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LOST L.A. (½ hr)

Explores the past through the region's archives, where photos, documents, and other rare artifacts unlock the untold history behind the fantasy of Southern California. Hosted by writer and public historian Nathan Masters of the USC Libraries, each episode of *Lost LA* brings the primary sources of history to the screen in surprising new ways. Much of L.A.'s past is lost to history, but through the region's archives we can uncover the inspiring dreams and bitter realities that built the modern-day metropolis.

ISSUE: ACCESS TO CITY PARKS FOR EVERYONE - TOLERANCE & ACCEPTANCE **EP 401 "GRIFFITH PARK"**

At more than 4,500 acres, Griffith Park is one of the largest municipal parks in the United States. Its founder, the controversial and complicated Griffith J. Griffith, donated the land to the city as a public recreation ground for all the people — an ideal that has been challenged over the years. In this episode, Sarah Wilson, director of Education at the Autry Museum of the American West, explains the upcoming "Investigating Griffith Park," exhibition and the effort to create an archive of all things Griffith Park. It also features Casey Schreiner, hiker and author of the forthcoming book "Discovering Griffith Park: A Local's Guide," in a visit to a Mexican-era adobe within the park boundaries. We also ride the historic Merry-go-Round where Griffith's ideal of equal access was challenged.

(Broadcast on Jan 14 at 7:30 pm and Feb 14 at 7:30 pm)

ISSUE: ECONOMIC REVIVAL & FACILITATING CHANGE THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT **EP 406 "SHINDANA TOY COMPANY: CHANGING THE AMERICAN DOLL INDUSTRY"**

The Watts riots (also known as the Watts Rebellion or Uprising) left South Los Angeles in social and economic distress. In its wake, Operation Bootstrap, a non-profit community-based organization was formed, with hopes of facilitating change through community empowerment. This episode explores the lasting impact of one Operation Bootstrap initiative, the Shindana Toy Company, which left a lasting mark on the American doll industry by manufacturing ethnically correct black dolls. We visit doll collector Billie Green, meet with former Operation Bootstrap organizers David Crittendon and Marva Maxey and hear about the enduring legacy of Operation Bootstrap from the women of the Conner family, who once made clothing for Shindana dolls. It's a story of community strength and economic revival and one that, outside South L.A.'s black community, is barely known.

(Broadcast on Jan 7 at 7:30pm, Feb 18 at 7:30 pm and March 31 at 7:30 pm)

SOCAL CONNECTED (½ hr)

This local news magazine offers viewer's substantive, in-depth reporting on vital issues that impact Southern Californians.

ISSUE: EXTREME PRESSURES OF GETTING INTO COLLEGE **EP 1105 "UNDER PRESSURE"**

Parents are willing to spend thousands to get the competitive edge in the college admissions process, but at what cost? SoCal Connected takes a revealing look at the high stakes world of the for-profit education consultant business.

(Broadcast on Jan 14 at 7pm and March 17 at 7 pm)

ISSUE: EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL POT SHOPS IN LOS ANGELES

EP 1106 “CANNABIS COUNTRY”

State and local regulators are overwhelmed and outgunned when it comes to closing down California's poisonous pot pipeline.

(Broadcast on Jan 28 at 7pm and March 24 at 7pm)

ISSUE: LACK OF ADEQUATE HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS LIVING ON SKID ROW, AND THE STRAIN IT PUTS ON L.A. FIRE STATION 9.

EP 1107 “FIRE STATION 9”

Take a rare behind-the-scenes look inside the busiest fire station in the country, where firefighters act as both primary care providers and emergency responders for the nearly 5,000 people living on Skid Row.

(Broadcast on Feb 25 at 7pm)

ISSUE: SENATE BILL 1421 REQUIRING PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLICE MISCONDUCT RECORDS FALLS SHORT, ALLOWING THE LAPD AND ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. TO CONTINUE TO HIDE BEHIND THE “BLUE CURTAIN”, CAUSING EVEN MORE MISTRUST WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES SERVED BY THOSE AGENCIES.

EP 1107 “THE FIGHT TO KNOW”

In the beginning of 2019, California, one of the nation's most secretive states when it comes to police files, put Senate Bill 1421 into effect. The new law made public thousands of police records pertaining to police dishonesty, sexual assault and use of force. And in an unprecedented move, forty news groups partner to dig into these once-secret police files. But even after a year into the new transparency law, journalists and the public are realizing that the law has its limits when it comes to investigating police misconduct.

(Broadcast on Feb 18 at 7pm and March 31 at 7pm)