

## LA Unscripted | May 16th, 2022

From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A the unscripted way and tonight shout it from the rooftops We're going deep into Hollywood Movie history Hello and welcome to L A in Scripted everyone I'm David Devin from the Montauban theater's rooftop movies there We're smack in the middle of Hollywood right now just off the corner of the famed Hollywood Vine at one of the coolest venues this city has to offer created by the remarkable Gilbert Smith This is the best place to come watch a movie with your popcorn a cocktail and the stars twinkling above you We have 1000 seat classic theater underneath us And in 2009 Nike partnered with us to create this beautiful rooftop Hi I'm Gilbert Smith and I'm the president of the Montauban Company When people come here they book either a love seat or individual seats So we have a an eclectic set of different types of films all year long from the classics in the 19 thirties and forties from romance to sci fi or eclectic fun films that are from the 19 eighties nineties and into the two thousands the headphones are made by sound off They're stereo headsets So not only can we use them for movies we can use them for Silent Disco and listening to music people put the headsets on and they are in their own room So it's dual purpose We protect the neighbors from the loud soundtracks At the same time people are more immersed with the theater here in the motel bar When people arrive we have various ways of entertaining themselves whether it's games or snacks pizza or beverages or New Indian food And we also offer a full bar We have the Ramos Sangria and we have different margaritas and specialty drinks that we come out daily I was in Dennis the Menace the first series in 1958 and the pilot in the first season I'm a curious individual And when I was a child actor I used to walk around the back lots at four star or 20 th century Fox And I imagined what the world could be as I imagined it through the eyes of other people in the business And when I got here I started searching and when I came up to the roof I said this is a place where it can be a destination for tourists and the local community members the theater was conceived in 1925 the Wilkes Brothers came west and they were part of the theater family And you might all know about John Wilkes Booth who became famous as being the assassin of our President Lincoln Well they quickly got into trouble themselves with uh CB DeMille And then in 1932 I just recently read during the pandemic that one of the brothers was accused of laundering \$12.5 million So this has had a very rich history this theater in the summer of 78 I

was a young photographer and I met Anita Montauban I convinced Anita to go out with me and we did some testing we presented and we never separated got married and had 40 years of really the most wonderful life together Ricardo Malta represented diversity and opportunity He was just a magnificent man and he did so much for our community Most people remember that he was in Fantasy Island as the star as Mr Rourke He also was K and it was Star Trek Two When the opportunity came for us to establish the Montauban Theater he saw this as his life's legacy and put together the dream board and started the process and he asked me to come in to assist him I mean he became my father with all the years together It was just a remarkable relationship we had as a family I looked at where we were what we had to do to renovate this theater which is an ongoing project I'm working on a five year program to take it even farther than what we've accomplished to date and it is location location location we have seven hotels around now The contagious new development up and down north and south that was just asphalt just 10 years ago This is a success beyond my wildest dreams Just operating the rooftop takes care of the entire overhead of running the theater annually Gilbert is truly poured all of his love into this place In fact he's about to help one of his long time customers pop the question to his girlfriend right before your eyes It is a surprise engagement coming up I love this stuff But first a story that made me fall in love with growing things I think to like have a garden is to you know be an optimist right Because you're nurturing life and you're thinking about the future It starts here This farm we grow baby plants we've grown them for the 1st 2 to 3 weeks of their life That's a seedling right there So that's a green bunching onion The farm stand is a hydroponic garden You need about two by two about four square feet There's a tank of water at the bottom there's modules that hold the plants it's on a timer So every so often the timer goes off and it pumps water to the top it rains down inside this unit and it delivers plant roots just the amount of water and nutrients that they need a material that the farm sand is made out of is ocean bound plastic Just add water and add two scoops of nutrients and you're pretty much good You just can grab it all you can do anything and then eat it It tastes like wasabi That's actually really good I learned I was going to be a dad and started to look at food differently So I opted for organic produce But I learned that the real challenge is getting the food from the farm to the grocery store you know 10 days old before anyone at the store gets it And we all know how you know food goes bad in the fridge Like within a couple of days and I learned that 40 to 50% food

gets wasted before anyone eats it So I figured like what if we could just take the waste out of the system We'd cut the price of food in half And that's where the concept of lettuce grow came from This is great You could also just pull this out OK And put this as a centerpiece on your table Oh how great You're right Like for like the fall like a fall floral piece It's amazing We've grown over to different varieties in the farm stand We have six different types of basil We have three different types of arugula right now The most popular butterhead and romaine and we've got like the Asian greens tot soy bok Choy We get into the vegetables tomatoes zucchini you can even grow watermelon And then we also grow strawberries and alpine berries Anything that's not a tree or a bush you can pretty much grow it's so easy It takes about five minutes a week to maintain And we have an app and even if you don't use your phone we have emails that tell you exactly what to do It's all about the experience how like meditative it is how good for their soul People say it's the best thing that done with their Children Like the single most best activity I think that growing food is in our DNA Every time I see like my kids or any kids interact with a farm stand or any garden they're all like totally pulled in the plant based movement is gaining a lot of steam and is quickly growing So my goal is really to make this as ubiquitous as a refrigerator You know that people that everyone has the ability to grow some percentage of their food at home it's so alive and we'll be right back with so much more from the Montalban theater rooftop movies here in the heart of Hollywood pa Welcome back to the moon theater rooftop movies Now this video is such a great place for a date that one couple who came here on their very first date is about to get engaged here right in front of you and the bride has no idea No surprise So here I was called by a young man Neil Costa All of a sudden I had an opportunity to become Mr Rourke and he wanted to get engaged here He's going to be asking his future wife to become engaged It's in parallel to my life experience because this is the same day that I was engaged to my wife 48 years ago I'm very nervous I'm very nervous all day long I've been nervous all day long and Alexis to met through a mutual friend and came to the Montauban on their very first date Every time they drive past they would say to each other Remember that Well I think Alexis will definitely remember this place for the rest of her life after tonight because Neil secretly worked with Gilbert to make sure this moment goes off without a hitch But you won't find anybody who's gonna love you more than me and you can take it to the bank I promise So I'll shut up Now I have a really important question to ask you if you don't mind Like Chinese right

Yeah Will you marry me Yes Ok Good Kind of scary to take it Were you nervous Right When we got to about the middle of the aisle I can feel her hand kind of trembling a little bit So she started she started picking up on it She's like yeah you're all everything right here just nestled in between the buildings and everything So it really brought out that first date vibe which is exactly what we had I have to say that maybe one of my most favorite moments on L A unscripted ever Ok From the rooftop of Love to Olivia de Bertoli on another field of dreams season is back in session and of course we're rooting for the L A Galaxy Our sponsor Uncle Artie is giving us an inside look to his amazing partnership What I loved about the L A Galaxy and the partnership we have is that soccer is what I consider the most universal sport The L A Galaxy is a worldwide household name you know about their history You know they have the most championships of any MLS team and just like my firm which is like the UN I mean we have over 25 different races and nationalities in my firm and that's also what I love about soccer It's so multicultural it brings people together from so many different countries especially during the World Cup which is one of my favorite sporting events of all time That really was what pushed us to get involved with this amazing organization This guy he's super interesting Cosmo is not only our team mascot but esteemed co worker a beloved member of our Galaxy family Cosmo comes from the planet Pluto in 2003 he crash landed on this site Cosmo has been with us ever since I see that Cosmo has an extra shirt here What's going on with this shirt Cosmo loves having visitors to our beautiful stadium as well He wanted to give you a little token of his appreciation for you Coming out Cosmo Thank you This is the greatest gift ever So now we can match law is a law firm I founded about 10 years ago went on my own with five clients And now 10 years later I consider us one of the household names for civil law and litigation in L A foundation Our goal is to actually help as many people on the ground as we can A lot of people don't know but there's not just adult homelessness there's hundreds of thousands of Children who are homeless whether with a family or so that's one thing that's really near and dear to my heart A lot of our partners the LA Galaxy the L A Chargers the UCL A Pepperdine they're all on board to get involved with this too And we're hoping in the fall to really make a big move in helping the homeless This is quite the corner you have here Where are we So this is the uncle's corner We we've got it static uh throughout the game and it gets especially wild in this corner all the way across because this is where the real hard nosed loyal fans are and uncle's got their back hernia law

and the L A Galaxy have a lot in common in the way that we really want success but we also want to be legends in our fields and we'll be right back with so much more from the Montauban Theater's rooftop movies here in the heart of Hollywood Welcome back to a unscripted from the Monon rooftop movies in the heart of Hollywood This place has so much cool history It's no wonder Gilbert has dedicated his life to keeping it running since taking it Over 2006 Gilbert has had over 600 screenings of movies to over 50,000 people creating memorable nights for so many Angelenos and truly the most wonderful setting In 1993 Ricardo Monon won the s a lifetime achievement award Gilbert sat in the audience with his wife Ricardo's daughter Anita Ricardo joked I'd like to thank my wonderful daughter Anita to whom I gave a glorious name Anita Monon but she got married and now she's Anita Smith Well one writer had this to say fear not Ricardo your glorious name lives fear not to the artist of are seeking to achieve greatness Your legacy will go on forever as permanent to Hollywood as the famous sign in the hills Thanks to a man named Caro and a man named Smith and the theater forever named the Matalon Now one of the movies that played right here the Thomas Crown Affair starring Steve mcqueen Olivia de Bertoli in front of that famed actors home for a book about his remarkable life What's fascinated me about Steve mcqueen is just that you know he he was uh a very charismatic individual he kind of represents uh uh to me kind of the lost American icon that you don't see anymore A guy who's not very politically correct a guy who did things his own way It's called Steve mcqueen in his own words The reason why I did the book was because many many biographies have been written about Steve mcqueen Um and Steve mcqueen uh almost did a memoir on his he was trying to do one on his deathbed and it didn't happen that way because he had advanced cancer One fun fact that you think that doing all your research that nobody knows about uh Steve he was a cowboy in a brothel You don't put a lot of movie stars making that claim he was supposed to be there the night that Sharon Tate was killed at her house Um He was driving a motorcycle he picked up a hitchhiker on the road and then they went off and did their own thing But he was invited there that night This book took me six years to compile because I had to go through thousands and thousands of photos because I wanted each quote to match the photo So during his early life and his late life I had I had complete matches for those But when you start talking about esoteric things that's what took a lot of time Thank you Olivia And this is absolutely the perfect place to see a mcqueen movie Now over the years here at the Montauban Gilbert has also deeply

supported the LGBT Q Plus movement with a host of events one woman who will be thrilled about that Sylvia Vasquez the first openly lesbian to complete the seven summits purpose is what keeps driving me you know purposes is that beautiful can of gas that just keeps pushing me even as as I as I get uncomfortable I am Sylvia Vasquez Lavado author of In the Shadow of the mountain I'm an explorer I come from a country that has one of the most gorgeous mountains all around the world The Andes are one of the most spectacular mountain regions growing up for me was incredibly challenging I was born and raised in Lima Peru and unfortunately I'm part of a very sad statistic one in three women around the world are gonna experience some kind of sexual violence in their lifetime I was sexually abused from ages 6 to 10 in my country and it was in my late twenties my life was spiraling out of control I had become an alcoholic I was quite an addict and I had hit at one point a very particular rock bottom episode And I asked my mother for help and she asked me to come down to Peru and do a powerful healing session with Ayahuasca I saw myself as a little girl and my little girl started taking me pulling my hand and walking into mountains So that was my very first visual in terms of big mountains That's when I decided to walk to the base of Everest And this is what the whole adventure started for me Yeah I tell you it was the best day of my life yesterday because my lifelong dream came true Something that's taken me 10.5 years as I was started to climb and I started meeting people I found that I actually I would be the first openly gay women to do all the seven summits I figure wow you know I have this opportunity to bring my own representation to bring my own community to start engaging more and more of people who are like me In my case I've been breaking through glass through ice barriers I mean I have to take literally my eye a and you know kind of like keep putting myself there But what I have found is that it is an opportunity to really be with myself to really embrace myself with all faults with all the gifts and it is the opportunity of just you know stay present with my fears with my vulnerability There there is also a little rumor that you know my story is getting turned into a film incredibly blessed and grateful that you know one of my idols Selena Gomez is involved in um you know adapting the book of the film Um She's gonna be playing me So it's polar alert You know we are really thrilled about a really powerful message I mean I can wait for the readers to to really embrace the message from the shadow of the mountain and just eventually imagine how that would be able to translate into the bigger screen That is all the time we have for tonight Thank you for joining

us and thank you to Gilbert Smith for one of the best nights we've ever had and congratulations to the lucky couple but we got to go because the movie is about to start Cheers