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Speaker 1

We like to get.

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Speaker 1

Soft.

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Speaker 2

But you guys.

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Use your thing here.

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You don't try.

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Speaker 2

American.

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Speaker 1

American Legion or American G.I. forum.

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Speaker 2

American G.I.. For 2019. It's. It's really a treat. I like to start off by thanking the people that made it possible for us to have this convention today, and that's Rockwell International. As you know, Rockwell International is a giant in the aerospace industry. And they have not only good stuff, contributed a pretty hefty sum in the clean up \$2,500 and up.

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Speaker 2

Not only are they instrumental in helping of helping us have this convention today, but they're also instrumental in it in getting others that it's getting other organizations to help Hispanic, groups as ourselves. And I like for everybody to give a hand to Rockwell International.

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Speaker 2

Jacob Ortiz will be accepting this class, this plaque today on behalf of Rockwell International. And it's for the American GI, for our state of California, presented on this 13th day of July.

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1991.

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Speaker 4

Thank you. And I will let you know that, like you said, we're not only participating in helping, the rich, putting this, luncheon in, like, \$100, but we also, we're also contributing to, the bottomless Scholarship foundation. some of \$2,000 for a scholarship program. And we'll be participating in other functions throughout the, throughout the area promoting, scholarships for students deserving soon.

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Speaker 4

So maybe that they can, be like, the person that's going to speak here today. Thank you very much.

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Speaker 2

Thank you for Rockwell. We have other people we'd like to commend today, the hard working convention committee that put this luncheon together, among other events. I'd like to begin with Yolanda moya. She was, the program coordinator in conjunction with Artemis. And they both work together.

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Unknown

Big hand for both of them.

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Speaker 2

Publish publicity and sponsor committee meetings like this. And raise another hand.

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Speaker 2

Accommodations. Feel more and peace out of your life.

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Speaker 2

And those responsible for the Queen pageant that make this event what it is. Susie Augie's, steak Queen coordinator set up.

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Speaker 2

Francis Fernandez to pay Garcia and Gloria girl has also assisted with this.

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Speaker 2

Those in charge of registration that have been out there every morning sitting down be very original and, and, and very friendly in the morning have been and here you have Hanson doing point Hanson. They have their a charge of registration.

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Speaker 2

As the event kicked off with a golf tournament. Eli Parker one craft Boca 12 Castro angel Joe are.

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Speaker 2

Thanks to everybody that was involved. And we we really enjoyed ourselves. And I like the fact that we're not, tied into a real tight schedule. We have time to relax. It's time to, put our legs up for a while. You know, with four kids running around the hotel. And it's been. It's been very relaxing and fun to take time at this time.

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Speaker 2

I like to go on and introduce the, the probably the most important women we have here today. And those are our young ladies that are queen candidates. Veronica, my Leonardo is mystery.

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Speaker 1

Wife Fremont Newport.

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Speaker 2

Name is coming on the date. More young.

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Speaker 2

She's missed most of our. By the way, this time there cannot be no Katrina marine for born.

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Please stand up.

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Speaker 2

For miss Master Sergeant Jesse Ramirez, Jennifer Garcia.

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Speaker 2

And from Oceanside, we have Michelle. Me a thank.

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Unknown

And back for.

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Speaker 2

That be all number one. And in San Jose, Diana Maria Estrada.

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Speaker 2

And talking about women and promising young women that we have here today, not only are they beautiful, but they also are promising. They have a lot going for them. I'd like to tell you a little bit about women in the past, and how why we.

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Speaker 1

Are so important.

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Speaker 2

Historically, women have been vital for this country. Beginning with 1776, during the American Revolution, women were on the journey by being at home and in battle mothers during the American Revolution while their husbands fought in the war. Then we get on to them. 1864, when we had the Civil War, and during that time many of the women neglected.

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Unknown

At this time I would like to.

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Speaker 2

Present Monica with a check of \$310 and a gift from all the chapters.

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Speaker 1

Thank. This goes to my be civil. Thank you.

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Speaker 2

Go ahead and if you like your motion, I. I think Larry. Two at this time. Thank you. Together, we can thank her for the delicious meals she just had. And she will be introducing our keynote speaker this afternoon.

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And, I wanted to.

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Speaker 2

Share something with you,

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Speaker 1

When the convention.

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Speaker 2

Meeting was, meeting when evening. And we.

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Speaker 1

Were in the process of deciding who was going to be our luncheon.

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Unknown

Speaker. that evening, we, we're just Harvey, the chef, and all of a sudden decided that.

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Speaker 2

Well, why shouldn't we have to get someone that we that we're going to have the young ladies that are going to be the candidates for the day? Queen to a young lady. That was before our Queen.

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Speaker 1

Or a chapter of steak Queen for California and the National Queen for the American.

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Speaker 2

Jamboree.

00:08:52:13 - 00:09:02:05

Speaker 1

And Kamala came up. And so that evening, late at night, it was around.

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Speaker 1

We'll we'll give her a call. But we also had a deadline with the program, and we had, you know, more or less a day without any other, commission at that time. we should have had to have a roster. We had Carmen. So we went to the chapters finally, we got.

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Unknown

Her up I, I activity, and I was pretty. I was hoping I remembered she spoke the last time. I know she'd be perfect. And I kept thinking, oh, why are down with the with.

00:09:41:06 - 00:09:43:13

Speaker 1

And it was. Didn't take for me to tell you. All we did.

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Unknown

Was mention to you by yourself. Mentioned that to big to the women's national anthem. Before these young ladies that are going to climb along in the state. Queen and she get no reservations. Now Carmela is a busy young lady. She, is, currently getting.

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Speaker 1

in 1983. And she was the thing.

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Unknown

and then she came here to California. She became a California state.

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Speaker 1

And then the national in 1988. she went to.

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The University of California at Berkeley. She graduated with highest honors. And then there.

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Speaker 1

Continue to be a central university. And,

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Speaker 2

And, Venezuela.

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Speaker 1

for a year on a.

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Scholarship from the, Rotary International. And just recently, she in.

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Speaker 1

This year, she.

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Unknown

Graduated from Yale, lost and, and our young lady and, she's.

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Speaker 1

Currently studying for the bar chart. She also mentioned to me that.

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Speaker 2

she is.

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Unknown

Working with this, law firm. It's called a public advocate, a public interest law firm that she's very, fortunate to me and take care of all. And, I'm really proud of me that I have the opportunity to take. And to you that I have come across here.

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Unknown

You have a gentleman.

00:11:52:28 - 00:11:53:24

Speaker 1

It is truly an honor.

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Unknown

To have the opportunity to address the American Jazz Forum once again. I have very many fond memories. My parents are still around the Saturday chapter. The fact that this.

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Speaker 1

Luncheon is sponsored by the women at the GI forum makes the honor even more distinct in my eyes, and even more appropriate.

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Unknown

After all, I am a woman and very proud of that fact. So in honor of the.

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Speaker 1

Women of the American.

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GI forum, I would like to focus my talk today on women and more specifically, why prioritizing women's issues and placing Chicanos in.

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Speaker 1

Leadership positions is essential to a political agenda.

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Tailored to the needs of the Chicano community. I will look at what we as.

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Speaker 1

Women and Chicanos can learn from feminism as a basis for Effectuating change. Maybe I should start out by way of telling you what it means for me.

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To be a woman, a Chicana, and a feminist. I will try to give you a sense of how these three factors help.

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Speaker 1

Shape my sense of justice, how I have a pressing need from within to work towards the eradication of invidious discrimination and barriers to our advancement. I'm being a woman. What does this mean? Well, for me, it can mean sometimes that I'm scared to walk down the street at night.

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Or even during the day. It means that I'm often offended at the way women are portrayed in the media, because I think that disrespect and denigration of the media, you will disrespect denigration and violence in the home. Being a woman means that I have the capacity to bear children, and if I don't like most of the women in this world.

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Speaker 1

I will be primarily responsible for their care and.

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Unknown

Nurturing, as well as being responsible for the care and nurturing of my home. Being a woman means that I will probably earn less than a man for doing the same job.

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Speaker 1

Inequalities myself and other women experience on the basis of sex shape my sense of justice and a just world.

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Unknown

People are not devalued and abused because they are with.

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Speaker 1

I'm being Chicana. For me, part of being Chicana was molded during my experiences as 11 years as a Mexican folk dancer. Thanks to my parents, I have the opportunity to discover and appreciate my.

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Unknown

Culture through its music and dance and history. But all my years of Mexican folk dance didn't really.

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Speaker 1

Cement in my mind.

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Unknown

What it meant to be Chicana. I think I really found out when I took a trip to Mexico at the age of 15.

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Speaker 1

With my family. I think about when I climbed the Aztec pyramid. Pyramid at the sun, and from its apex, I gazed down upon the remains of Tenochtitlan, and better than I felt. I understood in a spiritual sense what it means to be Chicana. And I don't have the words to describe that feeling.

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But I can tell you that one of the strongest emotions that I felt was a great sense of pride in the accomplishment of my Mexican ancestors.

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Speaker 1

But being Chicano means that I'm an American, too. And I think growing up Chicano in America had the greatest impact on the formation of my sense of justice and injustice. This sense has developed over the years, and I.

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Unknown

Admit that it comes from feelings of anger, disappointment, and frustration. But sometimes anger.

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Speaker 1

Disappointment, and frustration develop into a burning desire for change and progress and provide the motivation necessary.

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Unknown

To confront oppression and overcome. My sense of justice was.

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Speaker 1

Formed out of hearing about discriminatory.

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Unknown

Treatment experienced by my family members. My father was a six foot tall Mexican man. This is not.

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Speaker 1

Someone you think anyone would mess with. He's certainly not someone.

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I could imagine giving a hard time when I was a child. Yet I distinctly recall my father coming home.

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Speaker 1

From a long day, his job in the grocery store, and recounting incidents of racial.

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Harassment by his Anglo coworkers. Anger, disappointment, and frustration. How could my.

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Speaker 1

Father be subjected to racial insults, be called names such as Rino Bandito or.

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Unknown

Poncho? My sense of justice was formed in knowing that there was something wrong with name calling. On the basis of skin color. We are bandidos.

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Speaker 1

We're human beings, and as such we are entitled to.

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Dignity and respect. Of course, I've had my own experiences with offensive incidents.

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Speaker 1

We all do.

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Unknown

Some are more blame than others. Onto law school. I had opportunities at Yale to partake in Anglo privilege to experience it at its finest level, the highest.

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Speaker 1

Level where it's most difficult to attain for most people in my community attest to that fact is that in the class of 1991 at Yale Law School.

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My class, there were two Chicanos graduating this year myself, and only one other.

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Speaker 1

Yes, the Ivy League remained the bastion of Anglo privilege in an intellectual sense. I wouldn't trade my experiences at Yale for anything.

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And I would do it all over again if I had the chance. But there were many difficult lessons to be learned in my three years in the Ivory tower.

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Speaker 1

In particular, I'll never forget a conversation that took place in a professor's office.

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The professor was someone I could confide in, and we were having one of those difficult talks about racism and sexism in law school in the corporate world, and we discussed how it affected me as a Chicana, as a woman of color, a person of color. At some point in the conversation, professor looked at me squarely in the face and said, the matter of fact tone.

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People are going to think you're stupid because you're Chicano.

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Speaker 1

My mouth didn't draw comfort, but it sure wanted to. He wasn't telling me anything. I didn't know. Talk about confirming your worst fears.

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The lesson being that no matter how much you are able to partake in Anglo privilege.

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Speaker 1

No matter how many degrees and credentials you might hold in the eyes.

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Unknown

Of some people, you may still remain Frito Bandito.

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Speaker 1

And this professor knew what he was talking about. He was black and. Anger.

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Unknown

Disappointment and frustration. Well, that's where feminism comes in for me, feminism is about overcoming oppression.

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Speaker 1

It is where my fighting spirit is channeled in a positive direction toward change, a direction which focuses on breaking down barriers, fighting the myths and stereotypes about Chicanos. When feminism is about adopting a critical perspective, questioning everything, taking nothing for granted, holding ourselves accountable when appropriate, and holding other accountable when they should be.

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Unknown

It involves looking inward, the painful task of admitting our weaknesses, and the joyful charge of acknowledging our conceptions. This critical perspective involves looking out, fighting the barriers, running into walls, and knocking down, using every tool in our to work towards change. I sometimes think one of the most difficult tasks for Chicanos and is looking at criticizing ourselves in the interest of changing what we don't like.

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Unknown

Women have always played a central role that you kind of community looking inward. In the 60s and 70s, and she found a feminist movement developed which addressed issues specific to China's. Feminist agenda and sought to expose oppressive oppression by both the dominant Anglo society and from its Chicano community. These women were critical about gender role socialization in the Chicano family, citing the role of Chicano culture in curtailing their opportunities for advancement.

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Unknown

Many Chicanos were not satisfied with the fact that the Chicano Movement did not include women in leadership positions, nor did it emphasize these issues. Chicano feminists took on the difficult task of.

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Speaker 1

Holding our men accountable. I believe we can still benefit from a Chicana feminist approach.

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Recognizing internal and external factors, contributing to stand for Chicano.

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Speaker 1

We need to continue in this tradition and prioritize women's issues, as well as promote Chicanos.

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In positions of leadership. Now, what are some of the issues that present distinctive problems which acknowledges women? And as a result.

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Speaker 1

I contend they ought.

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Unknown

To focus attention of the entire Chicano community. These issues include, but of.

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Speaker 1

Course, are not limited.

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Unknown

To education, employment, health care, and reproductive rights. Let's look at.

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Speaker 1

Education. I highlight education even though we're.

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Unknown

All aware about the crisis around education, the Chicano community, not only have Chicanos.

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Speaker 1

Historically been segregated into inferior schools, Mexican-American students have been tracked into vocational and special education programs. Their educational condition has been characterized by below grade level enrollment.

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Unknown

High rates of illiteracy, and the highest dropout rate. Any ethnic group. Young women suffer additional burdens. The burdens of teenage pregnancy, the.

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Speaker 1

Burdens of inadequate encouragement for pursuing a higher education, and these educational barrier barriers that impact all Chicano have a significant and distinct impact on the women of that community. To illustrate, we can look at.

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Unknown

The effects at a basic economic level. I look to the results of a study which compares the income, education and employment levels among.

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Speaker 1

Some groups of women of color and Mexican-American women in the southwest. They compared Anglo.

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Unknown

Black, Asian, Mexican-American, and Native American women. The study concluded that the more.

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Speaker 1

Formal education a woman attained, the greater likelihood she had.

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Unknown

Been gainfully employed. All the groups of women studied.

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Speaker 1

In general attain higher levels of education than Chicano, so it's not surprising that the study concluded that as a group, Chicanos occupied the lowest from the socioeconomic.

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Unknown

Level. However, maybe one of the most telling statistics in this study was the finding that while Mexican men.

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Speaker 1

Had less schooling and Anglo Asians, Black or Native American women, or Chicano.

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That these men earned more higher earnings than all these groups of.

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Speaker 1

And I think what this tells us is that Chicano.

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Unknown

As women, as people of color, are affected by a combination of factors their.

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Speaker 1

Low educational attainment combined with their gender status and result in factors such as low wages and unemployment. Unemployment. The occupational segregation of Chicanos into women's work continues into this decades. Studies confirm that she kind of most frequent occupation.

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Unknown

And that she operator followed by clerical and service worker. They also heavily.

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Speaker 1

Predominate in the food processing, electronics and garment industry. She comments, are often the victim of labor exploitation.

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Unknown

And discrimination on the job by exploitation. This covers everything from sexual harassment to.

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Speaker 1

Unfair wages to unsafe working conditions, and outright refusal to pay for services rendered. These low paying positions tend to have no health care or other benefits. Now again, some of these issues, such as unsafe working conditions, do affect both Chicanos and Chicano. But for example, if women and men together are working in jobs that expose them to deadly pesticide, women because of their capacity to bear children are going to be affected in a different way than men are.

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Speaker 1

And that's when we approach the issue of employment in unsafe working conditions. We need to have a different focus, but we're looking at women. We need to look at the issue of pregnancy. And now I turn to reproductive rights. This is an area where I am particularly concerned, given the speculation that the Supreme Court may overturn Roe versus Wade, the landmark decision which gave.

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Unknown

Women the right to an abortion, she comments, and other women of color have historically suffered.

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Speaker 1

From grave abuses of their reproductive.

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Unknown

Rights and curbs on abortion have been further steps in.

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Speaker 1

A historical context of reproductive.

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Unknown

Control and domination. I think that your kind of community needs to prioritize reproductive rights. As I said, abuses are not new to Chicana.

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Speaker 1

Some of you are probably familiar with the case of Madrigal versus Killinger, cited in 1978, in Los Angeles. In that case, ten Mexican women alleged that they were sterilized without their consent. These women were limited English speakers, and they were approached about this donation procedure while they were undergoing labor. The presiding judge noted that a misunderstanding had taken place due to these women, inability to speak English proficiently.

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Speaker 1

He took evidence that was presented showing that the women had suffered a great harm because Mexican families care so much about their children and the childbearing capacity and he used that evidence to say that.

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Unknown

This was an atypical cultural trait, and that hospital staff could not have been aware that they.

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Speaker 1

Would have suffered such a grave harm. Therefore, doctors were not held liable for the sterilization. This important case took place in the 70s. This is 1991, and reproductive rights issues for women of color generally, and Chicanos in particular, are still a matter of this concern. Very recently, a judge ordered a woman to undergo one of those birth control implants in her arm as a condition for her receiving probation.

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Unknown

A woman was black. We need to question everything.

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Speaker 1

And take nothing for granted.

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Speaker 1

Other problems involving reproductive rights include lack of publicly funded health services.

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Unknown

And adequate insurance coverage for access to health care, prenatal care, and information concerning birth control. The marital disease, Aids, and immunizations. The health of our.

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Speaker 1

Community is at stake, and now they are saying that the right to abortion may be denied to all women. It was bad enough when the government no longer.

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Unknown

Provided federal funds for abortion. With the passage of the Hyde Amendment, I have seen studies.

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Speaker 1

Which show showed that after federal funds were no longer available, the kind of use of the torture procedure declined significantly. What that means is when funds are available and abortions are available.

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Unknown

She will take advantage of that throughout the.

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Speaker 1

When they do not have that right available to them, in my opinion, to become force operated, reproductive rights.

00:28:08:05 - 00:28:14:25

Unknown

Are in jeopardy. And as a result, the women of our community will suffer.

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Unknown

I have mentioned these specific issues education, employment and reproductive rights.

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Speaker 1

As a mere sampling of a whole range of interests that affect Chicana as women. These issues are critical for any political agenda that seeks to advance the entire Chicano community, because not only do women make up one half of that community, but due to a combination of factors violent, educational, occupational.

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Unknown

Their oppression is very basic. It is very complex. At the same time. She kind of feminists provide a valuable lesson, pointing out the importance of an internal critique.

00:28:56:09 - 00:29:14:25

Speaker 1

Looking to combat oppressive aspects of relations within the Chicano community while continuing to confront societal injustice, as well. I urge us all to adopt a Chicana analytical framework, which is confrontational and constructive.

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Unknown

Potent and positive. So I urge.

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Speaker 1

Each and every one of us.

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Unknown

As men and women, Chicanos and Chicano for like to confront sexism, racism and homophobia within our own communities.

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Speaker 1

Because we should never tolerate from each other what we will not tolerate from the larger society. And then at the societal level, the task does being monumental. Members of the GI forum do not need to be told about the importance of community service. You're all committed to that. However, I do think we need to look toward replacing a top down approach.

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Speaker 1

We need to start looking at the world.

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Unknown

From the bottom up. Those at the top, those of us with jobs.

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Speaker 1

Those of us with education, health insurance, with food on the table. We have obstacles to face in our daily lives, but we have a means to overcome them. Looking at the world from the bottom up that calls for prioritizing oppression, where it hits the hardest, helping those in.

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Unknown

Our community who are the most vulnerable.

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Speaker 1

I say prioritizing.

00:30:33:12 - 00:30:44:19

Unknown

Women's issues is a critical step and a bottom up approach. We will benefit the entire Chicano community. This will involve.

00:30:44:21 - 00:30:49:18

Speaker 1

Putting women in leadership positions in the community and our organizations, and placing no.

00:30:49:18 - 00:30:55:27

Unknown

Obstacle to having women in their rightful place. That includes leading our.

00:30:55:27 - 00:31:01:28

Speaker 1

Community, leading our organizations, and bringing those women's issues to the forefront. We experienced.

00:31:01:28 - 00:31:11:07

Unknown

Them. That means we know what we're talking about. To close, I would just like to say a few words about role models. We're talking about leaders to.

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Speaker 1

Think about looking to role model. When you think about who your female role model is to the women in the audience, I wonder sometimes you might have a hard time coming up with an appropriate person. After all, how many Chicana senators or congresswomen.

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Unknown

Federal judges or governors can you make? Well, as food for thought, I wonder if maybe you're thinking to hard. Maybe you should consider looking no further than your family photo album. Our families are full of accomplished women who are role model material. Maybe not in the traditional sense, but I mean women who have overcome obstacles and lived. In my own family, I both my grandmothers grandma has, I don't know, single handedly raised my children the strength and persistence it must have taken to be respected.

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Unknown

My earliest memories of grandma Grandma Ramirez involve visiting her at a small store. Are a store called the Mexico Meat Market, where she sold eggs in town. My grandmother was 40. It's no small accomplishment for someone who lacks the physical education, so we don't have to look very far to find our role models. Despite many obstacle Chicanos as women.

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Speaker 1

We have managed to overcome and excel beyond anyone's.

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Unknown

Expectations. Thank you.

00:33:08:24 - 00:33:09:13

Unknown

Oh, how.

00:33:09:14 - 00:33:25:11

Speaker 2

Was that for me? No, I know I wanted to say because thank God for her speech, that women are important not only on the front line and on the law, but also on the home front. And I'd like to introduce.

00:33:25:14 - 00:33:29:06

Speaker 1

Our women state board officer today.

00:33:29:08 - 00:33:37:03

Speaker 2

Chairman, state board chairman. And our first class chairwoman is chairwoman.

00:33:37:03 - 00:33:45:14

Unknown

Excuse me. And, chief, I gonna ask you to give a hand to engineer.

00:33:45:16 - 00:33:46:08

Unknown

And he is an.

00:33:46:08 - 00:34:08:08

Speaker 2

Advocate for youth and also an advocate for education. And I'll be telling you about that later. More about and we also have support of Betty, our chaplain, our excuse me, our sergeant at arms. And tomorrow is very important and up here at the G.I. forum women so far.

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Speaker 2

Says she makes sure that she attends all the media conferences, all the state board meetings, as well as the national convention she will be attending next month in Houston, as well as all the state conventions. Thank you for your representation. And we also have, very articulate Anita Avila, Anita.

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Speaker 2

Anita is really a go getter. She has taken on the job of secretary historian, so she's putting together a book, beautiful pictures for us. We can have memory, but also she's records. She has created a newsletter that we failed to respond to. And, she has sent out information and she does it all beautifully. It's all typed up and I need to also, this is on the side.

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Speaker 2

She is a tutor. So we'd like to thank you for your tutoring today.

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Speaker 2

And also a good friend of mine, Helen Galvan. Helen is, quite remarkable. She's getting a PhD, and, administrative credential also. In addition, she has three children, and she teaches full time, so I don't know who else can do that, but.

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Unknown

I do have.

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Unknown

And there was.

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Speaker 2

Ever an incident concerning civil rights. And as far as, Sam recalls, you had an issue with civil rights and that affect you immigrants. And Helen has always been the first to write the editorials in the paper. She does this before she does her lesson plans, by the way. So thank you, Helen, for writing on the editorials and writing of the newspaper.

00:35:48:05 - 00:36:08:29

Speaker 2

At this time, I'd like to present an award and we'll be doing the award, but I'd first like to tell you a little bit about the recipient. And this award will be for woman of the year and at the American GI forum, woman of the year. And this, woman, I'd like to tell you a little bit about is Head and Margaret.

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Speaker 2

Yeah. And she's from Oceanside and she's worked very, very hard to help the schools and, in Oceanside. And we're very proud of her. Some of the things she has done in school have been I will list a few of the positive things. She has an honor roll, program in this in this program, a certificate is given out once a month to students who hand in their homework and then to maintain.

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Unknown

An eight grade eight plus average or eight. They also have.

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Speaker 2

An ag school student and the math student of the month.

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Speaker 1

Or a certificate.

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Speaker 2

To two students from each class, and their pictures are on display in a multi-purpose has room for one month. And this is all about self-esteem. And in school, another program is catch you being good. When a student is caught doing a good deed by picking up papers, reporting someone's writing on the wall, stopping a bite, they are given a good deed ticket.

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Speaker 2

Every two months or so. They are rewarded by going to a group, by going in a group to a pizza place, skating, bowling, or the fun center, and or watching movies. She's also involved in.

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Speaker 1

The intramurals program.

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Speaker 2

Where students play like football, basketball, soccer. They go out to compete with other schools. That's something else she's really proud of. My knowledge is the Hall of Fame. This is a program that was started 11 years ago where former students who attended one school came sixth, and then they went on to junior high school, and then they went on to high school and college or university.

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Unknown

They graduate. And when they're a success in their careers, they are invited to serve as role models. They are invited. Three of them are invited every year to talk to students, to encourage them to study and stay in school. Each year we add their teachers very much a part. I mean, I'm sorry and so forth. Each year we add their.

00:38:05:18 - 00:38:56:26

Speaker 2

Pictures to the Hall of Fame displayed in the multi-purpose room, and all time. Also another thing that and he does it to the community. That's just a little bit. She's doing some great things for youth and we'd like to thank you on behalf of the women and on behalf of the men very clearly. Right. Thank you for being, as.

00:38:56:29 - 00:38:59:01

Unknown

Margaret. Angie. Everything you do.

00:38:59:01 - 00:38:59:26

Speaker 1

Makes a difference.

00:38:59:28 - 00:39:12:03

Unknown

Thanks for caring women. American. Thank.

00:39:12:05 - 00:39:17:12

Speaker 2

We hope you survive in this profession. And there's one more award that we'd like.

00:39:17:12 - 00:39:22:22

Unknown

To give today. I have, I need to have enough for Secretary. Sorry. And we'll be.

00:39:22:22 - 00:39:24:00

Speaker 2

Presenting that award.

00:39:24:00 - 00:39:28:23

Speaker 1

Thank you. Putting a good word for me when you talk to to. Great.

00:39:28:26 - 00:39:31:17

Speaker 4

And you can do a good thank you.

00:39:31:19 - 00:39:35:10

Speaker 1

Hi. My name is Jennifer. I just want to tell you that I really enjoyed your speech this year.

00:39:35:12 - 00:39:39:04

Unknown

Thank you. Mr.. Meet you.

00:39:39:06 - 00:39:45:20

Speaker 2

Well, you have a very good dessert and I.

00:39:45:22 - 00:39:50:20

Unknown

Have. Okay. I feel like. Okay. Call my name again. I know I'm be sorry. Okay.

00:39:50:20 - 00:39:52:18

Speaker 4

Great.

00:39:52:20 - 00:39:59:18

Unknown

The highway. Okay. Just send it to me okay? Okay okay. Thank you I go.

00:39:59:20 - 00:40:04:20

Unknown

What? You what are you able to your.

00:40:04:22 - 00:40:08:27

Unknown

Car. Oh, much good.

00:40:08:29 - 00:40:10:06

Speaker 1

How long have you been here?

00:40:10:09 - 00:40:21:14

Unknown

Because you go to work like that, I tell you. Yeah, I, you know.

00:40:21:16 - 00:40:22:03

Speaker 2

I want.

00:40:22:05 - 00:40:24:17

Speaker 1

You know, I want to feature you in here with your roses now.

00:40:24:19 - 00:40:26:26

Speaker 2

Oh, yes. Yes. Oh, yeah. Okay.

00:40:26:26 - 00:40:28:29

Speaker 1

Give me my camera. Let you remember.

00:40:29:02 - 00:40:38:05

Unknown

I want to take my camera. Yeah. To. Yes, I.

00:40:38:08 - 00:40:45:13

Unknown

Thought that.

00:40:45:16 - 00:40:56:16

Unknown

You know, you are you are. I haven't seen you. I have.

00:40:56:18 - 00:41:02:02

Unknown

Here. Haven't you have.

00:41:02:04 - 00:41:03:13

Speaker 1

Excuse me again.

00:41:03:16 - 00:41:14:18

Unknown

I know I'll make it perfect. Let's go through the power of for each. Oh. Thank you.

00:41:14:21 - 00:41:38:03

Unknown

Very. We also would like to get. Maybe I can get a picture out by yourself to make sure lecture on. My daughter is executive director for.

00:41:38:06 - 00:41:53:28

Unknown

Morning. Thank you. I doesn't have much time. I, I don't know, want you go forward and then came here. What are by yourself okay. All right.

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Unknown

now.

00:41:55:02 - 00:41:55:18

Speaker 1

We're going to take.