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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 And tonight we are taking over torrent Hello everyone and welcome to L A in Scripted I coming to you from Torrance California consistently ranked one of the safest cities in Los Angeles from great restaurants and shops to parks museums and hotels Torrent has something for everyone including beer Oh my God how cute This one from L A with love Who does that sound good We want it to be approachable but we want you to also feel that the crafted quality and all the layers of complexity that come with a beer like this smog city brewing company is a family owned and operated craft brewery located in Torrance California We just had our 12th anniversary celebration this weekend and one of the most rewarding things is spending time with our customers and the thing that brought them together was beer and and it was our beer We have beer for people who are new to craft beer We have beer for wine drinkers for cocktail drinkers and then ones that are really craft beer fans are those just interested in getting to know what craft beer is all about I developed a huge passion for brewing Be at home on my front Stoop in Venice fell in love with it because it's this blend of art and science After working in breweries for about seven years Laurie and I launched smog city out of a brew pub in Orange County that was 12 years ago This is where we are today So that pink one That's a crowd pleaser The minute that beer this is called Snuggle Bug It's a boy and be raspberry sour blonde Asian wine barrels It's so good It tastes exactly how it looks just like really refreshing very berry but not sweet at all This is called Booming Dooms Just one gold medal at the Brewers Cup of California for best hazy Ip A this one also won silver I believe I can't keep track of all the award No big deal It's a privilege you know to be able to have a business like this where you can connect so completely your customer to the process Having our brewery located in Torrance has been really rewarding from a business perspective It's very diverse There's a lot of business down here There's people come here from all over the world and it's cool being a part of that and you know experience like all of the different types of cuisines and restaurants earlier seeing those people flow into our tins has been just really awesome I can't imagine a better place We are partners with 1% for the planet and we work with a lot of local non profits to give back not only money but raise awareness So our most popular beer that we sell easily The most of out in Los Angeles County is Little B Pills This is

a light bohemian Pilsner Being honest I'm not a huge beer person but this is very easy to drink And I like this a lot There's always work to be done to teach people about what we do why we do it you know enjoyment of a brewery tap room or a pint of craft beer at the bar can be my husband and I come from an art background So we put a lot of attention into the labels We want the art of the labels to reflect the art of the product inside We started on this 5000 square foot space and now we're in 20,000 square foot between the two buildings The one thing about this place is that it is a working brewery So it does get pretty loud But you know we built this to be designed that way We want people to come in and see the brewers brewing and the c men working and doing what they do OK Something you may not know about this little city because of its rich Asian culture It happens to be the ramen capital of southern California You have my attention for people that still don't know what exactly is Ramen Ramen It's not just a noodle It's one dish made from a soup and noodles So it's of ingredients and cooked in more than 30 hours You cooked the broth for 30 hours Yes Making a good flavor And the umami We've come a long way since those packages I ate in college What is it about Ramen That's so great Ramen for the Asian people It's really comfortable like comfy comfort food When I went to college Ramen was just one way Like you just made ramen you know but now you can add you know pork or eggs or you know corn or like all these different things to it The classic style lemon it's made from a chicken broth and a noodle or like a pork broth and noodles And then now a lot of people created a lot of topping and soy sauce flavor miso flavor and breakfast sesame flavor or something like that Holy smokes This is good Tell me about Haka Kosha Hoos is born in southern Japan then most traditional southern Japan rum and they made So is it true that Torrance is actually the Ramen capital of southern California Yes that's why we be here We open a restaurant You know what I love about this place is you can actually like build your own bowls you get this sheet and then you put your number Here's our little table number What's your favorite My favorite is OK We're gonna do the Black Tonkotsu and then noodle hardness I've never seen that anywhere but you get to pick the density of your noodle We're gonna do normal Yes OK I am so excited to try this 30 hour broth In this ramen OK Oh look at that OK So you get a little broth and I'm not sure I'm doing the tray 00 those noodles Oh that broth If you need that warm chicken soup for the soul feeling But with ramen Oh my God I I found your place Ok This one is called God fire Mm Mm Mm You already taste the spice Mm Oh that might even be better Wow I mean it's

spicy It's got a kick But wow Oh my God This is so delicious So you got mushrooms You've got that spicy broth and handmade ramen noodles all together Mm Oh my God Oh wow That's so different and unique And I probably never would have ordered It Had someone not recommended It it is delicious Oh my God No wonder this is his favorite That'll work Ok I am far too full of ramen noodles to go shopping right now But that's next on our list And Jasmine Simpkins found the coolest little boutique that's packed with big style You literally have everything in here I mean people can come and shop for themselves shop for someone else but like a to Z John's means of spontaneous last minute trip somewhere So a John to Cabo John to Europe or just a John to my store Love these These are very very fun and I love that you have like really just great basics like these teas Yes It's not only a boutique that you can shop from collection all over the world but it's also a lifestyle from people people come from everywhere here and we become friends So it's more of a family than anything And this is a local a local designer there here are located in Torrance I think it's very quaint It's a very quaint neighborhood My father I come from Europe I come from Belgium and this reminds me a little bit of Europe So I decided to go here These are like a cool like if your feet are hurting you can just pop these in your purse or even on the plane I think I love that And this is also a local It's a local Yeah she lives in Marina Del Rey So I love to support local I only buy the things that I really love Not particularly for my body type but for everybody So Pasco you design this entire boutique This is so it's so quaint I just love every little detail How long did it take you to design the space Uh a week and a half a week and a half that you're really good I think it's very rewarding just the support that you see and and especially through this difficult time that we all go through with you know with the pandemic and and everything going on in this world You know people were so supportive of me That's why I'm here still After six years it's very important for me that I support other women and all businesses That's the top So you know when you are successful you have to give back and I'm all for that It's it's something that I grew up with That was my upbringing and I just love to give and that's why maybe I'm successful Well I love all the clothes and I wanna do a little shopping Can I pick out a few things Absolutely Ok Guys I have so much more to try on go go enjoy torrent I'm gonna shop Bye That is such a cute shop heading there right after I finish this beer But what what props from Brussels sprouts to baked goods We had two different places to eat What L A from Torrance returns will be right back I want a real beer Welcome back to

L A unscripted from Torrance California and Smog City Brewing Company
Now we've been exploring all the wonderful things to do here in this pretty little part of so So here's another great stop because they even have their own farmers market Ivs back with a basket and a mission with produce and goods brought in from over 60 Southern California farms The Torrance farmers market is truly a hidden gem The Torrance farmers market is a place that many farmers that are local or all farmers that are local can come and sell their goods This farmers market is sort of like and has always been a big secret So we get the support of our customers who are very regular and pretty much die hard customers My parents took me here since I was very young because I've always lived in Torrance my whole life I was actually born in Torrance at a Torrance Hospital So I've been coming here before Staley was here at least before I knew that they were here And then I became a customer I've been doing this for like 40 years My dad was a farmer and yeah so I'm continuing the tradition here Michael Green started It's been a journey but essentially the idea is how can we use less land less water and less space and less time to grow good quality food So you kind of you know we draw inspiration from the cities how they develop cities kind of vertically You draw you build skyscrapers apartment buildings that are tall So when you have limited space the best way to go is up the importance of having organic versus non organic is just boils down to the choice Um When you when you have organic you're committing to like pesticide free You're committing to eating straight from like the ground right No pesticides no chemicals Strawberries in season There's nothing better They're juicy And also I think it teaches us as humans that everything is not going to be right there when you want it That's not the way agriculture works And so it teaches you to be patient and wait for what you want And then when you get it it's so much better Puffs are mini Dutch pancakes So they're different than an American pancake They're the size of a silver dollar pancake That's probably the only similarity they have It's from Holland and it's his grandmother's recipe So we are carrying on her tradition It's very authentic We serve it with butter and powdered sugar The only thing that wouldn't be as authentic as if you would get it in Amsterdam or in the Netherlands is we make our own maple syrup butter Is that what is that That appetite eat well And that I love that All right Here we go I'm taking the rest of these So we do farmers markets We do special events My father started this business 25 plus years ago His business has been very very good to us We work hard We do we do what we have to do and we get rewarded at the end I think the

takeaway would be community So just the torrent community coming out and the community of the farmers talking to them about how they grow their food or how they make their food Coming up A sweet treat in a place to lay your weary head After a day in torrents scripted will be right back with more in a minute Welcome back to All scripted from Smog City Brewing Company in Torrance California and I'm going to fill all of these cans while I do that Jasmine is back and she's brought some very sweet treats and a very special one of a kind cake you've got to see this Torrence Bakery has been around since 1984 We actually started off as a full line bakery again much smaller but we made a little bit of this a little bit of that Then we just it just kind of grew and grew and grew And so we did we had to break open walls and and expand just to kind of keep up with the the customer traffic and stuff like that We do cakes we do uh breakfast stuff cookies a full line bakery and uh it's delicious every day here Our bakers get in here anywhere between midnight and two in the morning We have a great crew that comes in They get all the yeast raised products ready to go We make all of our cookies from scratch It is really kind of a labor of love here I do feel like there's a signature taste to our our stuff one for one thing Our butter cream has butter in it and you'd be surprised how many bakeries do not put butter in their butter cream There's something very soothing about coming into a local business and then enjoying the goods of of what we have to offer We really specialize in milestone events and whether it's pre born with a baby shower to a memorial service at the end of life we're there for many moments of people's lives And to me that's a very special thing to be a part of We went automated So we actually since bakeries aren't that popular for software developers we had to develop our own software for cake order taking and stuff like that We launched that a couple of years ago And so now everything is done digitally in our wedding cake showroom where we also do the custom cake and milestone event cakes for people We are gonna put my face on this case Yes we already cut the picture and then we're gonna take up that it has a little paper on OK That should not be hard And this is edible I can I can eat it I can eat it All right in the center smooth it smooth it smooth it out Made it perfect Yes Got you Got you So you hold it there and the key it's how you turn the table The whole thing is your table So you like turn and squeeze turn and squeeze turn and squeeze Ok And guess what You can come in here and get anything you want on top of your cake If you wanna get my face you can do that too How happy does it make you when people come in here and they see the finished product I'm sure you've seen tears and

people just so so happy Honestly we'll we'll we'll be part of a lot of memories for this is not just a cake green as a as a guy who was born and raised in Torrance I absolutely loved Torrance and there's just so much stuff about this this area in particular this downtown area of Torrance I call it a little Mayberry atmosphere down here where you expect to see like uh Barney Fife walking down the street at any moment It really does have a very small hometown vibe to it Better save me a slice OK As I mentioned earlier Torrance is a city rich in Asian history And while there are many businesses supporting that this next place is a true hub for the Asian Traveler The Mico hybrid Hotel uh brings East meets West amenities and we are at the heart of Torrance which is only a few minutes walk from the Central Torrance We bring the amenity of the Japanese culture and Western culture and they combine together we have the highest population of Japanese outside Honolulu The accessibility is pretty good and close to the beach We have 208 rooms 12 suite rooms and we have a lot of Japanese and corporate people staying here and it's a very quiet hotel This is one of our suite We have 12 suites like this in this hotel All located on a corner This room comes with a king bed and a four desk and a four TV Every room comes with a tea Japanese tea but in a suite um Japanese teapot and then the tea two different kind of tea And then with the that's so great Your little tea cup Yes that's amazing Oh this is so nice Tell me about the spa They brought stones from Japan and they heat the stone from the underneath uh the water from the underneath and then people can lay down a spa on a stone and they can start uh refreshing and detoxing a lot So that's the best thing about the spa There's a couple where we call this You can bring your boyfriend girlfriend or mother Amazing So you can both have a massage at the same time That's right Yes So you can come in here during your um how to say the session before the massage or after the massage or just come here and relax the day And then you know as long as you want we want to bring the Japanese home away home to the Japanese people So they feel comfortable staying here and they feel relaxed and then they wanna rejuvenate and go back to their work The next day we had such a good time exploring torrances for you And thank you so much to the small city brewing company for a great hosting spot Come out and check out all the fun things to do see and eat in torrance We're moving on to more travels and so and we will see you next time Good night everyone