

LA Unscripted | January 27th, 2023

From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A the unscripted way And tonight we're digging up some real L A treasures Hello everyone and welcome to L A unscripted I'm Devin and this is the world famous Lire tit And it is truly one of the coolest places to visit especially if you're a local The La Brea Tar Pits are an indoor outdoor museum located on Wilshire Boulevard in the Miracle Mile and they are asphaltic deposits that form from about 50,000 years ago to today that have been trapped Incredible life forms really capturing ice age Los Angeles Can I just pull this out So these look like a lot of jaws Is that right That's correct So these are Jaws of coyotes still living George Hancock who owned this land discovered not only oil but also bones of animals in the asphaltic deposits that he originally thought were cows cattle It turns out that they weren't they found a saber tooth and that's when they realized there was something very special on this location L A was actually above water from about 100,000 years ago To today And what these fossils actually were were the large animals the megafauna that were walking around this area the Serengeti uh basically of Los Angeles much larger animals mammoth mastodons saber toothed cats ground sloths a whole assortment of very large animals The most notable find is probably the saber toothed cats that are found here It is the California State fossil You get a sense of how tall these were That's why we call this You know we like to say this is the Serengeti but with much larger animals that's what I say Los Angeles look like what you see happening today with asphalt That's still bubbling up around on the land on the park Really is just little seepage is coming up Oh I see the bubble there There's a variety of things you can do at the tar pits but you definitely want to come inside see what we call the fish bowl where you can watch scientists and volunteers cleaning the fossils This is Stephanie our lab prepared Hi Stephanie how are you You must have a lot of patience This is like a prehistoric 3d puzzle The tar gives you an opportunity to understand how hard it would be to pull your way out if you were stuck in the Oh my God This is so hard And I look wait and this is impossible Wow we've been excavating this for 14 50 years Now we learn new things every time we open a new box The La Brea Tar Pits and museum have more ice age fossils than any other place in the world We have almost 6 million fossils and specimens in our collection The Lorea Tar Pits are the only place like it in the world In fact we just got an International Union of Geological Sciences designation is

one of the 1st 100 geological heritage sites It's the only one in an urban setting We want Angelenos and people from around the world to understand just how unique this place is And importantly that it sets the stage for understanding climate change today Guys you can learn so much here and have fun But if its games you're looking for we're revealing the oldest toy shop in So the best kind of toys for my opinion we sell nothing that plugs in It's all interactive classic vintage would be two names that I would assign to it Anything in here Hi I'm Don Kipper Welcome to Kip's Toyland L A's oldest toy store We are in the original farmers Market at the corner of Third and Fairfax Skipper That's our last name Hips was originally opened October 1st 1945 by my dad When he was discharged from the army he was a a prisoner of war and a pilot and wanted to do something fun with the rest of his life So he uh went into the toy business Lincoln Logs These were popular when I was little That's a while ago I actually started working here when I was about nine and unfortunately found my way to do other things because I thought that I I don't want work here only to discover when my dad was 95 And I thought you know it's time for him to kind of enjoy a little bit of quiet time So I came in full time and and kind of took the baton from him right now Lily my daughter is our buyer and general manager of the store Ant farm Everybody had an ant farm rock em sock em robots Over the last couple of years people are looking for things that are nostalgic that are grounded that you know that are real to them Some of them change and some of them have been popular since Slinky for example Slinky was invented in 1945 Same year we opened we still sell them all day long and people love them And of course there are the new things Uh Barbie is constantly coming out with something New Coco melon is a very popular thing Legos what keeps us going is little kids and their eyes A lot of kids don't know about a toy store They go to a big box store and there's an aisle of this kind of toy It's a special place Certainly to our family And we hear all day long from customers how they enjoy it and there are customers that have come in here and say you know my grandparents brought me here and this is my granddaughter So we span all kinds of different uh eras of in the family and and that's very gratifying I'm enjoying it very much and hopefully we'll have another 77 years here And let's head to another classic social spot The original farmers Market serving up all kinds of things since 1934 and not just food Here's how to think big and shop small at one floral paradise This is not a normal flower shop I was three steps in here and I felt different Like I feel like it's a very zen relaxing environment The goal the goal Yeah I want you

to walk in and feel the feeling of it I know when I look at flowers they instantly make me happy that the beauty the scent everything about them I like botanical beauty right We want to be surrounded by nature Was this was a dream of yours to have a shop like this I grew up in my mom's flower shop So since I was nine she had me kind of working in a flower shop So I've been in this setting my whole life Tell me what else you have in here besides just flowers We sell all sorts of succulents succulent planters and we do house plants all different varieties of them candles We have our own candle line which I'm very proud of because I love them bath salts Goth silks greeting cards chocolates We do a ton of gift boxes So essentially anything that you want to kind of pair with flowers we try to carry Can anyone learn how to arrange flowers Anyone Seriously I don't know if you of course my gosh we got you We can give you pointers and tips to help anyone arrange What is this right here All right So these are greenery You always kind of want to start with a greenery base It sort of like creating a nest which helps you put the flowers and they stay where you want them The first thing we're going to do just so that we can kind of see what we're working with and we're going to separate a little bit So you're always gonna want to strip your greens because you really want to clean You're gonna want to cut that too Was that too much No that was perfect There you go One done You really want to avoid any leaves in the water line It's gonna create bacteria It's gonna compromise your base life We're stripping here What makes flowers last the longest fresh water I mean if you're gonna try to maximize your base life you're just gonna want to change the water out daily Flowers like cooler temperatures and fresh water So what do you think about that Are you feeling good I'm feeling really good Do you think this one's too long No I think it looks good Cabbage Look at that Wow Wow You you want these guys in this Of course What do you think I feel like that No What do you think Yeah I think that's good Ok Are you ready for the big reveal What do we what do we think Are you ready for the big reveal Ready Swing the tail Look at this Look at the tail Masterpiece drape Look at the cabbage Look at this What's it called Tail Oh it's beautiful Great job I told you you were a naturalist and we'll be back with food photographs lotions potions and more dinosaur bones Let's go off script together What L A unscripted returns Welcome back to L A unscripted from the lire tits and right behind me the fossil lab where they're always unearthing something new I'm D de and here's something new to us One of the prettiest restaurants I've ever seen It's so good It's so good Mm Oh my God It's so good It is delicious Oh my God

The sauce is amazing right We like to call it a social house So you come in for happy hour You come in for dinner you come in for lunch and you have this lovely rooftop to enjoy after your dinner We pay a lot of attention to details from food to drinks to the music to the lighting There was a place that check pretty much all the boxes and the outdoor living and kind of create a one stop shop with food and dining And if we have to describe it I think it is the evolution of an entertainment space for adults a place that is an all day space though different offerings throughout the day Due to the fact that we have multiple rooms and each and every room acts in its own different way I think starting from the entrance is very social media friendly The views are insane So you're eating dinner looking out at the hills it kind of speaks for itself Then we go to the roof and the roof you see the hills and the design center and we feel special up here It's got great vibe great music and great drinks Chef David is someone that I worked in my previous business He's talented He definitely has a great palate and but he's an amazing human and easy to work with When we were in third grade we got a field trip to Domino's Pizza And as a little kid I'm freaking out you know I'm like this is the coolest thing I've ever seen in my life I knew right away I was like this is it I wanted to create all the kinds of foods that all the cool kids who come here and eat want So I'm like ok if we're going to do this how do I do it in my own way So my style in general is to undersell and over deliver We have a farmer's market here on Melrose Place every Sunday So we go down there and we have a good relationship with a lot of the vendors So a lot of our product comes from there This is a wild far o grain bowl Oh my God It is so good It's unlike any chicken parm I've ever had You really love what you do don't you I do you think about it all the I know I could just tell I can just sense that's who you are and you don't just think about the food and the recipes You think about the whole process everything I mean if I'm not a cook what am I So that's since I was young you know Right So I think about the entire experience and learning to take things away instead of adding things just about creating something that people want and want to come back for There's nothing else other than the satisfaction that we provide to people and create memories at the end of the day experiences and create memories Such a cool restaurant with such amazing food All right We'll be back with so much more including the photographs that really depict what it means to be an Angelino up next on L A unscripted Hello everyone And welcome back to L A unscripted from the La Brea Tar Pits I'm J Devin And this is a wall of prehistoric jaws mine is up there somewhere All right we are hanging

out with Olivia in L A Now she uncovers a very unique and super local photography exhibit staged under the stars Los Angeles is one of the most dynamic and photographed places in the entire world And now projecting L A is celebrating just that this is a photographer by the name Jamie Johnson And I believe the title is something to the effect of Ladies of East L A And the whole premise of the piece is that there is glamour to be found everywhere So Projecting L A is the brainchild of my dear friend and renowned street documentary photographer Julia Dean who has been shooting in this town for the last 30 years Julia has long wanted to find a medium by which to share the beauty of street photography news documentary photograph with the community And she came upon this idea of using a space in downtown Los Angeles as if it was a drive in movie theater So projecting these images from 35 photographers cut to music and doing this right in the heart of L A One of the things that is surprising to me about Los Angeles is that a city that is considered the heart of the entertainment business for a long time really is kind of paid short shrift to the other arts theater painters photographers And I think Julia's idea here was to try and bring that kind of energy and dynamism and the beauty of these arts to the community through projecting L A What is it about Los Angeles that has kind of that special grit in photos And every time I see a photo of the city I'm just like in a it's that Los Angeles is this mix of the old and the new and there's kind of a fading glamour to these historic buildings that we see And then you know you'll have a bunch of guys who are hip hop artists strolling through with a boom box playing loud music And it's sort of the incongruity of those two things of the old and new Dan This photo is so striking to me I feel like it very much represents L A They have this innate ability this kind of spidey sense to know where to go and where to look It's astounding if you look at all of his work like how was he there to capture this moment One of the things that I most love about street photography is this notion of a question mark that you're putting out there right That if you capture the right moment then ideally the viewer the audience the person who's looking at that photo is saying to themselves I wonder what happened just before that moment or just after Olivia Now Jasmine Simpkins has a new way to get your skin picture Perfect or as the name says just feel like But men don't love skin care today I'm meeting up with beauty guru Dorian all to check out products from his line But right here let's go Butters Skin is a skin care line designed for melanated and rich skin We are a customizable skin care company so you could pick the moisturizer of your choice and we

come with all kind of products like vitamin CS and mask and refreshing mist from top to bottom you know from face to body So I grew up in Beaumont Texas a very small town outside of Houston And my dad had a barbershop that I would work at And so I always saw self care being presented in front of me especially in the black community and it was so important to me and I started having skin issues like most teenagers in high school and they just didn't go away I started working with my dermatologist Celeste Rodriguez in Beverly Hills and doing everything from micro needling to microdermabrasion to hydro facials I had discovered the world of serums and vitamin C serum had helped my skin so much And then shea butter I brought my routine to the streets Butter was the first name that came to me when I thought about creating a skin care line because in the South one of the biggest compliments you can get is you look smooth as butter or your skin as smooth as butter and I felt like it was the ultimate compliment to ourselves It was the ultimate compliment to our community I remember taking products from my sister or my mom I absolutely wanted to represent for the men As you can see through our packaging You know it's for everybody The brothers can put it in there to go travel kids and the women can use it as well Well Dorian every time I see you your skin looks like butter It looks like whipped butter Y'all like it's real Oh My goodness The skin is beautiful So what are the products So we have our customizable kit here Uh which is what I use every single day It comes with a cleanser It comes with a vitamin C serum and it comes with the moisturizer of your choice I like to use the Co Cochet moisturizer because that's for every type of skin combo skin So it's for your face and it's for your body keeps you hydrated all day As you can see in this short amount of time Look at how this arm looks versus this arm not saying that what you was using prior to it but you know you get an instant glow right there This is magic in a bottle right here So as you can see let's rub that in Oh my gosh And then we also have our oil free Hyaluronic gel cream and this Hyaluronic cream is amazing This is great For people like us that live in L A in the summer months It's a great makeup primer amazing for you know fighting fine lines and wrinkles Then we have our toner too This is like a top seller These products make you wanna go home at night and enjoy your skin care I think my dad is extremely proud Um I know my mom is very proud too but for me to be able to continue this legacy and self care and I don't even think my dad realized that he instilled that in me I'm proud of you and I'm so excited because I'm gonna be using this all the time Thank you I pretty much need to sit in a tub of that

Ok That is all the time we have for tonight Thank you so much to the targets for hosting us tonight and thank you so much to you for joining us We'll see you next time on L A unscripted