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Speaker 1

They always get out of the way first because you know how they just come out and write all kinds of stuff, you know, without. And the thing is here is that I'm here to give you a statement. That's what the truth is. And I mean, you know, the forum's been here since 1959. it's one of the most respected organizations there is.

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Speaker 1

we have, any debt that we have always had, we've always paid. and the thing is that, we have been discussing this over a year now, whether we want to do the same, as you say, and, anymore, because you have to understand that we went from paying total police service that's including secondary employment to what they call secondary now and and private security about 50,000 after that incident, we have for Cinco de Mayo.

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Speaker 1

All of a sudden we jumped to a 150 something thousand. The nearest festival to us. And I'm going to give you a lot of data that none of you seen studies that we made. the nearest vessel that we have and nothing against them is the, the American festival, you know, there. And they get charged \$33,000 a year, and they have three days and they have 300,000 people.

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Speaker 1

So the thing, here and the first, before I give you all the data and I tell you why there's a controversy here, is that I want to first speak to the, about the Murphy news, because I think that a lot of allegations were made and all that. And I think the forum has a right to answer that.

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Speaker 1

First, I like to say that, the person given the, all the information, it's a disgruntled board member that's no longer a board member. That was two months consecutive taken to the membership and was reprimanded. I mean, because of our actions and the emotions he caused within the organization.

Number two, you have to understand that you got two, two Hispanic writers that are trying to make it in a white world.

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Speaker 1

So they'll write anything, you know, that, you know, and I would and I forgive, Rodriguez I've had a run with him, and and and when? Because, you know, they're trying to make it in a newspaper that predominantly white. And the things they write basically are not things, they just want to make a story, and that's fine and dandy.

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Speaker 1

So we as for Ramirez, we understand that, the third thing I like to say is that that that, some of the statements that the mayor made, you know, and, and, and I respect the mayor doing that, but the mayor doesn't understand what's going on because he's brand new. And, I mean, we have had other, other letters that we wrote to him that never been answered to us.

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Speaker 1

We've never had a mayor that didn't answer a letter of some complaints we had about the housing department. And we wrote in February 15th. So so you have to see what the situation is here before I start is that, we got some people that are out there making all of this commotion and, you know, and without any relevant information or anything, I'm going to be I'm going to be telling you right now what the problem is, and I'm going to be telling you why we haven't paid the bill.

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Speaker 1

And then you, as media decide who's right and who's wrong, you have to understand that prior to 1996, our average police bill was about \$50,000. When that mishap that happened around 8:00, two hours after the festival, and I think it was a sinkhole of 96 or 97. And the guy bomb, was they try to blame it on the guy for him.

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Speaker 1

But everybody, everybody knows it wasn't our fault, our festival. Everybody's gone down from downtown at 6 p.m., but, in order for everybody to cover themselves, everybody tried to blame it on the forum. And, this is not an issue. That is a police department versus the GI forum, or is the GI forum versus the mayor at that time and all that?

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Speaker 1

I'm just trying to give a little better, since that festival, we didn't get a bill for that festival, we didn't get the bill for the September 16th festival, and we didn't get a bill for the Cinco de Mayo festival. We got, one bill all at one time.

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Speaker 2

But which one? I'm sorry, which one is a.

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Speaker 1

I'm talking about that that that one. That's where that, the problem happened that same, summer we had, 16 that September up. And then we had the Cinco de Mayo. We never got Bill. And then, because, I was told by the Office of Cultural Affairs and I mean, there were found. Is that, you know, oh, we're way behind in building.

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Speaker 1

All of a sudden we get these bills and we're used to paying \$50,000. The bill from, from Cinco has jumped to 80. From 80 to 170. And these are where the festivals are going. 917 to 127, 127 to 146 and so on because of that one mishap. Now, if you were in our position, for instance, and a good analogy is that, you know, basically about how much water you pay every month, because basically the water is the one that's more standard.

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Speaker 1

You don't get billed for three months, and all of a sudden you got a bill and it's double. Now, I, you know, knowing you, the first thing you would do is question and say, I'm not going to pay it. What's wrong here? That's all we're doing. The situation here is that, you know, just, because we're Mexican Americans, you know, that doesn't make us dumb.

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Speaker 1

We can. That one and one is two, you know? And at that time, I talked to the board, and the board made a decision. We're not going to pay them until they answer us why this happened to this state. We have not got an answer from anybody as to why we're getting charged 3 to 4 times more than any other festival, you know that nobody's taken the time to answer is officially.

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Speaker 1

So what happened that September? For those of you that were there, they participated with us. And most of the channels here did is that we cut the festival down. If you remember, the only street we had open was Park Avenue and, and, and the park, we closed all of day and all the way to, Santa Clara.

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Speaker 1

We had about 75,000 people because we don't, you know, we downgraded the festival, the you know, that that bill was higher than the single mile. And then so we start telling ourselves, you know, there's a problem here. So that's why I'm going to give you some data here that shows all the festivals, the largest festivals and, how much they've been charged.

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Speaker 1

And we only had this study done for five years. And, you know, because this is public information and the Office of Cultural Affairs, the Department. And I wanted you to see that, and I wanted you to understand the forum always pays is that the forum is a triple AA organization. you read about all our programs, everything that we do, we give substantial money away since this mishap that happened.

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Speaker 1

But the amount we can even give our own scholarship foundation \$5,000 a year, like we used to, or to all the committee, we haven't given nobody nothing. Because all the money that we used to make that we turned around and used to give to the community now goes to the police department. And I'm not saying is the police department's fault.

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Speaker 1

There's no policy in this city that says, hey, well, you know that, you know, we can only charge the festival so much. So, you know, if we could charge 150,001, that's three days because, 300,000 people and they can charge 33,000. Something wrong? And that's our only objection. I don't care about the Murphy news or anybody says know.

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Speaker 1

I mean, you know, they're just spinning up their head. They got, you know, they got want to be writers and want to do something, but they don't know the truth because they should have came to me first and asked me instead of running around all over and, you know, bothering our members and all that. So I'm going to give you that information right now.

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Speaker 1

And this was written to Joshua Power, because last September, we, the board had discussed it and we had discussed the possibility that the police department and the city of San Jose did not come out. With some policy that says, you know what, no matter how big. And I'm not talking about Jeff Warren, no matter how big, any big festival, there's five downtown kids, which it only charge them this.

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Speaker 1

But that's never happened. And it seems that, that, we're the only large Hispanic, Cinco that I don't want to talk to the Mercury News because they already did their song and dance. I wanted to talk to you that are, you know, that are supporters that come here all the time and all that. Because I wanted you to hear from the forum where it's really coming from.

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Speaker 1

I don't have to write a statement and sit there and try to make words up. I'm telling you, from what I feel, this is one of the best organizations there is. It's just all the money. We've been aware over the years and everything, and the fact that gets us a daily rate is that nobody's ever answered why we get charged more than anybody else, and we written letters and all that.

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Speaker 1

And now the time has come. Like I told George, George, it's time to put this festival. If we can't get the city of San Jose, which is, a largely, big but, majority of it is Hispanic, to support the biggest festivals downtown that bring money into downtown. And then what, why are we doing it for?

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Speaker 1

Why are we going \$100,000 and the whole way, the police department, every festival and everybody's making money by us, I mean, I mean, it's got to. That's for good and that's fine and dandy, but, you know, not at our expense. So that's why. And I'm glad you came because I take you out of here straight from the horse's mouth, not from wannabes or discontent.

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Speaker 1

People know that this is straight from the poor. this is the truth. It's all there. And. Right. You know, you can look at it. You can call George. So what? We've been working on it for year. We've been trying to figure out what's going on. What's wrong here? Why are they getting charged 33,000? You're going to charge 150.

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Speaker 1

I said something wrong here. I mean, anybody they can look at figures can see that something definitely happened after that Cinco de Mayo thing that had nothing to do with us. It was mishandled. Totally. And that's what I wanted you to come and tell you. This is not an issue. And please listen to me. This is not a police versus G.I. forum issue.

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Speaker 1

This issue deals with. There should be a policy in the city of San Jose about large festivals. How much can you drain them out of it? I mean, is it worth it for the city? Also, there's the question about, you know, and we know that there's a lot of downtown association members, and I'm not saying all of them because the majority of them support the festival, because we made a study that, that, that have a little click and there's another little clip, you know, within that have been trying to put, Cinco de Mayo from downtown.

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Speaker 1

First they asked us to come because they needed people downtown. And everybody knows for the last several years they've been trying to, to put it downtown. So the question is here is that, are they are they systematically pushing us out? But, you know, by giving us more and more and that's a question that our lawyers have to answer.

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Speaker 1

you know, that our laws that look into it, we have lawyers and all that. And, you know, we have we pay insurance. The thing is that we're signing the agreement with the city because we have never said we're never going to pay the city. We've been working on it for six months. I met with the city attorney's office, and, we're just a last minute adjustment and, and and just to clarify all the rumors.

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Speaker 1

And the thing is, what action we take after this has nothing to do with our relationship with the police department or with the mayor or or where the Office of Cultural Affairs or anybody this issue basically is, did the forum or the Mexicanos systematically get pushed out slowly but surely. And the only way and you're the only ones that can look at all that information that I have there.

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Speaker 1

And you make up your own mind because what I told you is the truth, and the forum has nothing to hide. It has never hidden anything from you. And in every organization that this contains, it'll come and say all kinds of stuff. But you're hearing this from the forum and the board, and that is the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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Speaker 1

And I will answer any questions that you have right now. And if you want to do it individually, whatever, I don't care. I just want to clarify this thing. I want to put it to rest the forum. We've got our project working. yeah. I mean, that has nothing to do with a single and all that. This money is construction money that was meant to us that we don't even see because it's, they have contract administrators.

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Speaker 1

They don't come to the forum. All of construction is paid directly for the bank. And even though in the article they say that I'm hiding money and all that, I'm saying, wow, I wish I had money hidden somewhere, but I'm just saying that now is your chance to ask the questions you have to have. I just ask one thing of you don't go out there, be a report, a cop report or something that tries to put words in my mouth because I will not accept that you'll never talk to me again in the future.

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Speaker 1

That's what happened to some reporters that had trusted that, you know, that, and I know that. And I don't blame them so much that they're trying to make a name for themselves, but, you know, but when you come to a nonprofit, Hispanic organization that does a lot for the community, you know, I mean, and I'm not saying nothing bad about the American news because, the writing staff that that's all there throughout our scholarship foundation and our new building and all that, I praise them.

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Speaker 1

They're the best there is. And, and the Mercury News and the Mobile Mundo. But there are some factions, and I feel that, those factions have to be checked because this does more damage to the organization. They don't do damage to me or this and that. We're individuals. we'll be dead in ten years. The forum will be here 50 years from now.

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Speaker 1



We're looking at the organization itself. And that's why I ask, when you write your stories, pick up about what you're saying right. And so right now I'm going to break it in case you want to interview me individually. And I will answer the truth. I have nothing to hide. The forum has nothing to hide and has never hidden nothing from any of it.

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Speaker 1

That's all I have. I'm sorry.

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Speaker 3

Whatever. And I wanted to ask you something. you are obviously very upset at, the article from the Mercury News. How I read the report is, is that he tried to contact you and you couldn't talk to me to talk to him every time that we have to do a story. And he's a very controversial story. We are always looking to try to get the two sides because otherwise you look unbalanced.

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Speaker 1

Do you want me to tell you? Because I'm glad you asked that. And this is good, because you got to learn a little bit about the history of the department. In 1992, when I was, chairman of the board, and they made me chairman of the board, when I got elected chairman of the board, we had a controversy with the name of our alcohol recovery home.

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Speaker 1

You know, the county, you know, we were always at odds with the county because since this is, this organization is not like other Hispanic organization, we save what we feel, you know, you know, we don't care about our funding all that anyway, Joe Rodriguez wrote a bunch of articles. So at that time, me and and some of the board members went and met with J.

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Speaker 1

Harris, Hammett and some other people in that top echelon. And at that time, we made an agreement. And, I had, you know, I, I didn't show the news. That letter that, that, that, that, that, that Edwin wrote me and the one that I wrote back and that and sent to Harris, Hammett and all of them, we had an agreement that said, you know, why do you always want to attack, nonprofit corporation, specifically the G.I. forum?

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Speaker 1

You know, I mean, if you, we had the issue with them was with, if you want that better news, you know, I mean, why pick on that? I mean, what are you to help the community? So there was like, an agreement made there between all of us that said, hey, did you ever have any problems? Call me and all that.

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Speaker 1

So, I began trusting reporters that Edwin called me a few times and all that. And I always used to tell him, Edwin, this is what's going on, or that what happened here and what you have to understand. And I'm glad you're here for the American news. And I'm glad the rest of you here so you know about the future.

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Speaker 1

Is that Edwin went and started calling a bunch of G.I. forum members. Some of the, numbers were on this list, so we wonder how the hell they got that, you know? And when he called me, it's too late to call me lady, because the agreement I made with the Mercury News is that if you have a problem with something, you come ask me first.

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Speaker 1

You don't have to bother the members, or you don't have to get, This anybody can find in any organization people that did this in China with it, and they'll tell you all kinds of stuff and all that, you know, I mean, that's not the way it works for nonprofit. If Edwin would have followed the policy or the agreement that we would, that the upper echelon had it.

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Speaker 1

If you ever need anything coming at us, ask us first. We will tell you he violated that. And the letter that I wrote to, to that I am sorry, Edwin. I had sent that to him, and I gave a copy to Harris, to Hammett, and to the other editor, because that's a violation. That's why he wasn't allowed to come in here.

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Speaker 1

Nonprofits work on trust because that's all we have. You know, we don't have time to be playing a little Mickey Mouse game with Joe Rodriguez and Edwin Garcia, and you can write that down. I really don't care, because that's the way we feel. They, Edwin Garcia should have come to me first and said, Abel, I heard the scuttlebutt, you know?

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Speaker 1

And instead of calling all the four members, I had about 20 phone calls. Abel, why are they calling us and all that? So you think when the man called me after you violated that trust that we had, you think I want to do that? No. Think I'm a different time? I'm a little old fashioned, but that's the way life works.

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Speaker 1

If you want to know the truth, you always go to the top. And anything else.

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Speaker 2

We either define having different cultures and so.

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Speaker 4

Now I want to tell you.

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Speaker 1

I knew that was going to come. Me and George got together. let's see how supportive a supervisor is. I mean, the city council is so, I wrote him that letter that you have there, and I said, you know, the only way we can do that, Cinco, and that's the safest activity, is that we need a large grant, or there's two ways they can do it.

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Speaker 1

They can either give us a large grant to offset the police calls because the police say they have to do their duty, and now I'm not questioning them. Or they can pass a policy that says from now on, any large festival, I'm not. We're not saying just yet for you know, America at the most we can charge them with this.

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Speaker 1

So policy policies don't camp on the police department and grass don't come from the police department. These come from city council. It has to be policy. So George told me that, that, he sent everything to the mayor and all that. And evidently the mayor hasn't moved on it. So me and George already figure that the mayor ain't going to do nothing.

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Speaker 1

So for right now, no, we're not doing that. This is the September. We're not doing the Cinco de Mayo. And we might not do that, because that's what you have to understand is nobody's ever answer why they charging us so much. And we just can't go and do a second exercise again and go another 100,000 in the hole.

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Speaker 1

And nobody's ever told us what nobody's ever answered. So that's why we can't do it. We're building a brand new building. You know, we get to, to a different organizations, and at least we want to do that. So if that's the way the city and the mayor and everybody feels about, you know, we don't need to do that festival.

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Speaker 1

What we might do, though, and and it's not an agreement for paying back. It's the parade. We might still do that that you say and Cinco, because that is not a part of the agreement I'm signing with, with, with, attorney's office because, that was never a question because that that's an official city, function, and that is paid totally by the city of San Jose.

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Speaker 1

But for right now, because, everybody is standing under dubs, with the exception of a few, council members that are trying to help. no, we've seen no support. And, we don't want to, we don't want to get anywhere, whereas with our police department here. Because you know what, they they say they have to charge, and we're going in the whole 100,000 at a time.

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Speaker 1

So if you were our organization, you would think twice. And that don't add up to much. So you have to say no.

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Speaker 2

What about moving back to the county fairgrounds?

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Speaker 1

Well, the thing about the county fairgrounds is this and that. And several years ago, when the when they were trying to kick us from downtown and now going about four years back, well, the biggest thing the police department fought there was the one that we talked against, the Downtown Association, some other organization. There was a police department came out, said, no, we do not want the forum to go to the fairgrounds because this crowd is so big.

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Speaker 1

They go in and then the fairgrounds are no exit. You're going to they're going to pay off the whole city. So that's what force the people downtown, you know, all your fair minds and all that to say, enough is enough. All we want to see is white people downtown that force them out of it, because the police department said no.

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Speaker 1

If they go to the fairgrounds, it's too big. And the good thing about the fairgrounds is that we're inside the fairgrounds. You know, the they can't charge us for nothing here. They charge us for. You'll see in that list K-9 dogs, helicopters, videotaping. I've never seen a canine dog. They charge us for all kinds of stuff. And I'm looking at this list and I say, wow, it to us.

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Speaker 1

It feels like the whole police department works for us on Sunday, which makes us feel good because we employ a lot of people. However, we can't afford them anymore. And that's the only reason that this issue, again, is not police and decorum. This issue is that the city is supposed want to have something, but those Mexicanos do they or don't.

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Speaker 1

That's just a simple question. I can almost guarantee you it was reimbursed. And we were another American organization. There was this big they would have worked it out somehow. I've lived in this community for so many years. That's the truth. And I hate to say it. And we would have been white. It would have been worked out. But since we're brown, it can't be worked out.

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Speaker 1

And, you know, that's the way life is and that's the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We've been working on this for two years, since we found the discrepancies and, nobody wants to push and tug and, this and that and that's, that's that truth. And that's a shame to say that, because a large portion of this community is Hispanic, a large part it I'm not saying Hispanics often cannot make up the majority of them.

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Speaker 1

And, this festivals, we have never had any major problems or anything. A study that was made by the police department for years ago proved that, during our festival when we have a non festival Sunday downtown, they have just as much trouble as they do when we have the festival. The same amount of arrests and all that.

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Speaker 1

And the other question, then I can go on.

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Speaker 3

I just want to.

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Speaker 1

Individual interviews because I got to get more into Spanish if they can because I my Spanish, they don't much of do. You guys let me ask the police department. They got anything? yeah. Okay. That's fine. Okay.

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Speaker 2

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Speaker 3

I basically I want to know what is the line in the article. I want to know what you are. No. I'm not.

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Speaker 1

I'm not attacking again. I'm not here to get in a piss off with a mercury. I just gave you an opinion. We had an agreement with the Mercury News and it was violated. As far as I'm concerned, I'm the one that it's been arguing over there with. With the people up there at the top level. And it has been working fine.

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Speaker 1

That was because of when Joe Rodrigo wrote all the articles about the G.I. Forum and Villanueva and all that, and that agreement was reached. And we had we had that understanding between the G.I. form, the Mercury and look, you know, you don't step on our toes and we won't step on your toes. But you know, and and the thing is, when you when people go around, you know, disrupting the GI form, we're going to states and instead of going to the top within, you know, they're then they violated that trust.

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Speaker 1

And I like that. That's how simple it is. If you want to give me the letter then I am sorry, Edwin, but I have to give it to everybody else too. And the letter that Jerome wrote back to him, if you want to, I can give you that. And if you want it, I don't care. I mean, you know, you know, I'm just telling you that no, lady, I know you're from another mundo.

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Speaker 1

I'm not here to get in a pissing contest.

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Speaker 3

I just want to make sure that, you know, for accuracy. Because if are you're saying that some of the things are not accurate or. That is a lie, I want to make sure that I, that.

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Speaker 2



I have I'm not.

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Speaker 1

Going to go point by point. I just told him what the truth is about all this thing. Some statements were made about the building. I just told you what the truth is about. The building is not. My building is not the board of Directors building. This building was built because the membership gave a directive. They appointed me to make all decisions.

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Speaker 1

And the building, sign all contracts and whichever way, build it for him. It's not a board project. you know, so statement that were made now that are all false. I was assigned a given a complete authority to go into did this and that. That comes from the membership. But some of you people don't understand. We're not a c, d, a CTC, a Mexican heritage or a Matlab or or a or, Maxar.

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Speaker 1

Those people just have boards. The G.I. forum has a membership. The membership is a supreme body, the board of directors and and and me as the executive director, that staff works for me. I work for the board and all of us work for the membership. So they're the ones that make major decisions. So the thing is here that a lot of things that were said in that article are inaccurate.

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Speaker 1

Yeah. I mean, and it's too bad because, you know, and I'm not here to get in between the mercury or the number one. So I'm here to to clarify, because I have received hundreds of calls or when I go to a restaurant like Mexico Lindo everybody wants to know all the waiters and all that were not. I don't want to say they want to know.

00:24:56:03 - 00:25:15:29

Speaker 1

That's why I invited you here. I want you to tell the community why we can't do it. Because there's there's something wrong here. But we're getting charged 3 to 4 times more than the other pistols, you know? You know. And I don't care what they say. We've never caused any problem downtown or anything. I mean, they say that we tie up all the freeways and all that.

00:25:15:29 - 00:25:39:02

Speaker 1

I say, well, they've never been to a festival. You go to San Antonio or you go to, to Kyoto, or you go to Macy's Parade. Those are festivals where they just go 32 blocks down. They tell the people you don't like and don't come downtown. Those are festivals. You know what city supports it? So that's why I just I want to answer your questions that have to do why we're not going to do that.

00:25:39:05 - 00:26:00:18

Speaker 1

This he says. And I want you to understand that it's not us that don't want to do it. Our hands are tied or we're being pushed out. But there's this thematically, and the big issue here is that it's a, versus policy downtown. It's not as police or as this. And it's not that the police feel they have to have that much.

00:26:00:18 - 00:26:16:19

Speaker 1

That's fine and dandy. We feel we don't need that much, just fine and dandy. So there's there's people that we hope for in the middle, you know, city government, those are the ones. And that's the problem. The other part. And yeah, they're going to anybody have a, overall question because they're going to interview me.

00:26:16:25 - 00:26:22:08

Speaker 3

I was in Iraq. Well, when were you informed about the that you mentioned that, you know, that the city.

00:26:22:09 - 00:26:24:00

Speaker 1

You mean you work with another Mondo?

00:26:24:02 - 00:26:24:21

Speaker 3

Yes.

00:26:24:23 - 00:26:36:07

Speaker 1

But in the thick of the mouths, you guys didn't catch it. I made a statement to the to the Mondo, and they wrote an article on it that we were in debt 450,000. And I'm sorry you missed it.

00:26:36:09 - 00:26:38:28

Speaker 3

I wrote the article. What it what it was, and.

00:26:38:28 - 00:26:40:25

Speaker 1

We were we were in debt 450.

00:26:40:25 - 00:26:44:02

Speaker 3

Thousand. But when were you informed? I know what you told me.

00:26:44:03 - 00:27:06:09

Speaker 1

No, we you know, maybe we get the bill every, every and every festival. And one thing for you have 50 things. You have people we've known all the time. Yeah, because we could build. And the only reason we are embedded, we said, wait a minute before we pay it, you know, a full and a full of rats is the worst person in the world.

00:27:06:09 - 00:27:19:29

Speaker 1

Because if you just go paying the bill, they send you, you know, you'd be broke right now. Occasionally when it doesn't jibe, you have to question it. The only thing we did is we said no, we're not going to pay you until you answer us. And we never received an answer. The forum is going to pay the bill.

00:27:19:29 - 00:27:35:20

Speaker 1

We known about the bill all the time. We did it every after every festival. About 90 days later, we get the final police bill. The other bills come real quick and they're real smart and they always send a bill, with the exception of three festivals that they didn't bill us. And all of a sudden they they bill this.

00:27:35:20 - 00:27:39:11

Speaker 1

And that's what we found out. Something was wrong. And that started the whole chaos.

00:27:39:14 - 00:27:42:12

Speaker 3

And that's what I meant, that that's what I wanted to know about.

00:27:42:14 - 00:28:05:29

Speaker 1

That was on the Cinco de mile after the Cinco de Mayo riot, that we got three bills that one time that said we owed something like, 225,000. And from there all we did was add and, and, and, everybody knows in the organization that every time we did a festival, the board decided not to pay. It therefore just added on to the tail end, because eventually we're going to work something out with the city and we're going to pay every penny back.

00:28:06:01 - 00:28:18:24

Speaker 1

It just that we have a right to question. Bill. I don't know if you people do it at home, but I do. Okay. Just start with the individual and that's what I'm going to do the best as I can.

00:28:18:26 - 00:28:20:25

Speaker 2

That's all we have.

00:28:20:27 - 00:28:29:17

Unknown

Okay, okay. Exactly right here. Yeah.

00:28:29:19 - 00:28:30:20

Speaker 2

Transition.

00:28:30:22 - 00:28:33:27

Speaker 1

And nothing against it because you it. You're not a good idea. Yeah.

00:28:33:27 - 00:28:37:28

Speaker 3

I just wanted to know what is it? I knew because I talked with you. I just need to know. Yeah.

00:28:38:00 - 00:28:43:19

Speaker 1

You just think it affects your copy of the letter that I wrote back to Jay Harrison, you know, so, you know.

00:28:43:22 - 00:28:47:01

Speaker 4

Okay.

00:28:47:04 - 00:28:59:29

Speaker 4

But I might be.

00:29:00:01 - 00:29:00:28

Speaker 1

Pretty jump.

00:29:01:00 - 00:29:01:21

Speaker 2

On that.

00:29:01:23 - 00:29:05:06

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, let's do it on our way. We can knock everybody out at once.

00:29:05:06 - 00:29:06:27

Speaker 2

Don't think you can, I.

00:29:06:28 - 00:29:14:07

Speaker 1

Do you want to move over here in case I don't want to look back? Like they want to take this to. I'll be here. I mean, you know how they do it all the time.

00:29:14:07 - 00:29:17:14

Speaker 4

I got a good picture over here.

00:29:17:16 - 00:29:30:17

Speaker 1

They didn't get his tripod. I don't think it's going to be long, but looked at, you know, it wasn't police and general, I. The chief, is a good friend. And I mean, and it's not it's not that I think that but you ask those questions that people should know. Okay.

00:29:30:18 - 00:29:35:17

Speaker 2

And I'm also going to bring up something you didn't bring up about the resignation letter of Billy.

00:29:35:19 - 00:29:46:27

Speaker 1

Oh, yeah. Well, I got, I can talk to that. And it's too bad that you're going to bring that up, because Billy was very upset that she. She made no comment to that or nothing. That never should have been in the paper. But we're going to straighten all that out right now.

00:29:47:01 - 00:29:51:27

Speaker 2

The reason why I had to take part of the letter from the story is that.

00:29:51:29 - 00:30:00:11

Speaker 1

We heard about it. We heard about it today. We heard about that brother John. Okay, let's do it. Let's do it one time and be patient with it, okay? Okay.

00:30:00:14 - 00:30:02:22

Speaker 3

We he got a.

00:30:02:25 - 00:30:05:01

Speaker 2

And I talk a lot like.

00:30:05:03 - 00:30:28:18

Speaker 1

A problem but it's not a mid-level sentence. But when they say some as I, I did Cinco de Mayo. those what is this question is, Cicero. And then for the second mile that they said about it too. Yeah. No, no problem in the back. Quattro in Santa Clara. So on a personal note, on the, festival and the the, that's,

00:30:28:21 - 00:30:53:12

Speaker 1

Okay, I don't know, which has been done, as you said, on the news. Doesn't matter. You look at that. Okay? Okay. No, I don't know what that was in Mercury News. It has never been. I don't care, right. It is. you look at what is a simple, notice signal, but it's a festival notice if it people put it because the gun and the terminology says they notice anymore.

00:30:53:13 - 00:31:19:29

Speaker 1

Made for Cinco de Mayo. You got to get those people a lower income was good. Not the impuestos up. I got a sequence. I mean, this population in the of Policia Privado de todo a, look at peso. This is to where that thing went out into your chant. sent to the cafe. Yeah. Your stomach in the festival was made for some commodity in the central mail or the central segment.

00:31:19:29 - 00:31:45:22

Speaker 1

I mean, but it's, not covered under threat. This is not government funded festival. I don't cuatro Santos made this as soon as possible. Our proposal has been in. But so that you're not saying no, they may not know. These are never their policy. Yeah, it is most in. sincero. They said, I'm Madison. Can you tengo it?

00:31:45:22 - 00:31:50:00

Speaker 1

But I mean, I think that's okay. I say hello.



00:31:50:02 - 00:32:12:19

Speaker 1

And cars. Okay. You never let me tell you if I mean under medical center sequencing of policy. Yes, yes, they do that. but the the process for it and it happens when I have to submit. I will, but in Medicare and I make it a metaphor for dancing. But I need you to. But but but I will say this, that this isn't the only thing.

00:32:12:19 - 00:32:23:11

Speaker 1

Okay. But it but, but, but I think simple sentence meal or personal and gas. Okay. But are paparazzo and some people. Yeah.

00:32:23:12 - 00:32:29:26

Speaker 2

Yeah, because of me too. And I think this could be as a gay as.

00:32:29:26 - 00:32:58:04

Speaker 1

Okay, I say, I say Como Los cuatro cinco pasado. Therefore you cannot get nominated. Anos de la fairgrounds. okay. Cover redevelopment and redevelopment. The downtown Association. No, they cannot get no pueblo. But again, this Italian trade festival. Let's see him. Does it the in the ground the yellow the are you know are you Los Americanos is not todos the downtown association but that several don't know study look at baseball bullet as many as okay.

00:32:58:06 - 00:33:17:18

Speaker 1

I think 2% of the total of the downtown of search and get in and festival in downtown. Okay. Awesome. They know, but I don't want to keep. Okay. Stop in. Yeah. Look at a general market in and downtown. Yeah. Ran. You know. Okay. Yeah. Okay. It's you don't let me do that. So it could be a también know how to say nothing.

00:33:17:20 - 00:33:36:13

Speaker 1

And, sweetheart. Yeah. You know Hampton and the policy. Yeah. And you know to Orlando del here tonight and I'll see you know I left you go yeah. Yeah. And la vida you know thought about it. Yeah. Yeah. De la cosa. Okay. like a no go to knock knock knock knock off. I got to look at no water.

00:33:36:13 - 00:33:59:17

Speaker 1

No other people can do area. Okay, you almost cabinet. You get up for care. No. God, I'm the nine. Okay. No, I think get another nine. Nunca. Never better than my all the night. But you know, damn it. Understandable that the city attorney and that he like you look at their. Okay lastly my thoughts good. but,

00:33:59:20 - 00:34:20:21

Speaker 1

But not indicative of it. Look, an, got up best the Democrats the. No matter that is in the loyal mass he bastards last time. if I see last week that. No, no. Yeah. And and over to the general over a young woman said a simple young man says that he says, it says party again today.

00:34:20:24 - 00:34:29:05

Speaker 1

You get a no no, that put in what, what the. Entonces put a yes. in and say festive I say simple.

00:34:29:07 - 00:34:33:02

Speaker 2

Okay. Daniel. No other people president.

00:34:33:04 - 00:35:03:11

Speaker 1

She says no no. So no I mean I mean I will. Now what if I'm a cobra tanto follows policy? I see you know what does it unfortunately. But a pilot with at least a not yet. We don't know the Georgia I was, you know, last time, you know, the, and, the bandwagon alma not one deal another not, you know, in my also I a person now who doesn't get get them on equal equal to the total number to know for the moment that nosotros la is a number tenemos otros.

00:35:03:14 - 00:35:30:24

Speaker 1

Then I want a lot of members in the fall. In what the name of the scholarship foundation only automotive metal tenemos what organization is not in the model? Nada. But that's what the yo the nine. Okay or cannot go down the to a you know but you can look at school but then the Los otro festival is the model this program on Thursday or.

00:35:30:26 - 00:35:56:16

Speaker 1

What this but no but because there now let me let has got the mentality that the the the the f and of passive americano Novak by Plato not for the massive content or not make I don't love this. no no no. Okay. and I don't play ball. And look, as soon as.

00:35:56:18 - 00:35:57:20

Speaker 3

Americanos.

00:35:57:22 - 00:35:58:16

Speaker 2

Thousand.

00:35:58:18 - 00:36:23:05

Speaker 1

A look at the on the networks for Nintendo policy. Yes. And dedicated. Yes, sir. And something like I said, okay and cannot make and also look at on and as I look at them in the not on any news on another and not pasado and infested by Nadia by mucho familia mucho I muchos ninos. I did though, and I am not a I know the plate of a day, but

00:36:23:07 - 00:36:27:24

Speaker 2

And but when it doesn't hold to a lot.

00:36:27:27 - 00:36:34:18

Speaker 3

So comentario like I said, they'd be complete us and I said yeah I leave like a to flip.

00:36:34:18 - 00:36:37:24

Speaker 2

Okay. So I, they look at most and you.

00:36:37:26 - 00:36:58:28

Speaker 1

Look at me and I look at billions and then the chaos my back and I just say, you know a the area that after the defeatism and that to vamos a be able to open on that la la de la and the mistake that split in half and I've been known as Q and okay, this and that.

00:36:58:28 - 00:37:21:14

Speaker 1

So look at CMOs give them and remember all those member of a globe members no decency or no. It's a passive voice. So yeah. Yeah. No, that was totally inadequate. And I'm going to resign. Now the question is only thing is that I am at that's a character Como Spanish. And El Periodico is the exact up that is this.

00:37:21:14 - 00:37:48:11

Speaker 1

Q these are the methods that activate your map again, the plus one and a paper and look at it, you know, so they came back and. Yeah. Is that, they don't even have someone driving a. Yes. If we're looking for those on know, but, probably not. Can't know you're going to the air because they they're not you're not gonna control you here on the equipment of.

00:37:48:13 - 00:37:50:23

Speaker 1

But they believe and some of these.

00:37:50:25 - 00:37:51:27

Speaker 2

Is some of the.

00:37:51:29 - 00:38:16:02

Speaker 1

Fundamental know and not funding. They don't know the memos. Okay. I don't indicate aqui tenemos again yo that they got your your you'll got through the narrow that, the the total of Paramus on, Villanueva in the first class parties and GI forum as part of the GI forum that I think Gaga they have a low level of the La Quinta GI forum in that savings account.

00:38:16:04 - 00:38:38:19

Speaker 1

But then what you looking? And I know you don't care if you know you don't like you know they keep in the local you like. You know the Kelly can not get occupants and get GI forum. You know know how to look at them and I forget get some is like because I can of you know what the problem was as good I was lucky nice hostess.

00:38:38:20 - 00:39:02:13

Speaker 1

You can purchase them. But you know, what are they can say because I'm American. He lives queremos. Okay, okay, okay. Looking for to the, I'm getting algun, man. So, boy, that stuff, I get it. So I don't. I was Monday the last video and, the demos, the CDs. Okay, good. what was it? that was.

00:39:02:13 - 00:39:09:00

Speaker 1

I will remember that when you, see bad things. That's been the focus. That's what.

00:39:09:03 - 00:39:09:24

Speaker 4

I.

00:39:09:26 - 00:39:17:09

Speaker 1

This could been, you know. No, it was. Yeah. You know, for the moment, you know, never. Random movie. Look it up. Okay.

00:39:17:12 - 00:39:37:14

Speaker 4

Oh, man. You are Jesus Christ. I mean.

00:39:37:16 - 00:40:06:18

Speaker 4

Welcome for to the 1999 American GI Forum State Education Conference being held in Modesto, California. I'd like to welcome you to the to the final event of our conference. And that's the Queen coronation. really started like, just to have to remind me that this is a, a very important part of the American forum. We've been doing it in the 50s, and we have a very good program ahead of you for this program.

00:40:06:23 - 00:40:22:19

Speaker 4

And I guess you can say produced by a minister, our past Queen and April might have gone here. That's been it's a round of applause.

00:40:22:21 - 00:40:23:19

Unknown

And we do have.

00:40:23:19 - 00:40:27:09

Speaker 4

One dignitary here with us. And, David, my boy, if you could please.

00:40:27:09 - 00:40:36:02

Unknown

Dan David, one of the leader of the teachers union, local 48.

00:40:36:05 - 00:40:57:18

Speaker 4

And then we have we have to give, some credit to two unsung heroes throughout the chat to all three, conference. They have not been seen. They have been working behind the scenes and their sisters. That's Grace, your data and Margie, their sister.

00:40:57:20 - 00:40:58:06

Unknown

Now, I'd like to.

00:40:58:06 - 00:41:00:22

Speaker 4

Call up Willie Nelson. Our new Ernie chaplain is.

00:41:00:22 - 00:41:08:11

Unknown

Asking all to stand for the prayer.

00:41:08:13 - 00:41:11:12

Unknown

She's.

00:41:11:14 - 00:41:48:27

Speaker 4

I'm going to go very slowly so you can see that for me. Lord, make me a minister. When I came here, there is a great manifold, where there is injury. Pardon? For there is a town they where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness. I where there is that this Roy, what would be my last master grant that I

may not forget to seek to be consoled has to come so to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love.

00:41:49:00 - 00:42:11:28

Speaker 4

Where are you in given that we receive, it is important that we are in, and it is in dying that we are the eternal light in. Now, if you go overseas in some sort of standing with the Vietnam Veterans of America and Color Guard are going to enter and present the color of you, accompanied by Michael in charge of the guards with death patrol.

00:42:12:00 - 00:42:13:03

Speaker 4

If you don't, please.

00:42:13:05 - 00:42:34:23

Unknown

Sharply color guard.

00:42:34:25 - 00:42:57:08

Unknown

Or what? You.

00:42:57:10 - 00:43:07:11

Unknown

Put forward or.

00:43:07:13 - 00:43:20:16

Unknown

Probably.



00:43:20:18 - 00:43:26:22

Unknown

Not. Right.

00:43:26:24 - 00:43:36:07

Unknown

Coast guard. Oh!

00:43:36:09 - 00:43:40:29

Speaker 4

Wait! Oh!

00:43:41:01 - 00:43:44:10

Unknown

Don't do.

00:43:44:12 - 00:43:48:15

Unknown

It do.

00:43:48:17 - 00:43:52:27

Unknown

For him.

00:43:52:29 - 00:43:56:24

Unknown

I it would be.

00:43:56:27 - 00:44:13:13

Unknown

So wonderful. Father, we just have one nation under God, indivisible, with our Lord, whom?

00:44:13:15 - 00:44:24:03

Unknown

Symbol for.

00:44:24:05 - 00:44:31:05

Unknown

Peace.

00:44:31:07 - 00:44:40:18

Unknown

All right. Or.

00:44:40:20 - 00:45:00:10

Speaker 4

What?

00:45:00:12 - 00:45:16:20

Speaker 4

A thank you for the Vietnam.

00:45:16:22 - 00:45:21:22

Speaker 4

You can always see that now. Thank you.

00:45:21:25 - 00:46:00:11

Speaker 4

That we. Ordination wouldn't be anything without the judges. That, take the time out of their schedule to come in here and and and do their best. So 100%, our first two judgments. The first one is Selma, and this is a trustee of the Assembly Community College district. Elect a representative elect to give to pay down the cost.

00:46:00:14 - 00:46:08:07

Speaker 4

Our next judge is Noli Martinez. She's, great with numbers, and she's hard on bank creditors.

00:46:08:07 - 00:46:27:17

Unknown

She works with the credit bureaus.

00:46:27:19 - 00:46:58:12

Speaker 4

Our next judge is Nancy Fowler. Now, Nancy used to work at Stanford Law School. Then she got a real job. She had two children, a one year old and a two year old. And she stayed home with the rest of.

00:46:58:15 - 00:47:21:02

Speaker 4

Now, in order to make sure that the numbers are correctly added up and take tally, we have Caleb Arias. Now, Caleb is director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, and he's also a health advocate in our community. Thank you.

00:47:21:04 - 00:47:32:17

Speaker 4

Now I'm going to hand over the program to the troops of this evening's event. And that would be the Woman's Forum. And we're going to have money. I'm not in noble. Please come forward. She was just recently.

00:47:32:18 - 00:47:44:03

Unknown

A victim of terrorism.

00:47:44:06 - 00:47:49:25

Speaker 4

And people any way the pros are coming. So thank you very much for.

00:47:49:28 - 00:48:30:03

Speaker 2

Taking it here. Thank you very much. Welcome, everybody. It's so nice to see a big crowd here to welcome and hear that point. And I actually throw it out because that's what the festival they will shine and make you very happy. And before I make any event here I'm about to close the distance that will be here. I want to tell you that the two couples who are previous previously, but right now, it gives me great pleasure to introduce or three that I know that the fifth, but I don't know what the year is.

00:48:30:06 - 00:48:35:09

Speaker 2

But when she stands up, she can let you know, we have a man.

00:48:35:11 - 00:48:36:03

Speaker 4

and.

00:48:36:06 - 00:49:05:15

Speaker 2

you I've been for you. I've been with you. Has been every year where I think you get better. And so before I introduce to people, I'll start with 1995. That we started with California, the national first runner up of 1995. The paper, the to come.

00:49:05:18 - 00:49:18:18

Speaker 2

In 1996. And then with California and with National. And then having.

00:49:18:21 - 00:49:19:10

Unknown

I got a.

00:49:19:12 - 00:49:20:17

Speaker 2

Minus Diana.

00:49:20:17 - 00:49:21:17

Speaker 4

Romero.

00:49:21:20 - 00:49:31:09

Speaker 2

Also with Campbell Pham with California.

00:49:31:12 - 00:49:37:03

Speaker 2

And there's another thing here, but I don't know what year you will.

00:49:37:05 - 00:49:45:07

Speaker 2

So tell me, when we Santa introduced.

00:49:45:09 - 00:50:24:16

Speaker 2

It's a great honor for me to be able to introduce to you that and that's for you. And I could do that. So to get on with the show, I would like to introduce the three young ladies that take credit for the

performance. And that would be April, my month. You've got to practically step up and start the year on April 2nd, graduated from 17 state.

00:50:24:19 - 00:50:47:01

Speaker 2

She got her degree in computer engineering. And your next hope is the death of a leader who is under a third year from Cal Poly. a mechanical engineer.

00:50:47:04 - 00:51:08:27

Speaker 2

Left after Vanessa got hired. For. What? If she was working there on that independent contractor? And a girl has said she. You just got fired and you got hired. Prior to her graduation, she got hired by a company in Silicon Valley, California, and has had to promotion since you just got hired.

00:51:08:29 - 00:51:16:25

Unknown

So now I don't know.

00:51:16:27 - 00:51:20:11

Speaker 2

And now I hired them. Is that good? Okay.

00:51:20:13 - 00:51:29:24

Speaker 4

Okay.

00:51:29:26 - 00:51:32:11

Speaker 2

Bienvenidos. And a celebration.

00:51:32:13 - 00:51:37:03

Unknown

And one else, I noticed that I got a man and 100% an.

00:51:37:03 - 00:52:01:22

Speaker 2

American guy for him. Is that I have some that around the boys. And I would to up with that young female which I like to get on the Golden Girls either young that they don't, you know, bring them down to see them get some free information to read that. She says, yeah, hey bro, I think we're ready to do our screen test.

00:52:01:22 - 00:52:16:00

Speaker 2

And my first Miss California State. Yeah. Inform. Let's introduce our first contested Miss Modesto, mother of this.

00:52:16:03 - 00:52:22:08

Unknown

Okay. My youngest brother of Mary and David Moore is.

00:52:22:10 - 00:52:50:11

Speaker 2

My motivation for competing in this year's pageant. Is because of the daughter, sister and sister in law to veterans and future veterans. She has seen their struggle, therefore, through the American form of life and this and be a part of the solution for veterans issue. Ladies and gentlemen, Miss Modesto, I think.

00:52:50:14 - 00:52:53:02

Speaker 2

Our second contestant is Miss Fremont.

00:52:53:02 - 00:52:58:29

Unknown

New work. Kimberly. So thank you.

00:52:59:02 - 00:53:03:26

Unknown

For. This chapter. Kimberly is the daughter.

00:53:03:26 - 00:53:24:00

Speaker 2

Of Gary and Minister. Later tonight, she hopes to relay preventative care to everyone about the pros and cons of an important issue within our community. Proposition 187. After you hear her speech tonight, she would like everyone to think about what she has to say and consider all the possible solutions to make the law more equal and fair for everyone.

00:53:24:02 - 00:53:33:25

Speaker 2

Help me welcome me, Miss Fremont North, Kimberly, Sarah.

00:53:33:27 - 00:53:40:22

Unknown

Our next contestant is Miss Junior High. Yes.

00:53:40:25 - 00:53:48:19

Unknown

I other 731. Got a.

00:53:48:21 - 00:53:52:06

Unknown

I understand the law, but there's more work to be done.



00:53:52:06 - 00:54:16:17

Speaker 2

Her civic values and motivation to be a successful Latina as she knew me and she asked the audience and the youth will have a chance to see how important family and education is for the future. Ladies and gentlemen, may I send Senator.

00:54:16:19 - 00:54:19:12

Speaker 2

Allow me to introduce you to Miss Oceanside.

00:54:19:14 - 00:54:27:23

Unknown

This time. Oh, boy. I.

00:54:27:26 - 00:54:29:03

Unknown

Didn't get to promote.

00:54:29:06 - 00:55:03:29

Speaker 2

Of Jimmy because I didn't tell him that. I said has traveled a long distance to share a special message of wisdom with the youth. Why put God and family first, too? Don't let anybody belittle you. Three, don't give up or settle for mediocrity. Four enjoy the positive things in life five and always follow your heart. Once again, this Oceanside.

00:55:04:02 - 00:55:05:01

Unknown

Finally, our last.

00:55:05:01 - 00:55:14:04

Speaker 2

Convention this evening is the summer Baby Valley. Nicole Lemon.

00:55:14:07 - 00:55:26:02

Unknown

I can, I can, I can do this over and over. You can hold my breath. Jackson's public pressure to.

00:55:26:04 - 00:55:40:13

Speaker 2

Dream as if you will live forever then. As if you will die tomorrow. To all of you, let this weekend's events fire you with new legacy of our founding father, Doctor Hector P Garcia. Dear ladies and gentlemen, there's someone they can.

00:55:40:13 - 00:55:52:17

Unknown

Call in the name.

00:55:52:19 - 00:55:54:10

Unknown

Now, please help me to welcome.

00:55:54:10 - 00:55:56:19

Speaker 2

Our reigning Miss California gay foreign.

00:55:56:26 - 00:56:02:26

Unknown

Samantha Bennett.

00:56:02:29 - 00:56:11:07

Unknown

2019. I gave you.

00:56:11:09 - 00:56:22:12

Unknown

My advice now to make you happy. And you take the first runner up whenever you get married.

00:56:22:15 - 00:56:35:09

Unknown

By yourself for your compliance in your heart. You ready to get married once again? Welcome to my 2010 play up, and let's put up our 1999.

00:56:35:09 - 00:56:46:13

Speaker 2

American Gay forum. Faith Queen contestant.

00:56:46:16 - 00:56:48:13

Unknown

And everyone, please.

00:56:48:15 - 00:57:02:05

Speaker 2

Keep your attention throughout the whole pageant. And if you have any pagers, bells, access to computers, whatever you may have me make a ruling. Please turn them on. But they will be started anyway. Thank you.

00:57:02:07 - 00:57:31:06

Speaker 2

Vanessa, do you remember what happened here three years ago? It's all. How can I forget? It can be such a significant part of who I am, who you are, and why we are standing here tonight. Three years ago, you were the reigning Miss California born. Your. It was the edge of my brain and beginning of a circle. A circle that is completed tonight.

00:57:31:08 - 00:58:01:28

Speaker 2

A circle that began when I opened the crowd to you a minute, and then you gave me the national anthem title. And we have been together ever since. But halfway through that circle, I never stopped. The circle would be complete because I thought I had disappointed the organization, but instead it served as an instrumental lesson about the support of genuine people, the kind of support that helps us, young adult, strengthen our determination and to stay on the road to success.

00:58:02:01 - 00:58:24:20

Speaker 2

But the person who stands out most in my mind, and the most generous and supportive way, is a figure. Could you please stand and think about?

00:58:24:22 - 00:58:39:28

Speaker 2

Now, I would like to dedicate this carnation to a special group of individuals, even DiMaggio. Our promise to the future. And that is. Are you and all the youth in here? Please stand. All of you. All of you.

00:58:40:00 - 00:58:44:20

Unknown

Right. All you.

00:58:44:23 - 00:58:59:01

Unknown

Americans. We are hungry. I have been something. And I think that whenever I return to. Do you think that there is enough for you standing here tonight to make.

00:58:59:03 - 00:59:11:25

Speaker 2

Every single member in the American uniform? Once again, I'll ask you, do you think that there's enough youth in this room to be pulling all the American Junior four members out?

00:59:11:26 - 00:59:15:05

Unknown

They won't be there. We're getting there, and we need your support.

00:59:15:12 - 00:59:29:13

Speaker 2

That's why tonight we dedicate it to all the youth. Thank you. American gentlemen.

00:59:29:15 - 00:59:57:28

Speaker 2

So tonight, we complete the circle and begin a new journey with God's blessing. And bear. As a doctor, I hope to be Garcia. And the presence of the greatest richness in life. No extra for you. And now, ladies and gentlemen, let us get better acquainted with our contestants first, representing the whole scene. Chapter. Miss Modesto, Myra Upton.

00:59:58:00 - 01:00:03:29

Unknown

I need a letter. What do you need? Another ten grand. Are you a visiting circle.

01:00:03:29 - 01:00:39:04

Speaker 2

Of friends in Oakdale or you will find her. I've been training them all, helping children learn the fundamentals and beauty of horseback riding, or taking care of two of her own purebred Quarter Horses. Along with being a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, she also co-founded an equestrian team at her high school for expertise. A love for horses keeps you busy, but she still manages your time travel, moreover travels with encouragement and motivation with the intention to cultivate

her education by embracing different ethnic backgrounds like Germany, Switzerland, South Americans and everywhere you go, to name a few.

01:00:39:06 - 01:01:00:09

Speaker 2

But traveling in California, she's recognized a voice with very audiences, from a love of karaoke in the greater Los Angeles area through our Capitol steps, and here also in Modesto. Mary even received a recording soundtrack. Although she has a gift for singing to remain focused and gracious, I received a bachelor's degree in administration, suggested for the new millennium.

01:01:00:09 - 01:01:20:24

Speaker 2

We look forward to seeing mother, Queen of her own ranch and a federal leader in our government. The caring, loving marriage of the gentleman with Modesto, mother of the.

01:01:20:26 - 01:01:30:15

Speaker 2

Our second contestant tonight is Miss Fremont. New work. Kimberly seven.

01:01:30:17 - 01:01:33:15

Unknown

Thank you, thank you, thank you for taking the meeting.

01:01:33:15 - 01:01:56:07

Speaker 2

Carver High School at the club tonight. Kim is taking a different turn in her everyday life and competing for a scholarship, since she can usually be found working diligently to provide scholarships for Latinas who plan to attend college, yet get the monetary support as vice president at this club. To make money for her, she organizes fundraisers to grant the necessary scholarship.

01:01:56:09 - 01:02:19:19

Speaker 2

This generous and caring beauty also sends her goodwill to a retirement home on weekends and brightens today with visitations and an attentive ear. Aside from visiting with her club, Kim enjoys going on her own every weekend to accompany them to church, play games, or go for a walk. Another part of Kim's life is her love for recreational activities.

01:02:19:21 - 01:02:45:11

Speaker 2

Being part of a family who cares about twice a month, she recognizes no boundaries and maintains much courage to this ceremony. She looks forward to working, hiking, circling, bike riding, swimming and roller skating for the new millennium. We look forward to seeing him at a hospital close to her community, where she will fight for her life as an emergency room nurse once again.

01:02:45:11 - 01:02:55:25

Speaker 2

With Fremont in her heart rate that night.

01:02:55:27 - 01:03:04:18

Unknown

Our next contestant is Jennifer.

01:03:04:21 - 01:03:09:02

Unknown

You need something you really haven't heard so many days?

01:03:09:02 - 01:03:28:26

Speaker 2

We are grieving for a man, Bobby. For Jennifer, dancing is in her blood. It puts a positive in her life and brings a culture, a culture. No doubt she has the gift to match. Also the dancing 1003 Mambo Ballroom and then the Folklorico. But her talent does not stop there. Jennifer also raises her church and her high school vampire with her voice.

01:03:28:28 - 01:03:52:06

Speaker 2

Is she also the talent? The theme to the first also natural writer, she has gained an extensive background in writing from her advanced English country to editor of the school yearbook. It is no wonder that it is her ambition to become a Latina journalist and a successful broadcaster for the new millennium. We look forward to watching Jennifer improve the media's portrayal of Latino as we watched your lives every evening on the 5:00 news.

01:03:52:08 - 01:04:15:16

Speaker 2

But another millennium for momentum. Jennifer. What I'm going remind the Latino I it be a good idea, not theorem. Yes, there have been other contenders some of them Jennifer funding in.

01:04:15:19 - 01:04:23:03

Speaker 2

Our next contestant is Miss Oceanside. That a that.

01:04:23:05 - 01:04:27:01

Unknown

If you change her biology, you will find her at Camp Pendleton.

01:04:27:03 - 01:04:49:10

Speaker 2

Involved in one of many activities. It is our duty as a lifeguard, and she's probably in the swimming pool and starting a water aerobics class for senior citizens, or teaching one of her many swimming lessons. And if she is that instructing, then either working on a junior lifeguard program or practicing synchronized swimming, all the camp hopes and takes a lot of time from Teresa.

01:04:49:12 - 01:05:15:27

Speaker 2

She's not managing to fulfill her obligations at a local county academy. That depends on her tutoring. There she tutor just living extraneous and a dream to come campus and unfortunately impede on our study. As she prepares these kids for high school, she's Derek and Chris Horton sometime often form of encouragement for them. She also motivates you as a team partner for the Oceanside Library.



01:05:16:00 - 01:05:45:03

Speaker 2

Teresa is prepared to save lives in a different way no matter what she does for the new millennium. We look forward to seeing Teresa in Alaska working to save lives in a cancer research lab while serving our community. Like a true role model and as a teacher once again here in Oceanside that I can come.

01:05:45:05 - 01:05:54:02

Unknown

Our final because the denial missile city selling Nicole element.

01:05:54:04 - 01:06:00:20

Unknown

Thank you, thank you. Feeling unified because of the performance. These local artists dancing.

01:06:00:24 - 01:06:31:17

Speaker 2

And music has built her discipline. Maintain her active and provide an outlet for her charisma. She's won many forms of film and music and conquer these challenges briefly in the spotlight. When we share your pride for her heritage is through her by the popularity vote and the Latino decisions. We've got the opportunity again to play. Along with traditional dancing, she also has embraced modern hip hop, cheerleading, ballet, tap into the desire to learn a beautiful language and music library, to trumpet lessons at the age of nine and local training at the age of five.

01:06:31:19 - 01:06:57:02

Speaker 2

Nikki's obvious talents and performing arts letters will be held in place, making strides in film and youth with the values and joys she has personally gained from dancing for the next millennium. We look forward to watching you play leading role in a major film will maintain her court order in justice. The court order in the United States to extend by 11 million young people, military offensive by the United Kingdom in Poland.

01:06:57:03 - 01:07:17:25

Speaker 2

And I want to remind the recipients, you can join us for their business on the Somerset Valley with Nicole Allen and.

01:07:17:27 - 01:07:34:20

Speaker 2

Now that you have been introduced to these precious jewels, let us watch them to continue to shine as they express your thoughts through their prepared speeches. Our first contestant tonight is speaking about Americans duty to U.S. veterans. Miss Modesto Myra.

01:07:34:20 - 01:07:52:03

Unknown

Upton.

01:07:52:06 - 01:07:58:26

Unknown

Is in know seven then-U.S. senators.

01:07:58:28 - 01:08:57:26

Speaker 2

Members of the G.I. forum. American heroes. Family, friends, and my fellow Queen. It is a soldier, not the reporter who has given up the freedom of the press. It is a soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the poet, and not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate it is a soldier who salutes the flag to serve beneath the flag, who calls in the street by the flag throughout the protest to burning the flag is not only for what we do, we are held responsible for, but also for what we cannot do.

01:08:57:28 - 01:09:30:17

Speaker 2

These words really from an author in a newsletter I read called Over and Out Their thoughts. Written thoughts are certainly correct about our soldiers, about our rights, about our responsibilities. I don't think we as Americans see with the many women of our armed forces sacrifice while serving our country, basically their lives in all cases, whether they come back to life or not, are still never the same.

01:09:30:19 - 01:09:50:00

Speaker 2

My own brother suffers from respiratory problems from the Gulf War, but he refuses to see the doctor because he has heard of other Gulf War veterans going in and only be turned away for lack of medical evidence, so to say. On a mental point, he doesn't talk about it and used only kept it to the back of his mind.

01:09:50:02 - 01:10:22:04

Speaker 2

Basically, he has given up on this discussion. Our system that you pray to serve, to protect. It when I think about it, it hurts me. Okay. It's through experience. So I mean my life story, I stand with it. I found many a complex. Therefore now is the time, now is the time and the patriotic citizens of this country to come together, veteran and non veteran alike.

01:10:22:07 - 01:10:48:07

Speaker 2

Now, when I say this, I don't mean just the audience here sitting in the room. I don't mean the average person walking down the street. I mean every single body in here. I mean every single person is proud to be an American. I mean every single person that has dignity and respect for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, for our freedom, for it.

01:10:48:10 - 01:11:16:29

Speaker 2

I think when we come together, there's so many things we can work on. But if you we could vote. We can watch for laws and politicians and legislation that supports the rights of veterans. We also need to inform the younger generation, such as myself, my fellow queens. But you sitting in our audience and beyond about the importance and the importance of veterans and veterans issues and veterans rights.

01:11:17:01 - 01:11:53:22

Speaker 2

Also, as Americans, we need to teach each other how we can, how we should, and how we can continue to be a part of this very important responsibility. Finally, I mean emotional aspect for those of us who

are not veterans, if we ever get a chance to speak to the veterans, the heroes. But the opportunity you have tonight to tell them how much you appreciate them serving for you, for us, for they serve.

01:11:53:24 - 01:12:31:20

Speaker 2

And then future veterans continue to serve unselfishly for the freedom that all of us in many cases, take for granted. Thank you and God bless.

01:12:31:23 - 01:12:46:26

Speaker 2

Thank you. Mike, our next contestant is speaking about the impact of opposition. What are you telling Miss Fremont? Kimberly said.

01:12:46:28 - 01:12:53:14

Unknown

Good evening. Family, friends. Fellow by four members. Judges, I'd like to thank you for coming.

01:12:53:16 - 01:12:54:11

Speaker 2

When I come.

01:12:54:13 - 01:13:01:07

Unknown

Back to the party tonight, I'm going to bring up a very strong performance exclusively here. And so let.

01:13:01:08 - 01:13:07:21

Speaker 2

Me back to my campaign. Argentina in November of 1997, proposition.

01:13:07:21 - 01:13:14:28

Unknown

187 passed. And those of you who are unaware of this on welfare, education and health care.

01:13:15:00 - 01:13:24:29

Speaker 2

With the exception of to cases it was going to, many racial minorities like myself have and will continue to suffer, as you see, justified.

01:13:24:29 - 01:13:30:22

Unknown

By this law. Half of my family emigrated from Mexico and they rest.

01:13:30:25 - 01:13:37:25

Speaker 2

But still they're treated like I'm not committed. President. Politician 187 different people.

01:13:37:25 - 01:13:49:00

Unknown

The opportunity to vent their fears and hatred for anyone and with anyone in our era proclaimed in our city. Proposition 187 asked.

01:13:49:00 - 01:13:50:00

Speaker 2

What are your political.

01:13:50:06 - 01:14:09:10

Unknown

Discrimination? Patients receive in the hospital receive medical treatment? And I never them well, I have an opportunity for predicated on this law proposition. I will come to 27 for the perception of an opportunity for good. Is that anyone, whether it be a.

01:14:09:10 - 01:14:23:14

Speaker 2

School teacher and a store clerk for health care provider, can and will be part this time for fear. Deportation has paved the way for a surge in health care prices. State lawmakers, legislators and voters supporting.

01:14:23:14 - 01:14:40:18

Unknown

This block have failed to tackle a rising epidemic, as immigrants are likely to avoid immunizations and treatments. Your curriculum through sexually transmitted ailments and other infectious diseases. Other health exceptions are studied here and elected as.

01:14:40:20 - 01:14:56:06

Speaker 2

Many young children, and all of them still have that they're unable to receive the. Just imagine 12 year old boy. It's really significant. We're considering that he's denied treatment because he's not considered enough.

01:14:56:08 - 01:15:04:13

Unknown

Five days later, with any court entry, it's too late. He has leukemia and dies at 84.

01:15:04:15 - 01:15:16:14

Speaker 2

Well, you don't need to imagine because it's really to have have put yourself in the parent shoes. How would you feel? Proposition 187 is a very controversial issue, and it probably.

01:15:16:14 - 01:15:49:29

Unknown

Always will be. But just remember, for the nation of immigrants and the only that we're here originally for the Native American. And we're getting the immigrants and your names just like everyone. Thank you very much.

01:15:50:01 - 01:16:10:20

Speaker 2

Thank you. You're really. Our next contestant is speaking about the success of generations. I'm sorry. The continuance of the fifth through generation. It's time to say. Jennifer, I really.

01:16:10:22 - 01:16:15:20

Unknown

Prepared for many of you when I mentioned, I would like to sincerely.

01:16:15:20 - 01:16:39:16

Speaker 2

Thank Dr. Brown for giving me this great honor to be present here tonight at the time, to represent women as we all represent our community in a remembering a doctor happen. Friends come here. Who a Latino woman. Success is a hard earned lesson in my family. My mother taught me three valuable lessons. The value of success and what it means to be a Latina woman.

01:16:39:18 - 01:17:14:15

Speaker 2

And no matter, black can never give up. Repeatedly, I see these lessons being applied to my life as well as the lives of others. As we all strive to overcome society's activities, the importance of family goes beyond just support. They are great. What is my greatest inspiration is my great grandfather whose name is up because I excel, is my great grandfather, but faces the same obstacles that Doctor Hector Garcia were confronted with as they both fought for equality among Latino.

01:17:14:17 - 01:17:43:24

Speaker 2

My grandfather was a journalist in Mexico who had both the voice and the courage to make himself heard. The last article he wrote was regarding the unions in Mexico. A group of people had become enraged that he would have the nerve to take a stand against the corruption of the Union, and because

of this he was assassinated. It brings tears to my eyes to think that his own people would shed his blood over an article that was going to better than all across.

01:17:43:25 - 01:17:47:24

Speaker 2

You know, we have to work together because together we are fighting.

01:17:47:24 - 01:17:53:16

Unknown

For the same goal that doctor Hector Perez, I see it had desired.

01:17:53:19 - 01:18:09:19

Speaker 2

However, my great grandfather spirit is still with me and he lives throughout my life and my mother. My mother is an exemplary model of success, dedicating her time to help her. Last year.

01:18:09:22 - 01:18:15:07

Unknown

Success is not measured by house brand. One goal is it is measured by having the desire and.

01:18:15:07 - 01:18:16:24

Speaker 2

Determination to achieve it with.

01:18:16:24 - 01:18:21:24

Unknown

Excellence. For 17 years, as I raised my siblings and I.

01:18:21:24 - 01:18:42:29



Speaker 2

Into what we are today and we are her success. But after 17 years, she decides to set up and obtain an education in the field of computer technology so she would be able to obtain a job and support her family even more. And she has succeeded. Today, she not only has obtained a job, but is the president of the Latino Pan Group.

01:18:43:02 - 01:19:10:27

Speaker 2

It's important and involved in my education and still has time to maintain and care for her family. She's showing me that the door of opportunities could be open for any Latino woman, as long as she aspires. I see this same spirit throughout. My great grandfather, the stories of him and his success through his journalism and about the life of my mother.

01:19:10:29 - 01:19:35:19

Speaker 2

The spirit of something had to come to live within these stories. And because of this, I am greatly inspired to be a successful Latina in life. These practices in here you screen have shown the same success in representing our community, which is the reason that we are all present here. Thank you for listening and supporting the Dei forum.

01:19:35:21 - 01:19:41:22

Speaker 2

The Queen and myself as we all represent our community and each and every one.

01:19:41:22 - 01:20:02:28

Unknown

Of you to make. New.

01:20:03:00 - 01:20:17:29

Speaker 2

Thank you. Jennifer. Our next contestant is thinking about the lack of communication between generations. Miss Oceanside, California, home to.

01:20:18:02 - 01:20:24:06

Unknown

One of America. I think I have no ability.

01:20:24:09 - 01:20:26:12

Unknown

Good evening and welcome.

01:20:26:14 - 01:20:48:23

Speaker 2

Cesar Chavez is a brilliant student at heart. A leader who never compromise his principles, a teacher to the world here who has made his name all over the nation. His goals and dedication has been shown by all of his accomplishments. By serving not just as a role model, but as an instrument that help bridge the communication gap between generations.

01:20:48:25 - 01:20:52:11

Unknown

He communicate with every generation. In doing so.

01:20:52:14 - 01:21:18:18

Speaker 2

He brought together a strong team to fight for their beliefs. But growing up in the 20th century. I have noticed the gap growing between two generations. There is a lack of communication between parent and child. Parents are so busy trying to survive in society the children are left alone. More information here can guide. I try to help fill that gap by volunteering, tutoring and motivational speaking.

01:21:18:18 - 01:21:40:23

Speaker 2

I have heard here Academy at alternative high school, also by being a team partner with the Oceanside Public Library and doing and being involved in all these activities, I hope to mentor at least one child. But

have you? Many parents have pushed and guided me, encouraging to follow wherever it is I want to do and never settle down for any.

01:21:40:25 - 01:22:04:22

Speaker 2

My grandparents taught me how to enjoy people of all ages by taking me to functions that they attended. For example, my grandmother would always attend craft writing and she would like to begin with. So I learned how to communicate with adults as well as seniors. This type of quality has enabled me to run a single water aerobics program successfully.

01:22:04:24 - 01:22:08:25

Unknown

Having two brothers and being the. I have learned how to.

01:22:08:27 - 01:22:21:13

Speaker 2

Build and communicate with adults as well as my generation. My parents have taught me how to live. My family has taught me how to communicate with people of all ages.

01:22:21:15 - 01:22:25:27

Unknown

I was learning through my own personal experiences. I feel that I'm adequately prepared.

01:22:25:27 - 01:22:47:04

Speaker 2

To accept the responsibility of being a leader in my community. I can make a difference by taking time out of my day to say it with someone who needs my help. If everyone can just one as a day, even a half an hour and spend it with a child who needs your help, a lot of our communication problems would be resolved.

01:22:47:06 - 01:23:19:11

Speaker 2

We are a lean that creates a chain to our communication. If everyone gets together, we can help fill in that gap of feeling better and chain seniors and adults are linked to the path. Youth and teens are the means to the future. And as we all work together to create trust and future, we can create a strong team.

01:23:19:14 - 01:23:33:14

Unknown

Garcia. Great. Thank you.

01:23:33:16 - 01:23:40:14

Speaker 2

Thank you. Director. Our final contestant. And speaking about.

01:23:40:16 - 01:23:54:04

Speaker 2

Our business contestant, Nicole Element is going to speak about the front of over youth.

01:23:54:06 - 01:23:56:08

Unknown

When I look at these here, you.

01:23:56:11 - 01:23:59:27

Speaker 2

Know, I think we have. We have got some amazing guys who are.

01:23:59:29 - 01:24:05:28

Unknown

Fighting back that that you that you like better. America is the land of the.

01:24:05:28 - 01:24:15:17

Speaker 2

Free and the home of the brave. This is the country with liberty and justice for all and the Pledge of Allegiance. Every time I've been pushed for the things you did say, I feel. See how all.

01:24:15:17 - 01:24:23:08

Unknown

Of these American ideals apply to me. I'm a Mexican American. And why is it that no good hiding American living in a country that is not.

01:24:23:08 - 01:24:31:15

Speaker 2

Always accepting a minority, but because I am a minority? I hope in my heart many hope that came to this country. You know, we should pray.

01:24:31:17 - 01:24:39:20

Unknown

I will be 70 years old, and already I'm aware of the great disadvantage that I face because I'm a minority. These few days of being.

01:24:39:20 - 01:24:42:20

Speaker 2

Obstacle to overcome due to the prejudices.

01:24:42:23 - 01:24:49:01

Unknown

Discrimination and hatred of my fellow Americans, the men in my family that puts their lives on the line for this.

01:24:49:03 - 01:25:00:11

Speaker 2

Thank you very much, Lord. We still leave the Mexican Americans and all. Remember, these are not recognized equal and they will fit again at the amigo. I have seen my people suffer and struggle.

01:25:00:14 - 01:25:05:22

Unknown

Although our ancestors have made great advances, the fight for equality is far from over.

01:25:05:25 - 01:25:24:10

Speaker 2

I will be forever faithful to informing my doctor, Hector Garcia, who refused to give in disguise his racist face. But I will not give up hope that someday we will raise the values that our skin color and cultural differences have made for us. It is next day for my fears and I think have see that we will see change.

01:25:24:12 - 01:25:48:26

Speaker 2

We will keep believing that we have to have it came to America, he said. And all my words, we must all see that the only way to accomplish this is to empowerment. Empowerment of all people comes from the mind. The mind is the strongest when we have it. We see the way the battle for quality do your education for mind to grow richer, which is why I formed my education is our freedom.

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Speaker 2

In our culture we speak of warriors. Do I do you work, I finish strong, you created those willing to stand up and fight for the rights of their people. Yet today, our warriors like Doctor Garcia and Cesar Chavez are becoming a dream. So tonight, I challenge you all to become the next generation of warriors in the battle. Recalling because every great movement in this nation has started with the hopes and aspirations of a single individual.

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Speaker 2

I stand here before you tonight as an example, a young, determined Mexican Chinese-American can accomplish equality in America. Definitely can always hold Arkansans high in the pursuit. I'd like to thank you guys for everything you speak tonight for keeping us in Fresno. Give.

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Speaker 2

Thank you. The call that it makes private competition. This year, we have added an impromptu question to the competition. Want me to remind?