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From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A the urban cowboy way because tonight we are saddling up to take you off script and on horseback This is my new boyfriend I love the smell of the barn Get up cowboys and Cowgirls This one's for you Hello y'all I'm Devin and with over 200 scenic places to go for a ride And so it's no wonder California is a hot spot for everything on horseback You can hit the trails the beaches or ride like our Olivia Day to at this table right here The Royal Stables in South Pasadena the oldest born in the country still run today by the same family that founded it in 1926 And who is this handsome man This is oh my God you are boy He's nibbling my hand I love oh my God He's biting my hand Oh should we go Look around Oh my God I love you guys It's cool The cars driving by horses in the middle of the city is the best idea The people who live in the city need a way to connect to nature And some people connect to nature by going on hikes Some people connect to nature by having their horse Some people just come and ride a horse in a lesson half an hour once a week And that connection to animals and that connection to nature is really grounds us Stables is an amazing piece of heaven in the middle of the city My family has owned this property in this stable since the early 19 hundreds and built the barn in 1926 and it's been part of the community ever since I think people have no idea that it's here in the middle of the city where you can ride and up on the trails for miles and miles days and days if you wanted give me a little way of the land So this is the main barn over here and this front barn was built in the late eighties early nineties up in front of us Here is the main arena the large arena that is half covered by the bridge Yeah And how many horses are here There are 51 here now I believe it's always been my dream to get it back to what it was when I was a kid My grandmother gave lessons here I think my grandma taught every person in Southern California how to ride at some point Anybody who's been on a horse has had a lesson from my grandma Mrs Williams and I wanted to bring that back And so just this last month we brought in a trainer who can give lessons to community members on horses that she provides And that's really important to me because I really wanted to have people be able to ride who didn't own a horse And there are very few opportunities for that anymore anywhere but particularly in southern California Your story is very interesting to me You started here when you were what 21 I was 22 when I started working in this place and I stay here for almost 34 years and I have so

much fun That's why I'm stay here I love my job The community really feels that this place is a grounding spot They walked by or ridden their bike by and seen the horse on the roof and it is really a spot that shows where this place came from The Highland Park in South Pasadena Everybody knows somebody who has a connection to this stable It's where people can come together feel the bond of each other and bond with their horse and bond with nature and stay here for the next 100 years Now two words you don't expect to hear together Compton and Cowboys We found an incredible organization where people and ponies take care of each other And the motto is the streets may raise you but the horses will save you Check out this hashtag California There's a group of people bringing community awareness to the Compton Streets on horseback Come the cowboys I would say we're a mentoring group really but like community leaders influential members in our in our little hood or little town And really now I I would say the world you know we came together riding horses since little kids together And a program that my aunt started here at this ranch called the Compton Junior Policy That those horses in that program really put us on the path to be who we are today I mean it saved us I mean our motto is streets raise us horses saved us You know I started young I started at eight years old roaming the streets And then one day my friend had a horse and I ended up back here and then I went to jail His mom called me Do you wanna work again I'm like yeah I can work you know came to work every since then I've been here now for 10 years So the streets literally raised you and these horses saved you Yes Keep me out of trouble Oh that's all these important skills that you learned just from being around the horses It's our duty to pay it forward I always wanted to make a difference I always wanted to be somebody that people look up to and uh for positive reasons and I always wanted to do that with my friend No she right That one What is it About these horses that changed everyone's lives I just think the spirit of the horse you know the spirit of the horse is just is calming It's like peaceful And I think because we grew up in such a chaotic environment like that piece is like medicine to us You know it's like that escape that we need to keep ourselves from going crazy I feel like you know um I saw some some posts of you guys being huge with the BLM movement and like and voting how important is all that stuff for you We we can't ever have the society we want If we if we're not involved in that and and sculpting and building that out it's critical to be involved in in your community locally and then abroad you know expanding from community out to city and state and you have to be involved to to get what you want and and and for the

people to be together you know you gotta be out there We talk about you know these horses saving you guys But what about you guys saving these horses I think we've done so much for them I think you know we give them a nice a nice home to live at We take real good care of them we feed them we don't overwork them and over you know put them through too much stress at all Like we just let them be I don't I wouldn't say using them to change lives I would say we're working with them to change lives My life's work is to be able to do this kind of work on a global scale So using ranching and farming and courses to like do community development as a start and I build around that I'd love to be able to do that in like a global capacity So you know at the end of my life you say man we put like you know we put ranches over the world We got 50 ranches in the in some of the most underserved communities around the world and we're building community around them Um At company cowboys dot com you can get merch and our our merch proceeds go back to the ranch to help you know keep horses fed and do this community work that we're doing No obviously Olivia is our resident horsewoman but even she had a tough time with this next four legged mechanical animal No ball here as we get you in the know you know they made me do a lot of crazy things for a unscripted But this time I decided I will take some what then Mechanical bull rental dot com is gonna be my company We are a bull rental company We specialize in entertainment So pretty much anywhere that you have a party or anything that you want we have uh mechanical bulls for rent You can basically much this is for you to try to conquer it What better way to celebrate with a bull in your backyard with your family We need to have a conversation You need to tell me what the trick to stay on is Um pretty much the the trick is just your grip You know you gotta hold on to it as much as you can even You put your legs to work as well You can grip your legs to the blue as well and you can just stay on it as long as you can and then grip on the side or where where should I grip my legs Honestly it's wherever you feel comfortable So some people are taller and shorter than others So it's wherever you can grip the most Once you feel comfortable grip that's where you gotta hold it I'm gonna try it I feel better I feel better Ok I feel worse I feel worse I'm supposed to hold on with one hand I know we only made it to level two but make me look good and take us to level four It's just fun You know it's something for teenagers adults you know a lot of kids these days you know they're not 10 years old anymore They don't want a jumper anymore So this is the next big idea right here Hold on Would I write a real book Uh Yes Yes I would definitely write a real

book that's gonna be a once in a lifetime Chance and I'm not wasting it
Coming up More equine therapy is we pony up more places to go off script
in the saddle will be right back Welcome back to L A and scripted urban
cowboy Round up I'm de from the Royal Stables in South Pasadena Did you
know there are over 70 state parks in California offering several 1000 miles
of horse trails lots of options and we're revealing how to stand out in a sea of
riders So this is our latest jacket from our 2022 collection and it's obviously
like an animated horse jacket Kind of a nod to you know old neon signs
There have been lights in flows before but it hasn't necessarily been a brand
that solely focuses on how do we make products that have light technology
infused in it I'm Asia Hall and I'm revealing how Neon Cowboys is lighting
up the fashion industry We have a pretty extensive celebrity clientele list We
worked with Kesha and Dua Lipa Missy Elliott as well Miranda Lambert we
did her music video Meg the Stallion We did one of her music videos as well
as Selena Gomez as well One of the Casey hats as well So this was actually
our Casey Musgraves hat which we collaborated with her to do with her logo
So Neon Cowboys was inspired when I was at stage coach back in 20 13
stage coach is like the country Music Festival for California So at night the
energy is really lost because it's just like pitch black and people are just kind
of focusing on the headliner but I felt like the crowd wanted something that
was like a little bit more lively and something that kind of kept the party
going into the night You know mixing that with the idea of when you look at
a neon sign you know if you were to look at like a beer sign or something it
usually would have a cowboy hat in it Um And so how do we kind of get
people to be able to wear that hat is also part of where the inspiration came
from So we're mostly known for our young cowboys hat which is this one
right here The cowboy hats took me about five years to really get mass
produced The 1st 3 to 4 years I was actually hand gluing them all and selling
them at festivals We wore them like I think 13 of my friends we all went to
stage coach the next year after making the handmade versions out of ice
buckets and people went absolutely crazy Like it was like you know chasing
us down asking them where do we get them trying to buy it off of our heads
trying to steal them off of our head And so it was then that I realized that
people were resonating with it more than I thought So I grew up in fashion
And I have a background in design as well My father is actually Kevin Hall
who is a couture designer and used to be the creative director for halted
when I was growing up they're actually inspired by you know Cinderella So
that's why they call it a midnight boots Our fans are really really really

diverse We have a lot of minorities I think because for me making it at stage coach it was also a part of me like taking back the idea that you know I obviously was sticking out in the crowd of people And so I didn't feel like I could wear a traditional cowboy hat and not feel like I was a poser or something to that degree And so a lot of minorities resonate with the hats because it's you know their way of showing their American pride but maybe without so much stigma And with that said too we have a lot of like LGBT qi A plus audience as well has been so many people that really love the product especially internationally because I think that they identify it with the American dream and can also feel like you know it's a new wave of this inclusivity and diverse take on Americana culture Coming up we're not ready to ride off into the sunset just yet the incredible healing power of horses when we come back Welcome back to L A scripted I'm de and we've got urban cowboy tonight at the Royal Second of Stables in South Pasadena You know horses truly are amazing creatures that give so much to humans It's hard to believe so many are abandoned neglected and abused That's why in Orange County California these angels in America are doing their part to protect them My name is Elizabeth Zarko and I'm the president of Hanoi and Dana I dare you to come down and get dirty and be a ranch hand for a day at the rescue Holy is a non profit horse rescue We rescue and rehabilitate horses who are abandoned abused on their way to slaughter So we try to either network them find them appropriate homes or if they need a permanent sanctuary then we try to you know a place here Hanna Le is from Puff the Magic Dragon and it's the song my mother used to sing to me when I was a kid and when I created Hanna Le I wanted a magical place where everything perfectly possible and miracles could happen And so that's why I named it Hanna Ok I made it all the way to Hanoi Now I'm getting ready to see what I'm gonna do here Hi Dana how are you doing Hi Elizabeth Here's your ache Oh what am I going to do with this You are going to help clean paddocks Oh ok There's lots of poop to shovel There's lots of poop to shovel it's time How did you decide to contact unscripted Well so we love to watch you on TV And the Dare program And so he said well we dare you to come out and try to you know do our job for a day because it's really really difficult His name is Toma Homa OK To Mahoma it means demon Oh it means demon That's great As I'm going in his pen you're gonna put the manure on the rake Y'all didn't believe me When you said I didn't do anything Here I am with poop When the volunteers come out they clean the stalls We uh feed them Oh look what I got kids have at it kids It's a buffet We groom them See it's like a

beauty salon up in here Do you know how much this costs in Beverly Hills
By the way this would be an arm and a leg How did you get involved I got
involved because I rescued a little Arabian from a feedlot on Wednesday and
on Friday they shipped her off to slaughter the rest of the horses in the herd
And I learned about what that was And so I knew that I needed to do
something and there was nothing in Orange County for years until I started
something I think the most gratifying part is seeing a horse open up and
seeing their true personality say the ones who come in very closed down
they've been through trauma and then seeing them be very silly or fun and
happy and just not a care in the world Are you the best here Yes you are Yes
Do you watch a unscripted Yes you do Yes you do Every day finally does run
completely off of donations from the public We are a nonprofit and the only
way we can do this is by the grace of the wonderful people who help support
us Oh you're amazing You're an amazing who you took a bow for all the
viewers You did so good What a good boy Yes Yes You're still doing it Yes
Keep doing it One of the most wonderful things about horses is their
incredible healing power for all kinds of people facing all types of struggles
So we're taking you to a place where you can see it in action The Sha Center
in San Juan this place has changed and grown and serves more people than
ever before And it's just a labor of love and joy every day So the Shea Center
is a therapeutic equestrian facility And what we do is use this wonderful
equestrian environment as a way to serve people with disabilities and help
them become stronger more able more independent We have clients as early
as age two and up to age 88 they often have various disabilities The top three
are autism genetic disorders and cerebral palsy And we have physical
occupational and speech therapy which is referred to as hippotherapy So they
get their medical treatment on a horse the horse moves the human body just
like it's walking There's no piece of equipment no Swiss Ball none of that
That will replicate that movement We use that movement in concert with
professional staff who are trained on how to actually make that movement
count for people So they learn real functional skills and that's important for a
lot of our clients who may have not had the experiences themselves of walk
because of their disabilities So you take a child who's in a wheelchair put
them on a horse Now their bodies are experiencing the same motions and
sensations as if they were walking So that's powerful in helping their brain
and body learn and adapt so that we can then work on skills off of the horse
We even taught a golfer who is a stroke survivor to have his golf swing back
The center was founded in 1978 for a family who has a young man with

cerebral palsy They still ride with us every Wednesday They had no idea that their efforts along with that of a social worker and equestrian would lead to finding a place that serves more than 800 people a year and has trained people from every state in the US and 16 different countries to do this work We also have special programs where we work with military veterans active duty and even bulls doing reunification services Let's just say you've come back from combat and you've struggled as you entered into the civilian life again you lose a sense of self mastery And when you start working with the horses you can regain a sense of self mastery by teaching them a new skill set And when they feel like there's a bond between them so if you want to get more involved it takes time treasure and talent to make these organizations run time with a specialty skill Um your volunteerism your treasure and making an impact with your dollars and then your talents there are so many needs for any organization that your gifts will serve very well You come to the Shay Center and we're going to help you be your highest best self All right Time for us to rein in this cowboy show and hang up our stirrups Where will we pop up next Stay tuned We'll see you next time Good night Wait wait wait wait wait wait I didn't see the