

## LA Unscripted | February 23rd, 2022

From hot spots to hidden gems It's your guide to chill in L A The unscripted way from the Cube in Santa Clarita in sunny southern California temperatures rarely dropped below Perfect But we are getting wild this winter Hi everyone I'm in any excuse to where this joining me the other half of my couple skate I do But today you can call me Cha Michael Michael from Blades of Glory because today we're going off script where they actually shot scene from the film in Santa Clarita One of the benefits of having this facility is the filming especially here in Santa Blades of Glory which is a great ice skating movie was filmed here and this has become a hub for ice movies and TV shows from a variety of different production companies coming out here and the Cube is a perfect 10 just like this next location OK We always talk about Hidden Gems on this show I've driven past this restaurant on West PICO for years I've heard they have the best shrimp and grits in the city We are going to try it out and I am so excited Come with me L A is full of transplants So I wanted a place for all my Southern people out there that have come to L A to have you know that feeling of somebody's auntie's or grandmother's house one bite and I went back to my childhood that is delicious My sense is located in Los Angeles mid city area Besides calling it a hub of love I would say it's evolved nostalgia conscious comfort food American food with southern twist We have have our famous grit fries We call them Ries being that I was French trained and never really cooked soul food as a profession I thought of my two cents because it's like kind of my opinion and it was my money and it was a little bit of money So we came up with my two cents So I got the tattoo before I thought of the restaurant years before how I came up with a symbol And I wanted to remind people that food is love So one plus one is two cents Love We have catfish and greens We have our signature shrimp and grits there Oh my God This looks insane We have our gluten free fried chicken marinated for 48 hours in barbecue sauce and we have our vegan collard greens Those are mixed with kale and mustard and I'm a southern girl So I like a good Ok Oh my God That is insanity Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Oh it almost it's like a risotto Yeah So I wanted to create a menu where everybody can eat together You can bring your grandmother here that refuses to eat vegan food perhaps and have greens So I wanted to make a menu that was all inclusive My strawberry strawberry strawberry cake is the number one seller of everything

If I don't have a strawberry strawberry strawberry some people don't even want to eat Working with my sister is amazing We argue we scream I can make this amazing food But every time there's an end of the party or the end of a meal she always caps it off So she likes to say she's Shaq and I'm Kobe This is the crab cake A K a brown sugar caramel cake That's our vegan sweet potato cake Tough being a female black owned business I'm up for the challenge because there's little girls out there that can look at me and say wow she's a boss I can do that Oh my God I'm literally sopping up things with my fingers I have found my new Soul Food headquarters and that's my two cents Good You know they say ice skating dates back to prehistoric times and figure skating was actually the first sport to be included in the Winter Olympics He's like a walking encyclopedia That's good to know And you know so is this didn't I have your size 12 S Oh good I have your size twos Stealing my jokes guess who's getting inked on camera But this tattoo right here Not your typical one I'm at Las newest studio where the motto is made to fade That's a little bit the way to test drive a tattoo Basically I am an artist here at a fe our ink is made to fade which means that it goes on like a traditional tattoo We have the needles the machines the whole healing process But after about 9 to 15 months they just go in So it's a biodegradable tattoo ink Well it's the only ink on the market that's FDA approved if you've ever gotten like dental work done and they put the sutures in that kind of disintegrate The ink is like that So over time it just kind of breaks down and then just completely goes away I have been drawing since I could pick up a pen and I never thought I was gonna be a tattoo artist All right So I do have the three sizes for you to choose from So this says Ahimsa and I have one that says Shanti So Shanti means peace in Sanskrit And then Ahimsa means Nonviolence It's the Sanskrit word for Nonviolence So for me I chose this just because I wanted to myself to speak kindly to others kindly to myself And I think that if I just see it every day for the next year it will become easier to do So you can see again sterile single use needle This is the exact process I would do for a traditional tattoo just maybe a hair slower So I will tell you on a pain level from 1 to 1010 being the most painful It's like a 56 I'd say tolerable tolerable not comfortable tolerable We do have restrictions We're not able to do color at the moment We can only do black but we are branching out to try and do color but it's still in the works at the moment So even though this is a made to face tattoo your skin was still penetrated by a needle So we still want to take healing really seriously It typically takes between 2 to 4 weeks for it to heal I'm going to apply this patch and this is

an HC patch if you've ever used like a pimple patch before this is made of the exact same material So what it's gonna do is pull out all the blood plasma and carry solution from the ink out of your skin It's gonna puff up and look almost like a blue green color I know this is kind of crazy but it's totally normal It's literally just the patch pulling everything out of your skin that it doesn't need to heal So I love this How much does this cost OK So our tattoos are split into two different categories So we have subtle tattoos and we have statement tattoos This particular one would be a subtle tattoo So that ranges from 195 to 245 just depending on size and detail But this one in particular would be 195 So I'm so excited We're so glad that you came in We appreciate it So what is going off script mean to you This isn't enough All right let's check in with our so called born and bred on Scripture Jasmine sins for her Cool local Find a lot is changing in West Adams But one thing that remains the same is Johnny's famous pastrami sandwich We officially reopened on June 9th 2020 including us I think all told it's been about 55 to 60 years that Johnny's has been serving the community two groups in our patron and there is the old timers the old frequenters that know Johnny's from the early sixties And then we get the new crowd that is um getting more familiarized with the area West Adams and they are joining Johnny's for a good sandwich and some music and we still have the classic items Of course the French dip is our ticket item and everybody who is an old timer says I want the pastrami the French dip and they want that And then we have other items that our owner chef Daniel Emily he's incorporated to the menu our Johnny Burger which is a traditional cheeseburger but then you add a little bit of pastrami and a few other things that go into it We also have the crispy chicken sandwich It has a great seasoning and it comes with this great um spicy creamy sauce There is a vegetarian option and this is the cheeseburger with impossible patty And it's a flavorful burger as well It comes with 1000 Island sauce Pickles onions It works And you do not think you're eating an impossible burger Yeah exactly This is so good So so yummy man I'm gonna go for another bite and then the famous pickles Yes the pickles are a must to have I mean most people do get them with their sandwiches Now we added the bar which has become another edition of course Thursday Friday Saturdays We have DJ S and we also have this great area for people to just get a drink and if they want to just hang out outside in the fire pit they can do that too This used to be an old carpet factory back from the and fifties and you can just feel the history when you walk in the door The DJ station is here All of chef's records He was a DJ back in the day and he has a

collection that will rival any collection at Motown I see that I really believe in what he's done here and what the partners are trying to achieve at West Adams I think that it is wonderful Chef wanted to bring back this part of the neighborhood He wanted to bring jobs back here It's easy to keep up the cool when you have us And we have more fantastic finds coming up when Ellie and scripted from the cube returns Welcome back to L A unscripted from the super cool cube in Santa Clarita I'm and I'm do you know there is nothing like living here in southern California but sometimes there's just too much to do I know it's a good problem But where do you start Well that's why we're here Mm Honey when I saw a dark chocolate with my yam Wow Like sticks to your lip And it's kind of kind of salty My husband Jim his favorite thing in the world is having chocolate with Jim and I let's let's do it Cheers to you my friend Oh yeah I was doing sports massage for nearly 40 years and I loved everything about it But when COVID hit and everything stopped in its tracks not only did all of my appointments cancel but I found myself where I needed to really pivot and from one career right into another without missing a beat My husband was laid off at the start of COVID and we just both found ourselves we were like we can do this We got this So we didn't even blink and we jumped right into making chocolates together We did a home kitchen We try to produce a European flair You know making things that in Europe they only produce you know and we are known for our dark chocolate and our truffles we blasted on Instagram what I was producing and what was available each day and every single day the local community in Huntington Beach came out and they supported us when it felt right We decided that it was time to open up a storefront where we can showcase all of the things that we make This is your passion It is I love it I can see myself doing this until I die You know just call me champion ice queen Dana There's nothing regal about what I just saw It was so good But you know I feel like one with this next story strictly for unscripted to feel like the royalty They are they say that polo is the oldest sport ever played and they still play it the same way today especially here at California Polo Club Polo actually started in Central Asia which is Persia or modern day Iran going back to like sixth century BC I don't know if it's true or not but they actually used for polo balls with skulls of people's heads There was a way of training the the military back at that era on horsemanship and obviously nobody knows for sure But that it's the oldest sport in existence We have five instructors that teach all the way from complete beginners that have never ridden a horse before all the way to professionals that actually want to fine tune their game for the act The

complete beginners we furnish the horses all the equipment that's needed So anyone that's actually never even ridden a horse before can come out and learn how to play polo A good polo horse loves the game They they actually get excited like people do when they're getting ready when they're being packed and coming out into the arena This is the first step of learning polo Is that right Yes The range is the first part Then the strips and the mallet last the mallet have to be always up up I see that the tail is tied Why is this tail tied We tied the tail because sometimes some horses they move the tail too much The mullet don't stuck in the tail Fun fact I can actually ride but I've never played polo Not once in my life Stop go turn turn there only here Stay in this area in this area So before we start I want to see you how you so now the mallet you have this position grab the mallet with your left hand put your thumb OK And turn and like this have it Yes right there Every time you play polo you need a position This is the line of the ball outside the mallet is in position This is the line of the ball near side The mallet have to be in the line of the ball at all the time back now hit outside forward maintain that position at all the time So you come here mullet up mallet back follow through It's unbelievable what can happen when you watch this show You know something else unbelievable The very first ice skating blades were made from animal bones I don't know I don't think that would fly today Especially not here in animal loving Los Angeles So moving on we are going to take a quick time out unscripted We'll be right back No bones about it Did you guys know ice dancing actually came from the wall and the kiss and cry area is a legit official spot and term It's where the skater sits with the coach and gets scored No I know what you're talking about Well then I'm giving this next spot a 10 better than sex A dessert restaurant is the only restaurant that has desserts cocktails and wine in a sit down setting We're famous for our rim drinks The most popular desserts and one of them is the missionary Chris Another thing that's really popular is the cookie nookie pie The desserts are sexy The drinks are sexy and it's perfect for a date night out or bachelorette party People come in here to celebrate absolutely everything I would say For sure half of the people that come in are celebrating a birthday or anniversary We also get people who respond to our confirmations and say celebrating life Decor It's grown sexy It's definitely very romantic dimly lit I went to the first better than sex restaurant in 2018 in Key West and I loved it so much that I had to open one for you all here in Los Angeles Ok So I'm so excited We're back in the kitchen with Natalie and Natalie I think you're the afro I love it And what is this right here This is our missionary Chris So essentially it is an

Apple Chris and it's not done yet We're just going to scoop one big scoop on to here OK And press down OK Got it This is our crack candy crack caramel And this is what we use as a garnish So if you want to stab this right there OK Oh my God This is so gorgeous It's going to hold everything up This is a true true food chasm Oh I've got so while you're waiting you can just open up the menu and there's these things called spark questions So they're to spark conversation So what is your stripper name It's your first name Is your childhood pet Your last name is the street of your childhood home So Tigger Bluebonnet Perfect Our original Taco Cab Stop it right now My two favorite things in one glass All right We're gonna try some man candy ladies All right here we go Oh that's so good Do have chocolate on my face Be honest Ok good thanks So it's definitely an adult themed restaurant Um There are some risque photos throughout but we will not deny your little ones if you want to bring them in Just be prepared to have the talk afterwards And this is our kinkier key lime pie I like this key lime pie so much I might just make out with it Do you have a local hot spot or hidden gem to share DM us so we can feature where you like to chill this next spot Super cool You've probably seen them waiting in line for the latest release So these are Travis Scott Jordan one Lowe's sneakerheads These shoes are what \$500 shoes \$600 shoes sneaker fans who can't get enough of the latest styles It's an expensive hobby oftentimes they'll see for hundreds of percent markup to their retail price Now a start up named Kicks is giving fans a foot up in their quest to wear the latest and Greatest Kicks with a monthly sneaker subscription plan This makes it so that you can wear that \$1000 shoe can be worn by different people Many many many many times Brian Moo is CEO the site has been around for about a year now It offers 300 premium sneaker styles with plans ranging from 79 to \$349 a month Some of these sneakers are really tough to get a hold of take for instance these Jordan one unions they probably sell for \$170 If you can get your hands on them on the resale market they probably fetch closer to \$2000 We send the shoes to you You enjoy them you have experiences in them you take pictures in them And then at the end of each month you elect to either keep the shoes for another month You can swap them out for new ones or you can elect to purchase the shoe if you really like it Sneaker turns are thoroughly cleansed then bathed in UV light to banish germs The majority of shoes that we get back to us are in really great shape Retired soles put up for sale a new way to put your best foot forward It's still expensive but less expensive than building a collection yourself Thank you so much to the Cube I an entertainment center for letting us go off script

especially in these outfits Oh my God It was Metal Worthy This performance  
Oh look Wow Oh my God I'm so honored Thank you Mhm We'll see you  
next time