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Speaker 2

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Speaker 3

Because I really do feel welcome. And San Jose, it already feels like home. It feels very much like San Antonio. Thank you all for having me here. And also, I mentioned to the contestants that I don't normally do beauty pageants. I don't believe in them and I don't like them. But this pageant focuses on the integrity, the intellect and the ability of each of the women that you're about to meet.

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Speaker 3

So I'm honored to be here.

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Speaker 3

Thank you. It's my honor now to introduce to you the 1994 San Jose GI forum queen, Miss Veronica Nicole Ortiz.

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Speaker 3

Veronica Nicole is being escorted by the chairman of the San Jose chapter, able to.

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Speaker 3

Veronica Nicole is the daughter of Maria. These are some who said in 1994, Veronica Nicole captured the Miss San Jose GI forum title and went on to place first runner up at the state pageant in Stockton. She's 18 years old and a graduate of Archbishop Mitty High School. As a high school student, Veronica Nicole was listed in the Who's Who list.

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Speaker 3

Among high school students, was included in the Youth Hall of Fame, was a life member of the California Scholarship Federation, and earned numerous other awards. She's currently attending school at UC Irvine pursuing a degree in biology. She then plans to attend medical school at UC Irvine. Veronica Nicole is a member of Mitchell and the Panama African Latino Society.

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Speaker 3

She's interested in serving as a mentor this summer for minority students in the science and math fields. Veronica Nicole's aspiration is to establish a community clinic for women in Santa Clara County. The GI forum is extremely proud to present the 1994 San Jose GI forum Queen, Miss Veronica Nicole Ortiz.

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Speaker 3

And now I'd like to present to you the contestants, who are escorted this evening by proud members of the U.S. Marine Corps, Lance Corporal Luis Betty Size, Betty Nice, Sergeant Thomas Gomez, Staff Sergeant one Avila, and Gunnery Sergeant Sergio will let us.

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Speaker 3

Our first contestant this evening, Miss Ruby Hernandez Ramirez.

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Speaker 3

Ruby, 17 years old and she's a senior at Notre Dame High School.

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Speaker 3

Our next contestant is Miss Denise Portugal. Denise is being escorted by another member of our U.S. Marine Corps.

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Speaker 3

Denise is 17 years old and a senior at Homestead High School.

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Speaker 3

Our third contestant, Miss Lizette Gonzalez Castaneda.

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Speaker 3

Police said is 17 years old and a senior at James Lake High School.

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Speaker 3

Our final contestant is Miss Sonia Cifuentes son. Sonia.

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Can you hear me? Here I go.

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Speaker 3

Okay. And our final contestant, Sonia Gonzalez.

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Speaker 3

Sonia is 18 years old and a senior at Overfilled High School.

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Speaker 3

Our final contestant, Gabriella Arias.

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Speaker 3

Gabriella, 17 years old and a senior at Mount Pleasant High School.

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Speaker 3

Ladies and gentlemen, your 1995 GM forum Queen. Contestants.

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Speaker 3

And at this time, I'd like to invite Abel Cota back up to the podium. Abel, as you may well know, as the San Jose Chapter chairman, is also the coordinator of San Jose's annual Mariachi festival. Chairman Abel Cota.

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Speaker 4

ladies and gentlemen, honored judges, contestants, and, of course, our outgoing queen. I'd like to welcome you to the San Jose GI forum 35th annual pageant and Coronation Ball. I'd like to, welcome all of you. And I like to say that, this year, we have a lot of pretty contestants. And, I'm happy that I'm not one of the judges, because it's going to be hard anyway.

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Speaker 4

I want to make it short. And I just thank you very much for coming and supporting the jury forum, as always, thank you very much.

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Speaker 3

I now have the honor of introducing the people who have the most difficult job tonight. The judges who will select this year's Queen. Our first judge this evening is an external affairs manager for Pacific Bell. She serves on the GI Forum Scholarship Foundation Board, sings in the choir at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission and is the mother of two daughters.

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Speaker 3

Please welcome Vivienne. Miranda.

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Speaker 3

And joining us as a judge is a United Auto Workers union representative from United Motor Manufacturing and Company, Incorporated. He is involved with several nonprofit organizations, which include the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, the Asian Pacific American Alliance, and the wider Lupus Society. Say hello to Richard Aguilar.

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Speaker 3

Also judging tonight is the community marketing manager of the San Jose Mercury News. She's a member of the Lincoln Foundation Board, the Future Vision Program, youth mentor for ninth graders, serves on the advisory board of Villanueva. Villanueva is a member of the Pueblo of San Jose Cabanas and the Hispanic Women's Council of Northern California. She also serves on the board of the Hispanic Charity ball.

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Speaker 3

Let's welcome Gina Olivares, Pagan.

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Speaker 3

Another one of our judges, as the director for the Department of Corrections for Santa Clara County. He has a sincere interest in all community affairs, where you can serve as a source of information and encouragement to advocate for community involvement in local corrections. Please welcome Daniel Vasquez.

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Speaker 3

And we're extremely honored to have served as a judge this evening, a San Jose city councilman. He's a 21 year resident of district seven and is committed to improving our neighborhoods and the city of San Jose. He works closely with the mayor and city council to reduce crime, drugs, and gangs. Our councilman is dedicated to making San Jose a better place to live, work and play.

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Speaker 3

We're pleased to have with this Councilman Jorge Shirakawa, junior.

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Speaker 3

And to tally up our scores for this evening as a trustee for the San Jose Evergreen Community College District. She's employed by the county of Santa Clara as an ethnic population. Services specialist, a 24 year resident of San Jose. She's also always been actively involved in the community, especially in the areas of education and mental health. Say hello to Maria when this.

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Speaker 3

Just to give you some guidelines on the pageant rules. The contestants tonight are all between the ages of 17 and 20. Each young lady has composed an original speech 2 to 3 minutes in length. Each judge has been furnished a score sheet for the assigned points, totaling 100. Up to 40 of those points are for speech, up to 30 for points, and up to 30 for appearance.

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Speaker 3

The scores are then tallied. A queen and two runner ups will be selected. The Miss Congeniality trophy will be awarded to the young lady selected by her peers. The young lady who was crowned the 1995 Queen this evening will go on to represent the local chapter of the state competition. She will also reign over all forum activities. Now, if for any reason the Queen cannot fulfill her responsibilities, the Crown will be relinquished to the first runner up.

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Speaker 3

Our pageant commentator this evening is Monica Renee Gomez. Monica's a 1990 local, state and national GI forum queen. The past five years, she's been part of the pageant committee and has contributed her time by helping with the contestants. Monica is a senior at San Jose State University, where she's studying broadcast journalism and minoring in Spanish. After school, she hopes to further her career as a reporter anchor person for a television station.

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Speaker 3

You know, by chance, have your eye on my job. Okay, that's fine with me. I would I would welcome you. This summer, Monica will be studying at the university. The weather in Mexico. Monica is currently employed at the Pinnacle Company, a marketing communications group in San Jose. She also works at KSAT radio as a news reporter. Please welcome Monica Gomez.

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Speaker 2

I hope to talk to Judy this evening. Maybe I could take her job. We will now begin with each contestant walking on the ramp. Then, by giving a 2 to 3 minute speech, miss Gabriela Arias.

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Speaker 2

Gabriela is the daughter of Aurora Corona. She is 17 years old and a senior at Mount Pleasant High School. After graduating from high school this year, Gabriela plans to pursue a college education at Stanford University, where she will study biology and later prepare herself for medical school.

Ultimately, she hopes to become a doctor and help those who are financially disadvantaged receive health care.

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Speaker 2

Gabriela is currently president of the California Scholarship Federation. She's especially proud of being a recipient of the daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, which was only given to one person at each high school. She also is a secretary, a Boy Scouts medical Explorer post where she has learned the techniques of CPR. Last summer, Gabriela had the opportunity to meet Senator Dianne Feinstein in Washington, D.C., when she was chosen to attend the National Hispanic Youth Initiative on Health and Biomedical Research.

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Speaker 2

Miss Gabriela RDF.

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Speaker 2

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the 35th annual Flotus make Us Queen pageant tonight. It is my pleasure to share with you the origin of my dreams and my hopes for the future. My mother once said to me, I want you to succeed and have a better life than I've ever had. I can still hear her words resonating in my ear as if they had been spoken only yesterday.

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Speaker 2

Growing up as a Hispanic female in a single parent household has not been easy. Although it has been difficult. My mother has provided my two brothers and me with enough love and encouragement to compel us to succeed without the need for gratuitous material wealth within my family and community. I have learned the value of teamwork, responsibility, and the need for education.

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Speaker 2

I learned that it is teamwork that makes a family thrive. That is responsibility that allows the individuals to mature. And with an education, those individuals can conquer almost any obstacle. Because of the environment I was brought up in. I am sure that most children my age have a different perspective on life. I realize that what I really want is to help others, and I have decided to pursue a career in medicine in this field, I could use my past experiences to empathize with those who need care, attention, and a person to lean on.

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Speaker 2

Unfortunately, not every individual is endowed with such assets. Therefore, it is our responsibility to apply everything we have learned through our friends and families to help those in need. It doesn't take much effort to make a positive influence on a person, whether it be through tutoring, counseling, or by simply lending an ear and an open mind to anyone who may be attempting.

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Speaker 2

But today's going rate of violence and drug abuse, especially among youths, it is imperative that we open our eyes and extend our hands to aid those in dire need of mentorship, and that we guide them towards a path to success and happiness. As a Hispanic female, I feel I have come a long way. Not only have I been influenced by the most wonderful family and mentors, but I have set an example for many other Hispanic females who have enormous potential.

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Speaker 2

My role models have been my mother and stepfather, and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work. Muchas gracias, Mother Nature for me. Through them, I have learned things that I would not have otherwise. Most importantly, the value of education. Hopefully I will have the opportunity to pass this message on to the Hispanic community by being a mentor to anyone who may need encouragement.

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Speaker 2

To me, nothing is more important than helping others. And no matter what the circumstance, I will always find time to give back to my family and community what they have given to me. Love, support, encouragement and mentorship. Thank you all very much and have a good evening. When as much as.

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Speaker 2

I miss Sonia Gonzalez.

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Speaker 2

Sonia is the daughter of Julio and Dora Gonzalez. She is 18 years old and a senior at William C over high school. After graduating from high school, Sonia plans to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications at UC Santa Barbara. She says that she will continue with her education, but it will be her most valuable investment. Sonia.

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Speaker 2

Extracurricular activities range from on campus to her active involvement in the community. She has played varsity softball, volleyball, and soccer and is especially proud for receiving honorable mention in all three. When Sonia is not playing sports, she enjoys being a part of the Varsity Club where she is president. Last summer, Sonia was chosen to travel to Europe as a student ambassador.

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Speaker 2

She also recently placed top ten in the Miss National Teenager pageant, while maintaining a 3.4 grade point average. Sonia has made time to participate in Dancing Folklorico in a local group for 14 years. Miss Sonia Gonzalez.

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Speaker 4

Vanessa. This evening US honorable sing Beatles Miami's Sonia Gonzalez. Yes, you should have learned that Michael Duran. Mexicana. It may sound mysterious. When I look into the mirror, I see the reflection of a brown haired, brown skinned young lady. And because of this reflection of the mirror, I am stereotyped. Stereotyped of being unambitious, unsuccessful, or complacent. There are questions as to my identity.

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Speaker 4

People find it hard to label me mexicana, Mexican-American, Chicana, Latina or Hispanic. They question my linguistic ability as to Spanish, English, or both. My mestizo blood begins to boil and I want to rebel again. I will be labeled a new name, only proving that not to be true. So I ask that you not judge me on my parents, nor on stereotypes, but rather on my intelligence, abilities and talents.

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Speaker 4

View me as an individual as to my character, abilities and education. Yes, I am Americana. And yes, I do speak Spanish. My parents coming from Mexico. Experience of life. Of not only working in the fields but also hard labor. Having knowledge of this, I strive to better my life not only for myself but for their hard work. I, as well as my two brothers and sister, I the outcome of their struggle to improve our lives.

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Speaker 4

This is my heritage and who I am. Never would I consider changing my background or the identity of my parents. These are my roots and what I am made of. This is the blood which runs through my veins. I have tremendous pride in my culture, voicing my pride in every opportunity possible, attempting to show that importance of knowing oneself.

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Speaker 4

There is more to a person than the mere label given by society. Look beyond this label and you will find who you truly are. As a Mexican, I growing up in today's society. I take upon all opportunities to enhance my knowledge, using each opportunity as a stepping stone to the next level to achieve my ultimate goals. I will be the first in my family to take my education to a higher level.

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Speaker 4

It is very competitive in the real world, but as a strong minded, strong willed and ambitious mexicana, I strive to succeed. I have set goals and aspirations in which I plan to obtain, and I will not allow personal material or economic obstacles to interfere in all that I do. I strive to be a positive example in my community, as well as a role model for younger Americanos.

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Speaker 4

Muchas gracias. It was an una point. I'm not sure.

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Speaker 2

Miss Ruby Hernandez Ramirez.

00:21:28:15 - 00:21:51:14

Speaker 2

Ruby is the daughter of one. And better to meet us. She is 17 years old and a senior at Notre Dame High School after graduating from high school. Ruby plans to attend San Jose State, where she obtained a degree in history and minor in Spanish. Ruby has served as president of the Animal Rights Club, been a member of Latinas many of us, and has been a National Youth Leader Alumni Representative.

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Speaker 2

She has also served on the Student Advisory Committee to Kids Voting and has been a peer counselor. Recently, Ruby had the opportunity to attend a Youth leadership conference in Washington, D.C.. Ruby enjoys folklorico dancing with Leslie Venezuela and volunteering her spare time with the less fortunate in Martha's kitchen. Her goal is to proudly represent the Mexican community in everything she does.

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Speaker 2

Miss Ruby Hernandez said, I made it.

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Speaker 5

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, to my staff pharmacy caballeros. Tonight I have a story to tell. One day I decided to watch TV, and what I saw was not only unfair, but hurtful. I saw politicians trying to blame their economic disparities on the Hispano Latino community by proposing an unjustifiable proposition. I saw young Chicanos having children and young Chicanos joining gangs.

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Speaker 5

It's not fair. And Mexicanos look down upon this society. We're called wetbacks, drug dealers, welfare, cheating, minorities. And the list still goes on. Estos son, who knows a handful. Still who knows about us? The Chicano Latino Estudiantes students who like myself, want to learn but constantly misspell the prejudices bestowed upon their heritage by their own society were stamped on Mexicanos as no good.

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Speaker 5

But also, having Nuestra Sociedad estaba unequivocal por favor, no green todo lo cual yet we must eliminate some of these barriers, and we mustn't give anyone the chance to put us down. But how? I believe I can answer that solamente palabra. Succeed. Progress on. We need to educate ourselves and at each level of our education. Never forget our continued Americano.

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Speaker 5

We must keep in our souls the battle at the silos. The fight each Mexicano must overcome to become an aspect in society and gather momentum. The nuestras vidas necesitamos si of our con old who gets almost mexicanos hasta la muerte de. Upon reaching our success, we mustn't forget who we are. We mustn't forget those who helped to achieve our goals.

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Speaker 5

We must go back to our community and become role models for the younger generation. See it again. Don't waste time as a con todo nuestro Corazon. Like a united family, we must stick together for the betterment of the whole community. Not Podemos even pro de sa. Los Mexicanos almost certainly had this determinant most important against their will, so almost had this effect.

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Speaker 5

Ignacio said your tenemos una cosa. Getting nothing was pretty guitar and that's gonna last. God knows, for us to be. This human desire to prove yourself will cause change as a futuro la esperanza. The dreams

that come through using your ganas, they'll establish a better place for everyone to live. Lovato says that would get one of them. Nosotros tenemos ganas.

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Speaker 5

Vamos a encontrar muchos Pereira's vamos a concert. Yeah, but again. But. Oh, no. So almost hit this two needles in almost one apparent perceive meant that no nos monosaccharide and in gonadal mammals if almost as Alfredo thumbs up toward a guitar worth it equal the most escutcheon not final yet eternal neither education e most important cambio when Buenos notice.

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Speaker 2

Miss Denise Portugal.

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Speaker 2

Denise is the daughter of Joaquin and Luke. My God. She is 17 years old and a senior at Homestead High School. After graduating from high school, Denise will attend Santa Clara University while she will major in biology in a pre-medical program. She plans to graduate from Santa Clara with honors to prepare herself for medical school at Stanford University.

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Speaker 2

Denise wants to specialize in internal medicine. Currently, she is employed as an assistant to an ophthalmologist. Denise has accomplished many things during high school that she's especially proud of. She won the Masonic Lodge essay contest and helped her soccer team win the regional championship. Denise looks forward to enrolling in ROTC as a reserve, which will enable her to serve her country as a doctor.

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Speaker 2

Miss Denise Portugal.

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Speaker 2

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Friends and family, distinguished judges and Your Majesty. In an attempt to end discrimination, government programs were instituted that forced employers, admissions committees and other people in power to give a special consideration to minorities. It was expected that this would counteract the discrimination we were subjected to in the past. Unfortunately, these well-meaning programs don't work, and they're counterproductive.

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Speaker 2

We can't rely on quotas and affirmative action to end our problems because they only create more by trying to advance only some people. You hold back the others and create tension and envy between the two. Instead, we must work together by concentrating our efforts on all people will be much more effective. No one group will have an advantage or disadvantage over the other, but working together as a team rather than as separate individuals, we will have more power and greater chance of success.

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Speaker 2

Yes, it will be difficult and there will be people who will fight us, people who will say that we are all different and can't work together. To these people. We must say that in spite of and because of our differences, we can work together. Each and every person is unique, but that doesn't mean we can identify with them in some way.

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Speaker 2

We all laugh, feel pain and cry. We all have hopes and dreams, and we all have seen some of them shattered. And most of all, we are all capable of feeling love, of giving it and receiving it. This is the greatest gift of all. With love, we can overcome the toughest of opposition and bring peace to our community.

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Speaker 2

We can join together without losing our identity. Each of us can learn from other cultures. We can share our heritage, and by doing so, we will preserve all culture and all tradition. We must embrace our

diversity. We cannot let it be a force that divides us. We must realize that who we are makes a difference. Whether we are loving and accepting or hateful and intolerant, others will follow our example.

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Speaker 2

Each of us has a great amount of influence over others. When we unite, we will all benefit. We are all talented, intelligent and skilled in different ways. We can succeed if we raise our expectations and better ourselves. We can help others realize their potential and together we will work for the future. Thank you for being here, ladies and gentlemen.

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Speaker 2

Good night.

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Speaker 2

Miss Lizette Gonzalez Castaneda.

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Speaker 2

Lizette is the daughter of Magdalena Gonzalez. She is 17 years old and a senior at James Lake High School. After graduating from high school, Lizette plans to attend San Jose State University, where she will major in broadcast journalism and minor in Spanish. After receiving her undergraduate degree, Lizette plans to pursue a master's at UCLA while maintaining a high grade point average.

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Speaker 2

In high school, Lizette has been able to participate in the cheerleading squad as captain. She has been enrolled in honors classes for the past four years and is currently an ASB Commissioner. She is involved in Miss Haruko, a student engineering program at her school, and has made extra time to volunteer at several organizations. Lizette says she will succeed in all that she strives for and will continue to accomplish, fulfilling her future goals.

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Speaker 2

Mr. Lizette Gonzalez Castaneda.

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Speaker 2

We witness not just Vivian. Bienvenidos. Distinguish those voices on arrival. Publico is soon my hairstyle esta noche. It is that Lando sobre tras problemas. Because you're being so son in front of us. We go to sexo. I'll call you drogas. Yes. The mere fact en el futuro escalade. As a teenager growing up, and one of the toughest parts of town I've encountered and learned to cope with what I think are the three most common problems faced by teens sex, alcohol and drugs.

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Speaker 2

Those who fall to these temptations seem to ignore, sometimes forcing them to drop out of school, strongly damaging their educational future. A phrase common amongst many is that anyone who wants to can't succeed, no matter what the obstacle may be, but it takes determination and will. I'm here to speak about the mistakes that we as teenagers sometimes make, and also to give hope to those who are troubled yet endeavor a prosperous future.

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Speaker 2

Although these problems are widely talked about, it seems as though much attention is not paid to the consequences, or the fact they could be that they could be prevented. Sex is one of the most common of the three. It is well known that protection should always be used, but in reality, how many listen as a consequence, unprotected unprotected sex leads to many unwanted children, abortions and sexually transmitted diseases.

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Speaker 2

In recent studies, researchers came up with the statistics that less than 17% of teen mothers graduate from high school and less than 2% graduate from college with no education. What can these young mothers offer to themselves and to their children? Another problem of the 90s is alcohol. Many say that

getting drunk a few times is only a part of growing up, but what they don't realize is that those few beers may lead to a lifetime of addiction.

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Speaker 2

I've seen many students go to school with hangovers, not able to concentrate in class, and the fact of the matter is that alcohol is a major problem that must be dealt with before it becomes worse. Finally, the major downfall of many teens is drugs. Drugs can harm the individual and those who care most about him by causing health and mental as well as financial and law problems, eventually leading the individual to educational failure.

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Speaker 2

I've witnessed many who drop out of school to be involved with drugs and it is sad to see our generation that is supposed to be the just say no generation disintegrating first hand. I am not only informing but also reacting. I like to involve myself with peer resource groups because as a teenager from Eastside Day, I feel as though I have helped myself and others abstain from these problems.

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Speaker 2

I would also like to give the push and perseverance that was given to me, to those who seek change and improvement. All we can do is lend our help by becoming more involved within the school and the community, by starting more motivational and counseling groups, as well as providing care and patience. We must not surrender to total depravity.

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Speaker 2

Instead, we must work together in quitting the teen's potential to help build for our better future. After all, education is our freedom. Thank you and good night.

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Speaker 2

Miss Sonya Cifuentes.

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Speaker 2

Sonya is the daughter of Marsha and Margarita Cifuentes. She is 17 years old and a senior at Andrew Hill High School. After graduation, Sonya plans to attend a four year university, where she will study to become either an architect, a lawyer or a teacher. She has served as class president for her high school and was a founder of women's issues organizations.

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Speaker 2

She is currently president of Junior Statesman of America club. Sonya is especially proud of her recent appointment as a citywide representative for the San Jose Youth Commission, and was selected by Mayor Susan Hammer. She is organizing Youth Month for the city, and is in charge of developing a master plan for the youth in San Jose. Sonya will never stop attending school, and she says that her education is her most valuable resource.

00:34:33:18 - 00:34:40:21

Speaker 2

Miss Sonya Sifuentes.

00:34:40:23 - 00:35:09:21

Speaker 2

When has no choice, even when those. No necessary means. Most has given you nothing ID since I worked lessons. But I've learned if futuro inspires me near analysis to those who need those young girls program. First, I run the chat on a sobering left behind the noble, blazing Mexican sun and the tropical land that lies beneath it. The left behind heat that roars with delight.

00:35:09:24 - 00:35:35:10

Speaker 2

Lush swing. Mango trees and the sweet, tangy room. They penetrate into the air they left behind. Mexico lindo. However, they as many refused to leave behind the rich culture and traditions because they recognize that these are not things that can simply be washed away. Because culture is in our blood, the very blood that coursing through our veins, the blood that fills our heart, the blood that makes us Mexicanos.

00:35:35:12 - 00:35:58:27

Speaker 2

And yet this blood that is so precious to many of us is spent on the streets daily. And as I speak, it runs on the concrete. And a mother cries as a young Mexican woman, I have and will continue to take on the responsibility of helping the youth that so desperately asks for help. I refuse to ignore this problem, our problem, just as I refuse to believe that nothing can be done.

00:35:59:00 - 00:36:21:27

Speaker 2

I feel that by pursuing an education, I can better myself and in turn help others to better themselves. I owe it to them not because they've done something for me, but because it is my moral responsibility. I cannot and will not sit back and watch it. Another precious drop of blood drawn into the ground. It is up to us, as young leaders of the community, to use our leadership skills to help and be an example to those who need guidance.

00:36:21:29 - 00:36:42:20

Speaker 2

Together, we can lead our youth to success. I consider myself lucky because I have the opportunity my parents didn't. I have the opportunity to attend college, and I want to go to college and do well for myself and for my parents so that their pain, suffering and sacrifice was not in vain. And so that I can give myself the priceless gift of an education.

00:36:42:23 - 00:37:06:06

Speaker 2

Because as my mother has always told me, money and material objects can be easily taken away. But education is invaluable and can never be taken away. And so I'm ready to go to college and face a new challenge that I see that await me. Challenges I know I can overcome. I'm also very thankful that my parents have instilled in me very strong values and morals, is because of these values and morals that I have come to realize.

00:37:06:07 - 00:37:26:10

Speaker 2

I was pursuing education in order to succeed, but in doing so, it is equally important not to forget those who have not yet realized the value of an education and help them to succeed as well. As I look around my honors classes, I see very few Latino students, and it saddens me because I know that we are well capable of mastering such courses.

00:37:26:13 - 00:37:50:19

Speaker 2

It is up to you, as parents, educators, and leaders of the community to raise your expectations of our Latino youth. It is in this way that we raise our expectations of ourselves and consequently excel, challenge us, and we will challenge ourselves. The youth of today are the adults of tomorrow, and without educated Latino youth today, there will be no tomorrow for us.

00:37:50:22 - 00:38:11:29

Speaker 2

Therefore, never will I let them through the cracks, and so I will carry them and pull them along as far as I have to, so that they do not become society's derelict, abandoned, lost, and left behind, only to dream of what they could have been accomplished. And so I will strive, educate myself, and ultimately I will succeed. Gracias.

00:38:12:02 - 00:38:19:13

Speaker 2

Buenas noches. At the.

00:38:19:16 - 00:38:28:06

Speaker 2

Word. They just beautiful. Let's give them another round of applause.

00:38:28:08 - 00:38:29:03

Unknown

We'll now have one.

00:38:29:03 - 00:38:37:02

Speaker 2

More view of our 1995 Queen contestants, Miss Gabriella Arias.

00:38:37:04 - 00:38:42:16

Speaker 2

Miss Sonia Gonzalez.

00:38:42:18 - 00:38:48:29

Speaker 2

Miss Ruby Hernandez, and it.

00:38:49:01 - 00:38:56:04

Speaker 2

Miss Denise Portugal.

00:38:56:06 - 00:39:03:04

Speaker 2

Miss Lizette Gonzalez Castaneda.

00:39:03:07 - 00:39:30:29

Speaker 2

Miss Sonia Sifuentes for.

00:39:31:01 - 00:39:38:19

Speaker 2

Thank you, lady.

00:39:38:21 - 00:39:54:22

Speaker 3

Maybe a little sad. Maybe a little desperate about the future. But young ladies, I can't tell you what you've given me tonight. Thank you so much.

00:39:54:24 - 00:40:11:25

Speaker 3

we do have some special guests with us tonight. We'd like to mention them. First of all, Mr. Pete Carrillo, who serves as vice chairperson for the director of district six, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority. I know you're there somewhere.

00:40:11:27 - 00:40:21:10

Speaker 3

Tony Escovedo, who's the first vice commander of the state G.I. forum.

00:40:21:12 - 00:40:32:01

Speaker 3

Who? And I'm having a hard time. Catch my breath. Mayor Garcia, San Jose, East Valley chapter, Queen.

00:40:32:03 - 00:40:39:03

Speaker 3

Many of us. Councilman for district five.

00:40:39:06 - 00:40:46:21

Speaker 3

Rosalie Gutierrez, 1989 G.I. forum. Queen.

00:40:46:24 - 00:40:56:09

Speaker 3

And last but not least, Willie Galvan, State Chair for the G.I. forum.

00:40:56:12 - 00:41:18:10

Speaker 3

Again, congratulations to each of you for a job very well done, very compelling, a very moving. And at this time, our outgoing queen, Veronica Nicole Ortiz, will bid farewell before she takes her final walk. However, as Queen Anne relinquishes their crown to one of these young, lovely young ladies. The 1994 Miss San Jose G.I. forum has some words for you.

00:41:18:11 - 00:41:36:03

Speaker 3

Veronica Nicole Ortiz.

00:41:36:06 - 00:42:05:22

Speaker 2

Welcome. Families, friends, members of the G.I. forum, and honored guests and judges. It is impossible to believe that this year has passed so fast. Through my reign, I have met and spoke with many important people to the community, our culture and the form. For me, it was an honor to represent an organization that is so active in the Latino community.

00:42:05:25 - 00:42:14:12

Speaker 2

Working with the GI forum enabled me to represent the youth and to be an active leader.

00:42:14:15 - 00:42:42:23

Speaker 2

The Gia form has given me the fortitude to express myself publicly, as well as develop stronger skills which are vital to a well-balanced academic life. The GI formed has opened up many new doors in the community, which have made me aware of the social, economic and political success in the community. I remember this very night one year ago.

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Speaker 2

It was an experience that I will always cherish with me. It was a privilege to be crowned the 1994 GI forum Queen, but it was an honor to be up here on stage with these ladies and be recognized for my

accomplishments as a young mexicana. I am only one of many other representatives who exemplify the possibilities of dedication and success in our community.

00:43:13:03 - 00:43:49:24

Speaker 2

Tonight, the GI forum is congratulating six more successful Latinas. The GI form is giving each of these ladies an opportunity to be role models to the community and our youth. Each one of these women are present because of their accomplishments as a representative within our community. I congratulate them all on your hard work and your accomplishments, and I wish you all the best of luck.

00:43:49:27 - 00:44:19:08

Speaker 2

In my final moments as the 1994 Miss San Jose GI forum Queen. I would like to thank each and everyone for their love and support that you gave through my training year. To me, I considered the GI form to be a second family and will continue to do so because of everyone's belief in me to name each and every one from the forum who inspired and supported me through my reign would take the whole evening.

00:44:19:10 - 00:44:55:03

Speaker 2

But I would like to thank the Board of directors. It will go to David Rodriguez, Hussein Martinez, Rose Flores, Pedro Gonzalez, Margie Gainer and Robert get it up. I would especially like to thank five people who gave so much of their time, their support and their love to show my appreciation. I want to present them a gift from my heart.

00:44:55:06 - 00:45:19:03

Speaker 2

Manuel Muscat, would you please come up?

00:45:19:06 - 00:45:48:16

Speaker 2

Manuel. I cannot thank you enough for all that you've done. And your help at State. You gave me a lot of support. And without you there, I don't know what I would have done. The second knowing. Montoya, please come up.

00:45:48:19 - 00:46:24:06

Speaker 2

No. He was a big help to with everything through my whole year. And I cannot thank him enough. Rose Amador.

00:46:24:09 - 00:46:48:15

Speaker 2

Rose was my chaperon through my whole year. She has been my second mother to me. She has done everything possible for me and has given me so much love and support. Even though I am so far away. I still keep her in my heart, as I do with all of you.

00:46:48:17 - 00:46:55:20

Speaker 2

My fourth special person to me is my brother Richard Tietz.

00:46:55:23 - 00:47:09:02

Unknown

Will you please come up?

00:47:09:04 - 00:47:36:19

Speaker 2

You gotta ask him every single.

00:47:36:22 - 00:47:44:03

Speaker 2

And of course, my mother, Maria Ortiz.

00:47:44:06 - 00:47:50:25

Unknown

Will you please come up?

00:47:50:27 - 00:47:51:20

Unknown

As I said in.

00:47:51:20 - 00:48:35:23

Speaker 2

My speech one year ago. My mother has been an inspiration to me. And without her, I don't know where it would be today.

00:48:35:26 - 00:50:30:21

Speaker 2

I cannot thank my mother, my relatives, my friends, or the GI forum enough for their encouragement and their belief in me. I will miss representing Old Number one, but I will never forget this memorable experience. And the second family that I have come to know and to love. Gracias and good evening.

00:50:30:24 - 00:51:01:12

Speaker 3

My.

00:51:01:14 - 00:51:21:17

Speaker 3

Yellow and orange. Unit. We have two other special guests with us tonight. We want to mention them. Carmela Castellano, who was the 1983 San Jose, California mayor and National Queen of the American G.I. forum.

00:51:21:20 - 00:51:24:19

Speaker 3

And we have Coretta.

00:51:24:21 - 00:51:42:07

Speaker 2

Scott and Savannah. I'm not that great for you. I'm the 1993 person.

00:51:42:09 - 00:51:46:22

Speaker 3

If you're the San Jose.

00:51:46:25 - 00:52:00:06

Speaker 3

Member who's contributed to the success and promotion of the chapter, this picture is what you blurb. A long time member of the chapter, Carl, assist the development of the Veterans Outreach Program.

00:52:00:08 - 00:52:02:04

Speaker 2

He's in Europe as a.

00:52:02:04 - 00:52:35:23

Speaker 3

Paratrooper and in artillery and was awarded and the silver, along with the Silver Star, Purple Heart with clusters, Bronze Star with clusters, the Soldier's Medal, American Defense, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, German Occupation Medal at a Presidential Unit Citation, and these are only among his many other decorations. Now Carl is currently hospitalized at the US Veterans Administration Nursing Home Care Unit in Livermore, but continues to assist other veterans in any way he can to members of the San Jose G.I. forum.

00:52:35:23 - 00:52:54:09

Speaker 3

He is and always will be, a loyal friend and member who exemplifies the best America has to offer. That's our Carl Kubler. We salute you.

00:52:54:11 - 00:53:45:02

Speaker 3

And now, as the votes are being tallied, we'll be listening to the music update duet. The.

00:53:45:04 - 00:53:59:15

Speaker 3

Want to tell you. None of you. I don't know who this. Who's going to be titled? I really don't, but every single one of you is a winner in my eyes.

00:53:59:17 - 00:54:25:21

Speaker 3

And like any good pageant, we have a miss Congeniality award. And the recipient of that award was selected by her peers at last evening dress rehearsal to present the trophy to the winner of this award is Mrs. Anita Avila of the state GI forum. Women of California.

00:54:25:24 - 00:54:53:16

Speaker 3

And I know this is just like the Oscars watch they're going to hand me. I believe it's great. I'll never make it to the Oscars. So this is as close as I'll get to the envelope. Please. Oh. What's that? Okay. And the winner is. So.

00:54:53:19 - 00:55:14:23

Speaker 3

Lizette Castaneda.

00:55:14:25 - 00:55:29:02

Speaker 3

Congratulations, Lizette. Miss congeniality.

00:55:29:04 - 00:55:34:12

Speaker 3

Is anybody else cold?

00:55:34:14 - 00:55:37:19

Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:55:37:21 - 00:55:59:09

Speaker 3

And now we're going to present to you the second runner up. The second runner up will receive a GI forum trophy and a \$150 scholarship. And presenting the award this evening is the state GI forum commander Leo Avila.

00:55:59:12 - 00:56:06:17

Speaker 3

The envelope, please.

00:56:06:19 - 00:56:12:29

Speaker 3

I'm so nervous. I can't get it open.

00:56:13:02 - 00:56:35:27

Speaker 3

The second runner up, Lissette Castaneda.

00:56:36:00 - 00:56:42:21

Speaker 3

This is.

00:56:42:23 - 00:56:52:18

Speaker 3

Congratulations, Lisette.

00:56:52:20 - 00:57:33:01

Speaker 3

Now, the second runner up. I mean, the first round. I'm sorry. The first runner up will receive. I'm so nervous. The first runner up will receive a GI forum trophy and \$350 in scholarship. If for any reason the Queen cannot fulfill her duties, the first runner up will become the Queen. Having the honor of representing the first runner up is the state GI Forum commander, Willie Gilman, to present her award.

00:57:33:03 - 00:58:06:03

Speaker 3

The first runner up is Gabriela Arias.

00:58:06:06 - 00:58:15:25

Speaker 3

Congratulations, Gabriela. Okay. And now the moment we've all been waiting for.

00:58:15:27 - 00:58:33:05

Speaker 3

The 1995 GI forum queen will receive a scholarship of \$750, along with a trophy and a bouquet. And the 1994 Queen Veronica. All of these will come forward to do the honors of confirming that.

00:58:33:08 - 00:58:40:29

Speaker 3

The envelope, please.

00:58:41:01 - 00:58:55:17

Unknown

Okay. This is.

00:58:55:19 - 01:00:24:13

Speaker 3

La reina Padilla and your mail. Wednesday. Cinco. Sonya Cifuentes.

01:00:24:15 - 01:00:47:17

Speaker 3

That's.

01:00:47:19 - 01:01:10:03

Speaker 3

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with much pleasure that we present to you the 1995 GI forum. Queen Sonja Cifuentes.

01:01:10:05 - 01:01:35:20

Speaker 3

The daughter, Sonja is the daughter of John and Marguerite. Let me put this. She's 17 years old and a senior at Andrew Hill High School after graduation. So are you planning to attend a four year university where she'll study to become either an architect or a lawyer or a teacher? She served as class president for her high school and was a founder of women's issues organization.

01:01:35:22 - 01:02:12:20

Speaker 3

She's currently president of Junior Statesman of America club, and so is especially proud of her recent appointment as a citywide representative for the San Jose Youth Commission, and was elected selected by Mayor Susan Hammer. She's organizing youth, but for the city that is in charge of developing a master plan for the youth in San Jose. You were Queen 94, 1995 Sonia Sifuentes.

01:02:12:23 - 01:02:44:05

Speaker 3

Thank you all for attending the 35th annual San Jose Grand Prix Coronation Row. Everyone is invited to stay for the entertainment of Mariachi Seca and Los Santos, and then on to dancing the night away with the band. Have a very good night and again, thank you so much for letting me be a part of tonight. Thank you all.

01:02:44:07 - 01:03:22:06

Unknown

You.

01:03:22:08 - 01:03:56:13

Unknown

Got to mess.

01:03:56:16 - 01:04:02:23

Unknown

With. Oh. Thank you.

01:04:02:26 - 01:04:06:19

Unknown

And I put this on my room. You are what I got.

01:04:06:22 - 01:04:18:10

Speaker 4

We got a one night.

01:04:18:12 - 01:06:30:26

Unknown

Last night. I don't know.

01:06:30:28 - 01:06:51:08

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I.

01:06:51:10 - 01:07:47:23

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Know.

01:07:47:25 - 01:08:17:09

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01:08:44:01 - 01:10:00:27

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One.

01:10:00:29 - 01:10:27:02

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Like.

01:10:27:04 - 01:10:33:22

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That.

01:10:33:24 - 01:14:06:23

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Yeah.

01:14:06:25 - 01:14:43:13

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I.

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Had.

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Oh.

01:17:13:03 - 01:17:29:14

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Yeah.

01:17:29:16 - 01:17:44:13

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Oh.

01:17:44:16 - 01:18:33:24

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Yeah.

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Oh.

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Oh.

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Oh.

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01:22:25:07 - 01:22:26:16

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Yeah. Oh!