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From hotspots to hidden gems It's your guide to all things L A the unscripted way from Severance at Pali Hotel in West Hollywood ready to head off the beaten path And so then start taking notes because I've got some new additions to your play Love in L A bucket list Hi everyone I'm David We're kicking things off by revealing this local must This is kind of a big bite You guys I'm sorry This is gonna be awkward I know maybe I should cut in for you So this is Violet Bistro and Cooking School Violet also is owned by a woman and run by a woman We are a French Cali bistro And so most of um what we teach here at Violet Cooking School which is where we're at right now is anchored in traditional French cuisine We're really moving towards becoming a no waste facility We recycle everything and we compost all of our biodegradable products Last year we were able to cut our emissions by I believe 50% So we're really really taking strides doing what we can to be a conscious and responsible establishment Not only nourishing the tummies of Westwood village and beyond but also the planet Ok So chef I really want to talk about this stuff because it smells so delicious These are actually two traditional French dishes We have mac and cheese We call it the Mac attack and we have poached pears and creme and glaze Ok Should we try this guy Yeah absolutely So we don't need plates here because we're monsters I'm just gonna go for it Oh my gosh Mhm Thank you so much Jeff This is delicious It's my pleasure I appreciate it Thanks for coming to visit Have some fresh ideas where we should go off script next send us an email at L A unscripted at KTL A dot com But first check out this hot spot that just made our cool list Snowballs are extremely popular in the city of New Orleans I mean you can throw a bag up and hit a snowball stand My name is Kevin Lee I'm the owner and founder of Fluffy Snowballs I wanted to create a place that was very nostalgic There is a distinction between a snowball and a snow cone You all familiar with a snow cone A crunchy piece of ice with some maybe Kool Aid syrup on it that drips to the bottom Snowballs is a rich it's like a rich shaved ice confection Very very finely shaven like the texture of snow or powder and it's topped with various savory and delicious flavors How did you learn how to do this So I started making snowballs at like 12 years old at my grandmother's store I migrated here in 2005 Same weekend I moved home Hurricane Katrina happened I left my family during a height of a debacle and I got in my car drove nonstop prayed to God and came to California because people say it was the land of dr an opportunity went

straight to the Red Cross said my name is Kevin Lee I need food shelter and clothing and they provided me with some assistance So I took all of my life savings I began to map out fluffy snowballs design the concept all during the height of a pandemic When I look at my life the totality of my life Um I know it's something greater than myself My grandmother was my strength my protector Um And I know for a fact that she's proud even on her deathbed All right guys So Kevin and D are putting me to work I'm going to be stirring up some simple s wish me luck We use really distilled purified water and then we heat it up then we pour the cane sugar in and then once we add the concentrate then you'll begin It'll bring the flavor to light No kool aid in here baby The strawberry cheesecake is insane but the Georgia peach is so addictive Oh my goodness This explosion of flavor in my mouth My gosh and I didn't even get the gummy bear Wait hold on We have four sizes We have the Jazzy the Crescent City The big easy and the no its all based off of nicknames of the city of New Orleans You gonna make me curs when I created Fluffy's every detail was like paid attention to So the colors purple green and gold it just shines and shimmers and gives that feeling of um a Mardi Gras Come on in and get you a snowball baby What flavor we got over 45 flavors baby Come on It's where the snowballs reside where the snowballs reside And now even more to keep you traveling L A the unscripted way I've been race car driving before but now I'm feeling the need for speed again It is time to put the pedal to the metal and go race car driving all over again Come on nice to meet you I heard we're going race car driving Whoa these are what we're gonna be driving today They're like race cars but cuter This is really the perfect activity especially right now because by nature you have this space and the social distancing is built into our experience It's super easy to drive Super fun It's kind of like a bicycle We're definitely popular for locals because it's an L A bucket list thing to do and that's both for people visiting and for locals All right I'm gonna hand you your helmet Ok Am I gonna need this Now this is probably the time I tell you I can't hook my own helmet or drive very well They're completely safe We always have a guide in the front and a guide in the back This is so fun You see L A in a whole new way You have to be 21 and older to drive and seven and older as a passenger We're open seven days a week starting at sunrise The biggest thing is spreading the joy We always want to make people feel like a kid again A unscripted is just getting started coming up more local hot spots and hidden gems Plus dare me to do it Have I ever said no L A unscripted from Severance at Pally House Hotel will be back in seconds Welcome back I'm

da de You know if it's top secret and totally cool then you'll find it right here on L A unscripted It's literally our job to uncover every gym so has to offer Don't believe me Watch this 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 The ceilings are gold tin ceilings and we have a ton of chandeliers and candles and the colors are very rich red and gold 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 apple crisp and it's not done yet We're just going to scoop one big scoop onto 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 foods Oh I just got over So while you're waiting you can just open up the menu and there's these things called spark questions So they're just 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 Choco 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 I chocolate on my face Be honest Ok good thanks So it's definitely an adult themed restaurant Um There are some risqué 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 I mean don't you just love this city so much to offer I mean look at this little spot we just found for you Growing greens is a home and garden store It brings the aesthetic of our two owners where they go and they source things from all around the world It's paired with these beautiful plants It's just something that brings joy to everyone who comes here It's got such a like a magnificent Feng Shui when you walk in here but it's not just

plants It's other things too Tell me about that It could be anywhere from vessels and containers that you can put your plants in things that you want to put inside your kitchen We have furniture and we have art pieces and lamps Why is it good to bring plants inside It is a living being so that it gives you that energy and it's something you have to care for Plants need good light and good nurturing There's many to choose from but a lot of it is like what speaks to you like what type of plant speaks to you I mean it could be a leafy plant it could be a spiky plant It could be a succulent or a cactus It's really something that you find beautiful about that and then you bring it home with you What are most things about rolling greens is the arrangement bar Tell people what the arrangement bar is The arrangement bar is exclusive to rolling greens It's an idea that you can bring containers or vessels that you have from home IEA a family heirloom or something on a travel you bought you bring them to the Roma bar and you meet with one of our baristas You can design something yourself from anything that we have here or you can buy ones that are already made over on a table that we have nearby You're a barista Yes I'm one of the ones who goes and designs many of the arrangements that we carry here What are we making here today So right here I'm actually going to be putting together a nice simple but elegant orchid arrangement that this particular client brought in I love that because you can bring your own pot in or you can choose from the millions of pots around here We have all sorts of different containers from around the world Living orchids Yes So these are live orchids We also do work with artificial plants as well Most of which people can't tell the difference They do tend to be very hard to kill Yes Even for me what are we going to do here So I'm just going to be inserting these orchids into the arrangement Ok So you put bark in here first and then you put just the line with the moss Is this moss Yes So this is a type of moss called mood moss Fit these together in here a little bit Ok Sometimes you just got to make a little room Is this relaxing I'd say it's fun to get paid to play in dirt as the pandemic kind of came along Did you notice more and more people kind of getting into plants and nesting in their house and kind of fixing up their house and home with people just staying home all the time They just they wanted something to do They want to add some beauty to it They want something to care for Plants are a pretty good start especially if you aren't sure if you can take care of it Like a dog or a fish It's entry level Yes It's a little bit entry level What's the best part about working here I think it's first of all just being around all this beautiful stuff and secondly is interacting with the customers See we're in it with you and

for you and we are not done being your hot spot Head on shows just yet  
Coming up more secret gems plus a few places you only find on our  
unscripted map So come back I'll be right here at Severance Hotel waiting  
for you Hey Legends I'm Luke Milton celebrity trainer and founder of  
training mate Here are three exercises for that booty blasting workout First  
we have the squat up and down through those heels Engage those glutes back  
into a reverse lunge Oh back knee down You got it Team Here we go Oh  
sorry down back back up down into the laterals over we go come back up  
down up through those heels and offside down backup and down backup  
guys do each of those exercises 10 times through for more exercises just like  
that Go to mate to go dot Training mate dot com Welcome back Ok So what  
is going off script mean to you Well to us it means trying new things  
traveling off the beaten path reaching out to others and pushing ourselves  
outside of our comfort zones way outside like this Well I've done a lot of  
dares I am most excited about this one Usually I'm nervous This one I'm  
excited I am so excited and I'm so happy that you dare to do your eats today  
with me Oh of course You're the expert I'm so happy Thank you What do we  
do now Let's go to my magic room So I know that we're going to do your  
lips today So I want you to kind of like tell me what you want me there Great  
question So all my whole life I've always had a lot of really blue in my lips  
So I've always wanted to kind of cancel out some of that blue and I'm no  
young spring chicken these days and I feel like my lips Thank you But I feel  
like my lips have faded over the years too and I don't have that natural  
anymore Ok So when we get older we're losing a lot of the color on the  
vermilion border So that's why a lot of people are coming and say oh you  
know what My lips getting thinner why it's happening and it's like uh oh now  
I more need filler and some people don't want to do that So uh they still have  
more lips It's just because the vermilion border faded they think it's it's so  
thin Are you seeing a greater interest in this now Because nobody can wear  
lipstick anymore because of the constant mask Absolutely I prefer to have uh  
my lips done permanently and I can be comfortable any time in the shower  
and under this mask it's amazing and it's not really like a lipstick I will  
always say it's a lip blush A lip blush That's the perfect way to say it Oh yeah  
Lips for days Let's go It is time for my Dana dare lip tattoo How do you feel  
That's not bad Wow I have an upper lip now it was a really big insecurity of  
mine because when I would smile I would lose that top lip and now I feel  
like I still have it when I smile So that's why it looked weird I think before  
unbelievable another Dana dare down more to go I absolutely loved this dare

I am ready for more Send him in Come on you guys give me a Dana dare Can you guys tell I love my job I do and I know you are going to love this I'm thinking of that Nicki Minaj song right now if I could have this moment for life because I feel like I'm in a dream Hi I'm Rebecca Cruz founder and creator of Rebecca Cruz Women's collection The Rebecca Cruz collection is simple elegant refined It's classic It's Timeless it's comfortable it's moderately expensive but it's worth it My favorite part of the line are the suits they're um tuxedos and also non tuxedo jackets and pants with blouses So in this initial collection I have four styles of blouses four styles of jackets four styles of pants and they're all either black white cream or a combination of those colors I love trench coats I have several they're very easy and basic and this is almost a one size kind of coat It's very oversized So a little woman a size six could wear it A woman who's like a 12 could wear the coat as well My producing partner has more experience in design than I do But I draw out what I want or I say make it like this but you know remove this make this shorter longer I just know what I want I was a little girl drawing clothing and drawing pretty ladies with beautiful dresses and cool flowers on their jeans and eventually fell in love with music and theater and other things But I always loved fashion and always wanted to do something with fashion The first attempt I made at making something uh as an adult was when we were doing family cruise and we redid our vows and I wanted to create something So I bought a really like \$99 dress from a store very popular bridal store that was just plain satin just a short dress And I spent a week hand beating the bodice of this dress and then flash forward This was maybe three years ago when Terry and I did our 30th anniversary and this this was really the birth of it I wanted to wear a tux to my anniversary So I hired a stylist We spent two days shopping all over L A and I could not find a tux for a woman So we bought three different pieces from three different you know popular designers and I pieced together this tuxedo looking suit And at that point I said darn it I need to start making clothes So I commissioned um someone to make me six suits black white cream all tuxedo some shirts just like mix and match And that award season I wore one to the Golden Globes I wore one to the Emmy party I wore one to Gladys Knight's birthday and everywhere I went my actress friends were like where did you get that suit I was like it's my collection People have told me my whole life how fashionable I am And I'm like oh well yeah you know I love clothes My mama taught me how to wear a good pump but to manifest it I feel very fortunate I feel very blessed And that sacks came along and said yes we love

it We'd love to have you I'm just can't believe I'm saying that out of my mouth throwing them Ok that's it for now Thank you so much to Severance Restaurant at the hotel for having us Where will we be next You never know So stay tuned We'll see you next time