't even the sweet ones We haven't even gotten to the sweet side yet So we are both from Chicago and popcorn is like a huge huge deal there I think you guys are more so geared to kettle corn in California So when you come and you see over 90 flavors I think it just kind of blows your mind Here is our first flavor It's really good Is it dill Is there dill with that dill pickle next flavor So remember this is a sweet one Do you think that is butter salted caramel or banana pudding banana pudding banana Oh my God Is our next flavor Green Pit Yeah that's true The flavors are actually licensed from the brand So there's a brand popcorn world that started in the Midwest We're privileged to get those licenses of the recipes And so they're already pre many recipes However we are able to come up with our own We get mom

and dad we get grandma and grandpa we get the kids like we've got a lot of kids from the elementary school down the street who like say mom like my friend bought him popcorn for popcorn Well we need to go we are starting a fundraiser and we are doing this to give back to the kids in the Long Beach school system so schools can take advantage of our 50% kick back whenever they want to raise funds for uh sports programs or any other programs that they have in the schools This is my last one before they opened the doors Thank you guys so much for having us This was so much fun Thank you This is delicious and thank you to rosemary our viewer who sent us here and if you guys at home have suggestions email us and this should be called popcorn heaven Well those are all the kernels of information we have for you tonight Thank you for all of your suggestions and keep the local love coming Send us your faces at L A unscripted at KT A dot com We'll see you next time Good night everyone