

## LA Unscripted | October 18th, 2022

From hotspots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A the unscripted way And tonight we're hitting up all of las oldest businesses and tonight we start with the Tamil Shanner Hello everyone and welcome to L A unscripted I'm Dana Devin and it's all about the old school ways tonight as we explore some of the oldest businesses in SOCAL case in point the Tamil Shanner this Scottish pub in Atwater Village opened in 1922 and is a real gem or as one reviewer said the best place to eat prime rib and feel like you're on Game of Thrones Perfect I've got some guests who have been coming here since they were one or two years old And if you can imagine we're 100 years old they're 98 99 and still coming to the restaurant It's really an amazing thing to see Tama is a restaurant that started here in Atwater Village in 1922 We were selling hamburgers and potato chips at the time Walt Disney Studio was right around the corner from here on Hyperion and he used to be a regular here So in the thirties He became good friends with our partners and he said hey you know if you guys are expanding what's your theme gonna be Because theme restaurants were starting to come into rage The owners had fallen in love with the Scottish countryside So Walt Disney actually hooked us up with Harry Oliver who was a famous set designer at the time And then he brought in his Hollywood set crews to actually build it And that's exactly how we became this Scottish Country manor here in Las Vegas So that's the main dining room or the great dining room with the flags We have our royal guards room which is covered with swords and armaments and then we have of course our tartan room which has all the Clans tartans on the wall So Tamils Shanner is actually a poem by the famous Scottish poet the patron saint of Scottish poetry Robbie Burns So he wrote this poem about basically a drunken night's ride there's gentleman on a horse and then all of a sudden there's lightning bolts and all sorts of things as he's running through town on this ride So the menu is to run in line with the history You know we have some very classics on there like fish and chips We have a twist on a toad in the hole which is a very classic kind of Scottish British cooking So this is the toad in the hole and traditionally it's made with sausage inside but they actually kind of did an elevated version of it and they put filet mignon in it and it was so good such a classic European meal and so delicious but kind of Americanized And it's so yummy We were founded by Lawrence Frank and Walter Van De Camp the two brother in laws And in 1922 when they founded this restaurant Lawrence always had a

dream to have a restaurant that served the great American supper And that was a one dish restaurant which was prime rib I have had this every Christmas for probably the last 10 years And every time I see this it's like when you hear the first Christmas carol of the year and you get like nostalgic and excited that's how I feel when I see this prime rib here So in 1937 they were coming up with a concept for Lowry's the prime rib And at the time they needed that seasoning salt that we're famous for So that seasoning salt was actually mixed here in 1937 in our garage And in 1938 they ended up opening that one dish restaurant Lowry's the prime rib The camera came from every Christmas This is amazing Oh my God I love my job so much The holiday season here is really our most famous season So we take about a week to have the whole restaurant decorated and then starting December 1st the Dickens strolling carolers come into the restaurant and every night they sing to different tables and they sing all sorts of Christmas carols We are a seven day a week restaurant open for lunch and dinner We have an amazing whiskey collection with over 700 whiskeys available as well as we have live music in our pub and also outdoor dining So we're celebrating 100 years in business this year which is quite a feat for any restaurant It's been really interesting to watch our 100 year celebration evolve and watch all the guests come back in with all of those memories that they've had for some of them almost 100 years with us Honestly you guys this place is legit You have to come especially at Christmas All right Now let's fast forward to 1969 and a clothing store that's always been in the family Jasmine Simpkins has the fierce female behind C J's Elegance C J's Elegance is the oldest black owned brick and mortar in historic View Park Windsor Hills And I'm going to go inside and do a little shopping C J's Elegance is going on his 54 years of successful business My aunt Carol Jo Shaw and her mother Orlene Du Bole started the business in their family home here in historic Windsor Hills View Park For her It's legacy for me It's a privilege to be here to be a part of this tradition and to continue the legacy CJ two with love is the second generation of C J's Elegance C J's Elegance is a women's boutique and it caters to an older sophisticated um woman But CJ Two is targeted specifically to a younger demographic or the young at heart We're an open store so just transition both sides and women shout both sides all the time DJ two is definitely colorful It's bright and exciting merchandise It's body conscious So we want all of our ladies to feel feminine and sexy at the same time but elegant At the same time we love this piece here This floral piece It's bohemian It's flowy I love it Yeah it's romantic too at the same time So

you can pop it on with a great little white sneaker or even a fun boot too And then over here we have some great two piece sets that I think would look fabulous on you shorts with the snake skin Love it And then of course we have to try this delicious decadent chocolate dress with all of this beautiful Rochen Now we pop over to one of the oldest suburbs in L A Highland Park and the only place to get a soda pop from 50 years ago Olivia de Bertoli goes back in time to gals What's something that's fabulously fifties But we rarely see more soda pop shops Well there's one right here in Highland Park and I'm going to try every single flavor My father moved the business up here in 1955 About 20 years ago All of the uh distribution channels for the little markets were bought up by the chain stores They closed them down and when they reopened them the prices were like 10 \$15 a case more expensive And there was no way that a little store could compete I sat there and I said well we're gonna have to make the change Primarily What I was looking for when we originally started was old time sodas that weren't on the shelf anymore Should we try some sodas So when you taste this you're tasting the original thing Like Shirley Temple never copyrighted her name so anybody could use it But this is the 101 See everyone knows Shirley Temple and this is the original Shirley Temple You guys That's so cool And we began to find a lot of different brands that were still out there and still available and that's what we were looking for We have everything you can't find Oh look it's me Where's my Popeye Oh trust me Old is not a bad word on this show tonight When we come back the oldest tiki bar in town classic vintage favorites all just fancier words to describe the amazing local businesses that have been around for decades Welcome back to scripted everyone I'm David De from the beloved Table and Out Water A tried and true spot that I absolutely love And would you believe they are celebrating 100 years that Dana I have for you The Royal Archer Wow And this is the glass they get to keep that's the glass they get to keep Oh and it says 100 I love this It even comes on the 100 coaster It's our 100 year old cocktail So the whiskey is actually our if you read there on there it's bottled for the Tama Shatters So black lamb oil We make it here in house Macadamia Vanilla Bitters Yes So we make our own bidders in house here too as well So we're 100 years old Guess what We've only got 100 of those cocktails to sell 100 right here Cheers to a century of goodness and here's more old school So for you this next place has been open since 1958 and with drinks like the to and swizzle the painkiller and voodoo juice It's not surprising People keep pouring in grab your tiny umbrellas We're getting ready to do some tasting inside of L A's oldest Tiki

lounge Tonga Hut Cheers Tonga Hut is the oldest surviving tiki bar in Los Angeles We were opened in 1958 by two brothers So 1958 the two brothers built it The layout is 90% as it was then The colors this darkened a little from decades of smoking in here but they're all original The ceiling the soffits Um Even the Tiki's Big Mo was carved in 1958 We have about 2025 drinks on our menu Most of them are rum but we do have vodka and whiskey and tequila and gin and everything Our traditional cocktails here that people like are the virago which I've named after an disciplined contemptuous woman We have our Classic House Rum Barrel We always serve the 1944 style Mai Thai and Dawn Beach's 1933 zombie I am the beverage director So I've created the menu Marie I love the way you make a drink I already can tell this is going to be yummy We're gonna make uh as close to the 1944 Mai Thai as we can We're using rum from Jamaica and a rum from Martinique to give it the correct flavor profile And we add a little simple syrup for body some homemade almond syrup which we call a ja a little orange curso and a lot of lime juice because that is technically the only juice that you use in a mai tai Again We're gonna shake this up for you Got a beautiful glass here Oh my goodness Am to wake up that pallet now that's a my Thai people Oh this is not a drill I might drink it all the second drink we're gonna have today is our house rum Barrel I'm using a rum from Guiana at 86 proof So this is a big 20 ounce drink I only do 96 So we have that and then we have a lovely rum from Barbados the real mccooy And then after that we have all of our fresh juices as well And this is our house rum Merel One of the things when I was doing my research that tiki bars really became a home for returning war veterans It was the first time for decades that people had disposable income You know in the 50 s people were making money They can afford that car They could afford the house They may not have been able to afford to take the family to Hawaii for vacation But you can always take wife out for a date to a tiki bar and she could feel like she's in Hawaii 100% It's about escapism recession waves politics everybody's looking for escapism Everybody is looking for a little bit of paradise You know you can't go to Hawaii you can't go to the South Pacific You can't go to the Caribbean We'll bring it to you and we'll be back with toys and tats Not at the same place though Two very cool and very old places up next Welcome back to L A unscripted everyone I'm Danny Devin from the Tamil Shannon in Atwater and tonight we're celebrating vintage social proving It's cool to be old like me our next spot which is filled with joy We're revealing las oldest toy store family owned since 1945 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 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 If you walk into the Outer limits tattoo parlor in Long Beach California be prepared to meet a true legend Her name is Carry Barber and she doesn't run the oldest operating tattoo parlor in So Cal it's the oldest in the entire country who knew right there Hold it a still My name is Carrie Barba and I'm the owner of Outer Limits tattoo here in Long Beach California The oldest tattoo shop in the nation Second oldest in the world I've been tattooing for 43 years Some of our collection here at Outer Limits and we have lots of tattoo machines and memorabilia Most of these machines were either made by or used by artists who worked in the pike area or this particular shop here It's been running all through both wars and we're very proud of our location All the tattoo shops you used to see had

every inch as much as they could cover filled in tattoo flesh and it was called flash because when you'd walk in it was like bam flesh So this is what our studio looked like in 19 seventies So there used to be a port here in Long Beach a naval port and the military guys would all come into port and no one had visited other countries And so the tattoo artists started catching on here and they opened tattoo stops here in the port city of Long Beach We pulled down a wall found this safe right behind the wall still have not opened this safe And we plan to do that to see what's inside on the 100 year anniversary of the shop So in 27 we're gonna open this thing and see what's in there Being a a female tattoo artist in this industry has been a little difficult when I started in 1979 I didn't think about it I didn't think this is a male dominated industry but it definitely was one gentleman famous says I ain't getting tattooed by no chick And I said OK well then here's your choices you know go ahead and choose and then he goes no but I want this work I said well then you gotta have a chick do it It was that simple The other thing we found was this cash register stuck on \$5 You can see how much tattoos used to cost We operate a pretty busy studio We run 13 tattoo artists Usually at a time every artist is completely unique amongst themselves in their style because you get to see all these walks of life different kinds of people coming in all the time getting to see what the other person is getting and the energy are really good This plaque tells about the history of our shop Uh This came from the Natural History Museum L A and we're really excited to have that on their wall If you want to come in and read it I am known most for octopus tattoos I do a lot of octopus tattoos and then I got to do a silicone arm that was hanging in the Natural History Museum L A Uh They did an exhibition called tattoo So everybody who went to the museum then called and said I want an octopus I want an octopus So I have been doing octopus probably 2 to 3 times a week for at least five years Now I used to get so much flak when I was started out in the business because I didn't have a lot of visible tattoos But over the time I started getting more and more tattoos but I kind of waited until my kids had grown up I have two kids and I would you know be in school with them And the problem is is people instantly judged me But over time we can see that everybody wears tattoos all different walks of life all types of people wear tattoos and it doesn't mean you're bad It just means you're trying to set yourself apart Express yourself all right And that is all the time we have for tonight I hope you enjoy our proof that everything old is cool including me We'll see you next time Good night I'm going to go find my whiskey