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Unknown

Yeah. And the national sergeant at arms, I. Serrano.

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Unknown

Okay.

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Speaker 2

I want to call on the national director of the American G.I. forum, Tony Morales. Excuse me. Morales.

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Unknown

Got on. I'll get it right.

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Speaker 3

Somebody told her about.

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Unknown

That. Yeah, yeah.

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Speaker 3

And they probably. We know your secret.

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Unknown

Plan, Marion, but they.

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We know your.

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Speaker 2

Back.

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Speaker 3

Introduce some special remarks. I know. Can I have your attention, please?

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Speaker 3

The American G.I. forum is very fortunate in that we, have set up a corporate, advisory board. they do help us and guide us, not only in our internal business of the organization, but also how to best market our organization and in return for serving in that board. We also help those corporations be more attuned to what we think or the needs of the Hispanic community.

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Speaker 3

So it's a mutual partnership in which we are involved. We're fortunate that last year, PepsiCo, through the offices of Ron Harrison, came in and we started talking in dialog and how they can, assist us as an organization. first thing that we did was say, look, we need a training, for, seminars for our youth.

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Speaker 3

and we want to do it in Houston. And we submitted a proposal for their consideration. And they funded that program, in Houston. it was received with a great deal of enthusiasm from our youth. secondly, the, PepsiCo Ron Harrison in Pittsburgh in from, Pizza Hut, out of Wichita. loved it so much that the we're committed for next year that a proposal is going to be and we want to do something for the youth in Denver in 1992.

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Speaker 3

So because of our work in relationship with them, at the national convention in Houston. Ron Harrison and Vince working. Sit down with the state chairmen of all the states present there. And to see how they that all these companies would be Frito-Lay. Taco Bell is talking fried chicken. PepsiCo. Pepsi Cola itself. How they can work through their divisions with our community.

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Speaker 3

And they're either involved in some of your, programs or in, in, your conventions. We asked again for them to come forward. Look, we're having a media conference, and we would like for you to come be part of us. They agreed to sponsor this particular luncheon. And again, we represent PepsiCo. We have with us a very distinguished gentleman, Lloyd Ward.

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Speaker 3

He is presently the president of real with which he calls the operation business here in the West Coast. out of Pleasanton, California. they run around a little bit more budget than we do \$700 million a year with about 4800 employees, marketing all the products of, Lay's, ruffles potato chips, Doritos, those toasty kind of Cheetos, Frito Lay corn chips and so forth.

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Speaker 3

He comes from Pepsi-Cola East. Before that, he was with Procter Gamble, and he has a long list here of advancements. Not necessarily a lot of different companies, mind you, but advancement within those companies. Gamble, Ford Motor Company, and, of course, we're very honored to have him with us today to share with you a few remarks from school.

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If you'd like to order.

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Unknown

Well, thank you, Tony.

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Speaker 3

And good afternoon. And on behalf of the companies of PepsiCo. Welcome to San Jose and Sunny California. Yeah. Well, you know, as president of Frito-Lay West and just having moved my family to this beautiful area, for those of you who are Californians, thank you for keeping this such a great place. And for those of you who are only visiting, and I'm few of you, hopefully you'll have that opportunity to enjoy some of the great pleasures at this farm city and this great state.

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Speaker 3

You know, Frito-Lay is one of several PepsiCo companies. Other companies include Pepsi Cola, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, and KFC. Now, it is indeed a pleasure for all of us to sponsor this luncheon today, especially since the American GI forum elected to host its 44th annual mid-year conference in my territory. So thanks a lot. I appreciate that.

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Please allow me to.

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Speaker 3

Introduce some of, the fellow executives at, PepsiCo joining me today. So from Frito Lay. Larry, Larry Caldwell.

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Speaker 3

Director of service and distribution to Frito-Lay. And from Pepsi Cola, we have several representatives established.

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Speaker 2

For the nation's representative in Washington.

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Speaker 3

Employee relations, Steve Wise.

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Unknown

Senior employment leader. Valdez sales.

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Speaker 3

And employee relations manager. And El Ferrigno and Tony Moreno.

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Speaker 3

CEO, PepsiCo. We're extremely proud of our long history of support to the Hispanic community and to the national office of the Great Hall. Now has continued support. As you mentioned, PepsiCo and Pizza Hut will be part of the corporate sponsorship for the Forum's 1992 convention in Denver, Colorado. In August.

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And I know.

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Speaker 3

That Vice President Pizza is planning to work with very closely with you, Tom. And, the forum's director, director Committee on a couple of very special projects. So I know we got some things in store there. Now, let me add that about three weeks ago, representatives of Pepsi Cola, Frito-Lay and Pizza Hut had a meeting with the representatives of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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Speaker 3

The objective was to develop ongoing linkage on how we can work together to build even greater opportunities for Hispanic businessmen and business women, and as the individual responsible for a major segment of PepsiCo's business on the West Coast, I welcome the opportunity to develop partnerships with the various area community organizations, including the local chapters of the GI Bill, now, before coming to freehold, I worked West.

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Speaker 3

I spent a few years as vice president of operations and Pepsi-Cola East. And I can tell you from experience that PepsiCo is committed to building and valuing diversity in our company.

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And just as we've been.

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Speaker 3

Leaders in establishing minority business development programs over the past ten years, our goal is to be a leader in every aspect of community involvement. So again, thanks for this opportunity to join you today. We look forward to our continued partnership. And please, on behalf of my corporate family, keep enjoying pizza, Pizza Hut.

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Unknown

And taking a chance to run for the floor at Taco.

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Speaker 2

Bell and.

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Speaker 3

Get the right one.

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Unknown

Diet Pepsi products.

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Speaker 3

As you will see again, our new hot advertising this summer. Get your own bag of ruffles. Enjoy Doritos, along with our new super spokesperson George Foreman, and eat more than just one Lay's potato chips like our stars and new super spokespersons. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Larry.

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Unknown

thank you.

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Speaker 2

What was it? What was it you said, Mr. Warren? For each Lay's potato chip, we ate \$0.01 goes to G.I. forums.

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Unknown

That out with Tony Morales.

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Speaker 2

Thanks a lot more to Tony. When I, I wanted to acknowledge two of our China fraud enforcement officers from Santa Clara County Deputy Sheriff Ruben Dias and Assistant Sheriff Thompson.

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Speaker 2

That dollar's getting worth a lot. I can tell. Well, maybe I'll go slowly so I shall finish the line by the time I bring her up. Ready for our keynote speech. This item warm your heart. She's a native of Texas, San Marcos, Texas. Yeah.

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Speaker 4

She's a, graduate of Southwest Texas State University.

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Speaker 2

She served as vice president for public relations.

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Speaker 4

At the Midst of Oil Company in Dallas.

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Speaker 2

Where she was the only woman on the board of directors. She has served in the white House and the Reagan Bush administration in various capacities, and she has served as a special assistant of public lands on to President Ronald Reagan. She presently handles the money arm. We are very pleased to introduce you to our keynote speaker, Kathy Catalina Vasquez.

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Speaker 2

A real bundle.

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Thank you. That's very nice. I wanted a did you guys.

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Speaker 4

Want to stretch it? Well, you were kind, councilman and corporate sponsors example here.

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Well, friends from Texas are here. And your friends here in the area. Thank you.

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Speaker 4

One and delighted to have such a fine introduction by such a fine young lady. nice for you to include me in your mom's mid-year conference. And, yes, I asked the lady whose name is on your money. Hey, billion notes this year.

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Speaker 4

I was in, Tulsa last night with, your friend, a competitor knew that. And, and again, I replied, sorry if.

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Unknown

I you on it. I kind of lost you a little bit.

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Speaker 4

I just wanted to come by and and say that it is a wonderful opportunity for me to be back with old friends, and, it's like talking about all that, you know? He never changes his arteries at. So. But I want to tell you a little bit about what I do, since you were one of the organizations that the various well, in getting me where I am today, I was, back when I started working with the Republican Party.

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Speaker 4

Yeah, I was my first marching orders were you get I recharge that Hispanic community. And that means stay away from the Mexican-American Republic of the Texas and the Republican Hispanic Assembly there already. You in our camp need to go out and talk to the little actors in the GI forums. And oh my God, how am I going to do that?

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Speaker 4

So I don't do that. very partizan participatory. The the few three of us, there were Republicans we weren't even allowed to go in establishing with the Democrats. But so what did I do? I joined you guys.

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I became member, and so.

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Speaker 4

I joined the organization, and I worked with all of you, and, I think together we learned a lot. You realized that I was an American first. But I don't forget my heritage. And I don't forget my brothers and sisters. The Hispanic community.

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Speaker 4

Throughout your trying to organize around Texas, it wasn't just farm. My farm, or national chairman of that government.

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Unknown

Who served in my. In the white House.

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Speaker 4

And that started it all here today. I am an US treasure. And so I want to say a little bit about what your 39th, your treasure does, because coming from a small town and a very poor family, my father was born in Macon. He came over when he was five years old as an orphan. Yeah. My grandmother survived, roamed around Texans as migrant workers, and my grandmother told my dad that if you're going to compete and get a better job, there are English.

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Speaker 4

So I went to school and I went every time and got as far as seventh grade, got a city job, and then that's where it started. said that we're going to have a family. After he married my mother and like all males, they wanted a boy. And if I was born on April 1st.

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Know, I pulled over, I said, I think I've.

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Speaker 4

Done my whatever I could to make them proud. I know he's very proud and very reserved person, but I know how he goes to the left. Mosquitoes that he talks about. His daughter has treasure. And so my responsibilities is you're darn a treasure. And and I feel like I want to tell you how much I enjoy the job because you're part of it.

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Speaker 4

Because I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for that I got from you and the little other organizations around the country. I oversee three bureaus in the Department of Treasury. You know, the Department of Treasury is the one agency that everybody in government strives to get to manage to retire higher, because that is considered the top agency in your.

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Speaker 4

And so I have three divisions within Treasury. I have about 7000 employees that I supervise. I have 17 unions and one division. And when I took office as a boy, I can deal with unions because I know they can strike under and get over the unions, but they crippling my directors quickly told me that, they can get sick and machines can break.

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Speaker 4

So I volunteered to work with employees, and my business experience has taught me a lot because actually, my two my bureaus are very much like a business because we are manufacturing, we produce product. And actually, it's a little harder for me because not only are we like this, but we also, have to deal with all the government regulations.

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Speaker 4

And so it's a challenge, and I think I have formed a good partnership with them, because I know that when I'm in my company, it's making a difference how many contracts I get for the company. The technicians are there ready to perform those contracts. It doesn't work. And so we definitely respect each other. Well. The first year that I'm going to talk to you about is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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Speaker 4

And this last year it produced, like I told you before, it did it notes, which totaled about \$138 billion. And it's one of the big as the committee and says, you know, when I tell them that they were together and my conference, he says, you know, is never got them dollars, let's go on the album. Those high volume Danville bands.

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Speaker 4

That's fun. This is you know, I'm the ultimate graffiti. Cathy.

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Speaker 4

But I know he's very proud. And because the dollar bill only lasts for a month, 46% of the exhibits that we produce \$1 note. And because we do have such a vast amount of production, we are through the current plans we have in Washington, DC, which is happens to be one of the ten most popular tourist attractions in Washington.

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Speaker 4

So, you know, happened for the first time in over a hundred years. And we produce currency outside Washington, DC and Dallas and Texas or Worth, Texas. I didn't have anything to do with that. I got to California and Nebraska. I was done before I got there, but I'm very proud that it is in Fort Worth it and truly morale.

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Speaker 4

I think it has something to do with it, but I'll tell you afterwards. I was, I think it had Jim Wright and something to do with it. He went to get up there and we had the dedication ceremony set up. You know, people are always telling, Keith and me, when I was in Congress that I was the one that brought all this federal funding over here to Fort Worth, Texas.

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Speaker 4

He says. And now we're going to print our own. Very good. My other Bureau of the U.S. myth has produced 14 billion circulating points. And that means the coins that you use for change, as well as 3.8 million commemorative, this past year. And all these coins are produced, throughout the country, like, like mint located in West Point and, Denver.

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Speaker 4

Your.

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Speaker 4

Surpluses go to the delphia and, for the Fort Knox, but, or Knox and West Point. we're not allowed to get you guys in there because we have too much roll there. But the other three, you're more than welcome to visit there. And I, by all means, invite you to come by and see how we mint our coins.

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Speaker 4

The quality metal. And this year is a very special year for us in the mint because we're celebrating our 200th anniversary. And I also want to tell you about that. Last year we produced some very nice commemorative coins and one of the coins, and I was telling Carlos Martinez, and here you are. Some of you may speak up for us.

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Speaker 4

Do you know that we produced was a commemorative medal in commemoration of the Korean War veteran, veterans. And we also did one for the Pearl Harbor survivors. And, it's been a very interesting job for me because I know we get involved in the design collection and, that's why not to produce. But those are nice commemorative, products that you might want to consider when you give flags of some of your people that you do business with in the military and even some of the sponsors.

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Speaker 4

And, like, very nice plaques. And you also have a that goes to the memorial that is a sponsor like the Veterans Memorial Group, the Korean or the or the Pearl Harbor survivors. And part of it goes to the United States Treasury. I'm always pushing for the money to come in. We always go up and they never send their The Three Inch Nails.

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Speaker 4

It's beautiful.

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They sell for about \$5 and they have some with beautiful velvet paint for \$96. Nice. Nice. Yeah.

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Speaker 4

They get a metal, you know that they only metal we have commemorated and it's fun. Our Latinos and this baseball player from Puerto Rico lamented. what? I'm not decision and, treasure in the you just produced and also this one. But you can where you always get organizations you might want to consider it know to think about why don't we have I don't like you know, is there another deserving Latino in this country who deserves a medal.

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Speaker 4

And you might want to get together with the other organizations and research that and see if you don't want to go to a congressman, to help you sponsor that legislation, because it's up to the Congress to propose that legislation has that in appropriate funds for us to produce it. And, you might want to start thinking about some of the heroes that we have in the past, the first senators or anybody that you may think it can be, an artist or musician, somebody that has contributed a lot to our culture, to our country.

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Speaker 4

So, we need to look into that same thing with the, the Medal of Freedom. You know, that there's been very few Latinos. And when I was in the white House, as happened to say that I can take credit for helping with the doctor, Garcia's battle and.

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Unknown

And now that we've had a brother Latino.

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Speaker 4

So you guys need to push those, tributes so you can highlight our community leaders.

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Speaker 4

The other program that I have is, the advanced character, the. And there I represent the secretary. And the committee is composed of representatives from the Treasury that you have to go ahead and trade Secret Service and the Federal Reserve Board. And what do we do? There is you need once a month to examine emerging terrorist threats to our counter, to our money.

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Speaker 4

And we also advise the Secretary of the futures, and as many of you that have hundred dollar bills and estimates, \$100 bills up here, autographed that we now have, or the ones that have my autograph. Right. You have two new features that we come up with. And that's the, now we all make bread dollar bills in Texas, but no, they have this on the left hand side right here.

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Speaker 4

You have a visible bread polish. And then in the paper and around the corner, it has a very tiny micro. And it has United States of America. And the line with the bread has us. We have a denomination for \$200. They have hundred. And the only way you can see that is if you want to put in the life or the equivalent of, 95.

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Speaker 4

So isn't to prevent any coffee machines from duplicating money. And so you sure know your money, because that's how you have to tell government that knows about money.

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Speaker 4

Another one of my divisions, and this one is probably small, and I take a special pride of this one because it is small. I only have about 200 employs this division. That's the, division of the U.S and fossil. And because we are so small and that division, I, enjoy the help of volunteers. And so my advisory board is composed of 15 fortune 500 CEOs, and they help me promote things off to their all the corporations, to the payroll deduction program, which many of you participated.

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Speaker 4

And one of the things that I want to ask organizations like so for that is why I'm here, is that we need some help in promoting a new education month. For some of you that I was familiar with, and a lot of our especially in our communities, are not aware of we have a new education bond. And if you purchased it, then when you pass it is used for tuition for college or vocational school, for your spouse.

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Speaker 2

Or for your children.

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Speaker 4

It will they replace the tax exempt that only will stay in the college. All bonds are barred from federal taxes, so there's no other statement instrument that offers this opportunity. And this is the design by the president and the Congress to help families to qualify, you have to have a certain level be able to save money and afford a college education.

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Speaker 4

So I need your help in promoting this and that. Some of you have used letters and programs and, other means that you can communicate this to your chapters and the community and you can write articles. I think, at any location that is very well done on a citizen, materials that you can write an article for themselves. But I welcome you guys, writing some articles to this paper, Spanish or English?

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Speaker 4

We need your help. And if you need more information, just, on my office, or get a hold of your chairman or Carlos Martinez and have a timer on the cabin to do that.

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Speaker 4

And I also would like to say that I welcome the opportunity to participate in, in your conventions. we can set up a booth.

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Speaker 2

And.

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Speaker 4

Have I only say this on information available for your participants, but I also an exchange make myself available to sign autographs. And, we also bring in uncut sheets of currency. All right. Some of you have seen this. This is money that has not been cut up, separated yet. And we sell those at your booth, and I autograph those and make very nice gifts to.

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Speaker 4

And sometimes you could also bring a few medals you can't carry a lot of, because it takes a lot of security to transport a lot of coins and all that. But we sell other things like shredded plastic bags with souvenirs for kids. They like to put together. So I like to give it to.

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Speaker 4

But that's, that's basically what I do is because he was treasurer, besides traveling around the country dressed in different groups, I don't like about my job. And also so I just kind inspire other students and, and women, Latinos that in this country of ours, which is the greatest I think, in the countries in the world, has another nice little dog.

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Speaker 4

People always ask, why don't you change the design of the currency? Is that a country has changed. There's often been I think Australia has, holograms, you know, colors in it, London in and so forth. Well, that's very easy. And we do have the authority. The Secretary does have authority to change it in case of an emergency and threat to a currency.

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Speaker 4

But we have taken the some surveys and we have found that the people don't want you to tamper with their money, they don't want to change the portrait, they don't want to change the size or the design. But most important, and this is something that especially as people hear about how we're behind Japan and Germany and other countries, I currency but 75% to 80% is outside the United States.

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Speaker 4

So no matter what country you go to, American money is honored and preferred in some cases. So that's why it's almost impossible to have a recall exchange, because somebody always forget that they had so many thousands thousand dollars under the mattress that in here I was recalling that. And so that's why it is very difficult for us to have a recall.

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Speaker 4

And that's something that I have learned since I'm in the Treasury. I also wanted to take a few moments as I'm headed out of Southwest Voter Education, conference that's been held in Los. I have to remind you that you're the. Every time I go to mine, you always say you're the largest. and the oldest because,

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Speaker 4

And I always say that we have two more members that whatever you like. So they do that.

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Speaker 4

But as strong as you are internally. And I have found this even with working with Republicans. I don't know if any of you know, but I ran for national chairman of for the Republican National Hispanic Assembly. The first woman, the sixth man. So I know what it's like to organize nationally organized 30, 35 states. And we had a very strong organization, you know, Republican organization.

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Speaker 4

But when it came down to really having a voice within the party, you couldn't work there because you're an outside of the party organization. Although we are affiliated and sanctioned by the party, you didn't have the power to have delegates, and we didn't have a bottom. And so same with you here. You guys are probably the experts in politics.

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Speaker 4

tell your chairman, tell me about how people maneuver and caucus and strategize and all that, and that's wonderful. You also gotta remember that you got to take that same expertise to your major political parties. That's the only way we're going to have them change and be more responsive to our needs, and to be not only precinct chairman all the way to county and state and get involved in those committees.

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Speaker 4

And of course, I'm also excited because I see that this year we're going to have an opportunity to have a lot more, you know, Congress members. And I also noticed that we're even having more Latinos running for state houses. And that's wonderful. And I hope that all of you go to those Latinos and say, what can I do to help as an organization or as a member or as a leader in your community?

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Speaker 4

They need your support and they need your help. And the other thing is that you also need to get involved in the political process, not only for getting people elected to be voice your interest to the administration and on the Hill, you know, when they threatened to do away with funding for Israel, we had 30 organizations, heads, organizations for the Jews on the Hill.

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Speaker 4

The next day. If anything ever happens to that affects our community, we have to call on the phone and say, hey guys, get over here. We're time. We're telling the president's people that it's better if you're going to be all upset and and guys make some phone calls or something, you know, you know, we're over here and nobody's behind us.

00:33:01:14 - 00:33:21:15

Speaker 4

So we have to have a better system. And working with each other to, to make sure that our voice is heard up there. I know that the Jack palm just recently wrote a letter. not supposed to say this, but some little bird call them and and said that, you know, we're getting some new appointments in the white House.

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Speaker 4

You know, they had a new change. We have a new chief of staff. And every now and then they announce a new appointment. And I expect the person that they're still at the same level or no new appointments for Hispanics. And we have less Hispanics. And so we need your help in that so that we can not only ask for pointing down losses, but saying, hey, where's our America?

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Speaker 4

Why do you want to meet that in person? I kind of just been there for a year and a half years and no promotion. so thanks to tell your chairman we we got a letter out there. And so the black osages. But that's the kind of support we need from you guys, and you need to have your presence heard more in Washington.

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Speaker 4

And even if you have to rely on membership there, you know, it's impressively this out of work on the Hill. I don't know if you have an office there or not and you can't afford it. You know, rely on your council, your chapter there to help you out because you gotta you gotta make sure that they don't forget that you exist.

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Speaker 4

And I'm sure you're doing that at the local level. But in Washington, right now, unfortunately, the organizations are not being heard loud and clear. At least not these big organizations. Not not like the way they were when I was in the white House, when I was in the white House, you guys were really a threat and really ignored.

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Speaker 4

And now something's happened and they're just not taking you guys serious. So you need to do something about that and make sure that you heard we need to see more more publicity from you guys, even if a surprise something that happens on the hill or if it's something that's good. But what do you see here? The problem is, on top of issues like that action, did we lack that action?

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Speaker 4

What is that actually doing to our community? What is it to do? Interact community? Write letters to congressmen. Write letters to the president. Write position papers. You know, you write resolutions. A

lot of times they don't get up there. So they hear from all of you people. Thank you. They read those letters. They may not read the whole conference, but they know of your four against.

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Speaker 4

And they tally those, against and they get out. It does make an impact as to why they're going to go, what is your or the other so very important that you let people know that you exist and then you still are strong, and not only when something bad happens or when something negative goes wrong. Do we hear from you guys?

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Speaker 4

If you have idea. You know, one of the reporters was just asking me, what can we do for the economy? Well, that should also concern the job form. You're not just interested in bilingual education and immigration, police brutality. The economy is just as important to you as what's happening in Russia. And you should you should put a position paper and say, what is I going to you want \$300, \$100 for the community now, or would you rather have jobs, you know, you to let the candidates know that.

00:36:24:01 - 00:36:43:18

Speaker 4

And as up there we could begin screaming and and holler and say, this is what the community wants. And, and that's the only three of us out there we need to support. You get to say yes. If we told you you didn't do something, you were going to say you were going to hear from these guys. So I can't tell you how important it is to write letters.

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Speaker 4

Let yourself be heard because you're silent. Then they're going to vote. You. And it's that the squeaky wheel thing. It's funny. Want, I think I've talked about everything. Just how important it is for us to write. I mean, we're always talking about how we're growing and growing in numbers. Well, for the politicians, for the administration and for the Hill, as long as you don't vote, they don't care.

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Speaker 4

That's right. Now the corporations like Frito-Lay and all those, they like that because they know you're going to buy whether you vote or not.

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Speaker 4

That's a different market. That's your divine power. But when it comes to an influence, it's a vote. Lot of you, before you know, Tony Lewis about that, told me his story once, and it's the true story. There's an it goes out to the community. It takes the capitalist. And especially when the Latinos come to him and he's they start getting up there.

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Speaker 4

Dude, you haven't done this for us. You do this and that and everything and there's no what's your name? what? They thought that's what they went on. What I'm asking. You didn't even vote. You didn't even register. Jesus. How are you there telling me you didn't? If it wasn't for them. So they're going to vote in my district.

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Speaker 4

No one have been elected. Can you believe that? And I have more Latinos here. And you don't even vote. You're going to go out there to help me get elected, and then you come out here and you start criticizing as well. And so that's unfortunate that, you know, it's embarrassing for him, but it is I call him on the carpet and I think we're going to have to start doing that.

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Speaker 4

And it's up to you to help us out with voter education, get that vote out. And only a small group out there. And I know because I sit on the board and we don't have the funds like you do either. So we need to unite forces. And let's say, let's say you going to go to the southwest one and say we're going to take one district.

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Speaker 4

The generic form is going to work one district in Texas or one district here in California. We're going to get the vote out for his congressional it be a Latino or be it. And getting a letter has no votes in there that you guys can have on. And then when that vote's over, when that race is already you, they say we deliver it.

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Speaker 4

We say we're going to carry one seat and we're we deliver. Whether you put the whole total campaign together, finance it and get out the vote from working the phone banks from then, fundraisers for the candidate, whatever you can do and, you know, you can do that. You do that for your own counties internally, but you can do it to have people, the representation up on the hill, it's very, very important.

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Speaker 4

And this is the year to do that. A move out there do away with a lot of encounters. Now is the time to support some of our candidates. Now it's the time. Be them Republican, be the Democrat. I think we're all not sophisticated enough to know that we're not going to just fall for one, one, party or the other.

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Speaker 4

We're going to look at those candidates. And if they don't deserve our vote, I don't care if they're my stream. More not. And I got to get it. But those that do, you know, start tell you about, I committed for the United the chairman of a subcommittee to help us do this. Now. And he said more supportive than any other chairman.

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Speaker 4

I've been there to me personally and what it is I want to my friend in Texas, Congressman Ortiz, also another Democrat, and I said, you know, your friend is going to be now here of my committee. And if you tell him that I'm going to need some help. And so he goes with this, you know, Pac is going to beat this.

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Speaker 4

And and so he's be very helpful. But I also go to him and I say, Mr. Chairman, you know, you have Senator Cranston out there holding back legislation because he wants points to be redesigned. And right now we can get our Columbus Point approved. And you know that we're not going to be able to produce that coin. Mr. chairman, and you're going to be blame, and I'm going to be blamed because that point is going to be approved when the anniversary is almost over, and we're got to be able to sell that coin, and we're going to be the folks that are going to like that.

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Speaker 4

So I said, what can I do to help? And so I call him up on it as well and, and try again. And he said, I'll try to have class that this grant is blocking all this for the new programs that are going to be approved for this year, because he wants to have you point, and nobody else on the hill wants new coins.

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Speaker 4

So those are all the times that we get on and try to support each other. But I don't want him to look back and I don't think he wants me to look bad. So we're looking to the right to help each other. And that's the type of relationship that I think we're evolving into. And I certainly appreciate that.

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Speaker 4

And I know that people in my party used to criticize me because I was always leading and working with the Democrats, but that's the very reason that they selected the over 300 candidates. When I went to the white House, because I did have more letters from Democrats and I did Republicans. So it does pay off. And I think we have come of an age that I am just making a difference when you are when if there's an issue that we need to confront and we need to work together on, we're going to do that.

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Speaker 4

And, I know in Washington it is that you live now that we can work on a free trade agreement, for example, in foreign peace, everybody's concerns. I know that labor is very concerned and businesses and so are saying we we need more jobs. We're going to create more jobs. So know we sit down and discuss those issues.

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Speaker 4

And I, I applaud that. And I hope that that all of you are involved this year in the election process, if you're not already, and encourage your students and your children to get registered early, because we also needed to start getting trained in the campaign process so that when we start looking for candidates, they're ready. Another president, another more critical factor is appointment.

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Speaker 4

You know that we're all looking for a Supreme Court appointment for prosthetics. And I know there was a lot of, a concern when we didn't get one, when we thought we're going to get one last time just to, as a matter of an explanation. And, and I have to do this a little bit because there were probably those most loud there protesting the claiming that Bush had promised.

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Speaker 4

And this said, when there was going to be a vacancy, that he was going to put on Hispanic. And that's not what he said when he was my brother. He said, I know, and I'm so sorry we needed Hispanic on the Supreme Court. There was that the next vacancy? But let me tell you what he what you have been doing, the position that Thomas had in Washington and that was circuit court, was offered to a Latino from their house.

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Speaker 2

Who declined.

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Speaker 4

The gavel. And also because Ricardo has I want to be an ambassador instead. So he offered that chance to a Latino declined this, and he gave it to a black American. So then when it came time to select somebody for the Supreme Court, he was in line. But he's been trying to force now we have a guy, Antonio, who's in a passive branch.

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Speaker 4

He's trying to build expertise to be in line for the Supreme Court. Now you say, well, there's a lot of better qualified people out there. Other judges. Yeah, but are they Republican? So you gotta remember, it's a patronage process. Whatever power, Partizan power. That's a party that that gets the the nominations from within their own ranks. So that's not conservative good judges out there.

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Speaker 4

Did you consider they should be nominated for consideration for these benches for the names up. And in some of these are conservative enough, and I'm not trying to change anybody's label. But I tell a lot of folks the differences in make when you get on the bench for the Republican or Democrat, you can you can play politics. Once you get on the bench.

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Speaker 4

So would you rather have a good Latino on those benches, even if they have to come and say, well, maybe I instead of being a Democrat, I'm a bit independent, or I'm going to go and say, you know, I want I want to be apolitical. We just need to get ready for those benches. So they're they're.

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Speaker 2

Primed with judges.

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Speaker 4

Good track record. They're conservative. That service, those names that send them to the white House and work within your own. Get your own congressmen, Republican congressmen and Republican senators. You gotta work for that system so they can support your candidate. But we are in for candidates. Talk to scholars. And I know the other day and we're saying, how come we didn't have as many as like, appointments like you were there?

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Speaker 4

He said, okay, I think we could have had three times as many, but we didn't have the applicants with the credentials. And he said, and we've gotta get em. We gotta push some of them that do have individuals that want to move to the cost of living. It's so expensive. I just don't want to ruin their families, whatever reason.

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Speaker 4

But as we start to have people, they want to sacrifice a couple of years to get up there and serve the country. And and so if you're one of those people, let us know, because there's also some appointments and boards and commissions that are for Democrats. So you don't even have switched parties. That's probably all that I have for you.

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Speaker 4

Just remind you that it's a very important election year. Look at your candidates, participate. And also if there's anything that I can do, is your you as treasurer, if you haven't already been to my office, remember that is your home. You can buy anything how you make the money, as long as you keep your hands in your pocket.

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Speaker 4

Or you can go by and see how we made the coins, and we'll be happy to arrange a private tour for some of your groups if you call me ahead of time. And also please come by the city office. I would like to say that I see a lot of you say that I've been to the Treasurer's office, and that I've been the U.S. Treasury, because it is part of you.

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Speaker 4

It wasn't for you, you know, for your organization, for the Joe Carroll, the you know, the. This is something is and all that I would be heard I don't forget. And I also want to participate with your school. So you have a local school that I can when I travel around the country I like stuff like this, the schools, I like to talk to the kids, and they don't know how important it is to stay in school and let them know how it is possible that you know, only in this great country of ours where our currency is so popular, do we also have a wonderful opportunity to serve and this capacity.

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Speaker 4

Thank you again.

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Unknown

Have a nice.

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Speaker 2

Thank you very much. treasurer of the Bongo. I suggest that, when the woman, the only woman you know with the key to Fort Knox speaks, we should listen. That's power. I want to thank, Chief Coleman for being with us. He has to leave, and, of course, take care of the city of ours. he's cracking the whip there.

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Speaker 2

Well, and getting in a lot of hot water, but thank you, Chief.

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And Councilman, to your comments ahead. Can we.

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Speaker 2

Well, I've separated the Morales from the media as. And so we're going to call on the letter Juan Mireles, and he is going to make some presentation.

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Speaker 3

So thank you very much. if I may, please, Cathy, there's several things that I wanted to present to us. As she mentioned earlier, she's from San Marcos, Texas. The park picnic is out. I don't know how it's going to be called. And I learned this from Illinois friends. you're not supposed to put your ass at the end of Illinois, is that correct?

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Speaker 3

ceremony. And so I come from Antonio. I'm going to learn to pick that ass out from Illinois. Okay. we are going to be having in Denver, Colorado my week. We hope that you're going to be there from one. I understand you will be there, but, one of the things that we will be doing is we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of one of the agencies that we've had and we're very proud of provides employment services for over 200,000 veterans.

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Speaker 3

It's inception and and the celebration is 20 years celebration. they're going to honor, a our Hispanic veteran, name name of, in behalf of black Vegas. And as a result, for those who don't know, Clayton Rodriguez is from San Marcos, Texas. And what I want to do is provide her, up here a 20, year anniversary pan from the National Veterans Outreach Program.

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Unknown

And we also have.

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Speaker 3

Another item here, a class that also celebrates the 40th anniversary. And, it'll be celebrated in Denver, Colorado, from the National Veterans Outreach Program. And, or two there's a second thing that have in common. not only was it from San Marcos, Texas, it was also a member of the American GI for me, and therefore it is only appropriate.

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Speaker 3

But I also would like to present to you in our, and behalf of the American GI forum, the women and youth on this main conference present presented to Catalina Vazquez. We are panel for your dedication and support of the American GI forum and your inspiration. We present this to you on behalf of the forum women and you.

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Unknown

Present that I.

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Speaker 4

As Fresno that I come before I gi forum group. So it's very nice that they've done outside of Texas and a wonderful area like California, which of the Cowboys the other day that was it was the Mrs. Salinas. And I said, I know I told her, as bad as it is, Spanish is, I guess this is bad because I like it.

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Speaker 4

I mean, just last year I gave them information. They have been on their house as they have been in class on Monday. And, so they would never think of it as having a translator. Mrs. Wilson said this. It wasn't. I just told Mr. Sullivan said, I heard the president had to say that it was very kind of way, but it the ones the Texas have big hearts and they love California.

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And how.

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Unknown

Thank you very much. but.

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Speaker 3

I do want to make, just three representations be out that, you know, if I may at this time, I would like, and I will present these presentations in the order that I met these individuals. the first person I met was in, who was in Seattle, Washington state. I met him at our national convention. At that time, he was the, state chairman of the state of Oklahoma.

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Speaker 3

it's funny how he's first name particular Pat, but he's always got, you know, you know, you heard the nickname smiley. In fact, we have a lot of members in our organization that happened smiling. But he's always got a smile on his face, whether he's serious or whether he's he's even smiling. Guy. You just, like one kind of fella.

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Speaker 3

But, I remember when I fainted for the first time, said, we need to get together. We need to get together so we can start discussing the goals and objectives this organization. And ever since then, we've always gotten together and, try to decide and help out, be. When I give this award, I not only give it to him, but I also give it to his family.

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Speaker 3

ever since I've ever met him, he's always brought his wife and his children to every convention that I've ever been to. A national convention. I've also had an opportunity to meet with him. in Texas. He comes to Texas a lot, and he tells me he comes to Texas to learn about GI. Come over there and all actual.

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Speaker 3

I think he's been there so many times, as you probably know more than we do now. And maybe he ought to go to Oklahoma and see what's going on over there. And I'm in Oklahoma and, and I and they've always, provided a great deal of respect for me when I go there. I know, I know, this is one gentleman that's going to go to GI from heaven.

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Speaker 3

somebody somebody at the guild was telling me, says, you know, all of us are going to go to GI forum heaven. you know, the thing is, he says, of course, when you want to go to GI from heaven, there's not going to be any gringos over there. So what are we going to do when we get the GI formatted?

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Speaker 3

we'll figure out when we get there. But, but if you come to me, ask Perfecto to please come up and and of course, I have the I have the privilege. And during the convention, the organization selects its members and selects, I, I'm taking a bracket now and, to give this award to this friend of mine and to this member of the GI forum.

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Speaker 3

Please come up. Effect of this is on behalf of the National chairman myself.

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Speaker 3

Thank I tell you that, yes. one.

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Speaker 3

Thank you to everybody.

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Unknown

He's got to.

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Speaker 3

He, contenders also if they cannot discuss what he tells me. But when we come down to voting, he goes like, he's from Oklahoma, but in the heart of the country. this next award is to another gentleman. And I met him, and I actually met him. Maybe before that. At that time, he was the, chairman of California.

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Speaker 3

And of course, I was a state chairman of Texas. And you know that, when California and Texas get together, something happens. The negative and the positive, they match in. And, we're always in some sort of disagreement. And my task, the state chairman, was to disagree with California and his task as chairman of California was to go.

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Speaker 3

I disagree with Texas. but we, he came up to me in Corpus Christi. He said, why now? why don't we start working on a few things, in agreement? we shook hands. And ever since then, we became very good friends. he's, Mr. Sensitive. He's, a really nice fellow. We. I refer to him as blanket manager, because you always know where this gentleman is coming from.

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Speaker 3

he's always coming from one direction, from one. But most people that know him know that he is a warm fellow, a nice person. I would like to ask, in my appreciation as, chairman this year and last year, to give to, one of your own from Idaho or if I put the ask Victor to please come up and accept this award.

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Speaker 3

And, I learned it. I learned a new word from Victor. Okay, I just want to let you know, but I think everybody know what that word you.

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Speaker 3

Mean. And I don't know, the people from Texas coming up. I would hope that each and every one of us would drink to that. And we all be pledge of Allegiance. Thank you.

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Unknown

And, of course, Victor is, in the process of, of course, when I.

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Speaker 3

When he was, my chairman last year, he was out.

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Speaker 2

There.

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Speaker 3

he helped get chapters. He even started a youth chapter, force. he has a lovely daughter, and I believe she's about six months old, and he's already working on that new chapter here in California. The trouble with Victor, he takes everything too bloody seriously. Okay. okay. This third person that.

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Unknown

I want to present to.

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Unknown

My poor baby. Okay.

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Speaker 3

This is the.

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Speaker 2

Future.

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Speaker 3

National women's chair. All right.

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Speaker 3

Good night. Okay, I met I met on your Texas. At one time, they had invited us to, promote our course to accept the Vietnam Memorial Wall as an organization. And, the interesting thing about it is, I think I remember, Chuck, you were there. Our our our chairman from, from Nebraska at that time, capital was there, and he was representing Oklahoma.

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Speaker 3

I think Mr. Galvan also was there from the state of Illinois, of course.

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Unknown

Anybody else down right?

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Unknown

Sorry. In. Okay.

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Speaker 3

Let me finish. Let me finish. Okay. Okay. And, of course, Victor was there representing the state of California. And of course, I was there, and we were very honored. I remember when we all got it was a very serious responsibility. And accepting that wall. And as a result, we are, that wall has been all over the country and, but but Victor brought a young man with and impacted by his son with him.

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Speaker 3

and at that time, he just graduated from high school, and he was about to join the U.S. Navy. And, I just found out, of course, I met him in Washington, DC, about about a year ago. A year and a half ago when he was in full uniform. And he's such a nice, good looking fellow. I don't see any relationship between him and Victor.

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Speaker 3

by the way, I think Victor's family is real nice. They don't look anything like him. Nobody looks like. but, this gentleman, he was a very respectful person when I first met him, and he was learning about, you know, Victor was to him about Jack Whitman. So when I found out he just got here about 4 or 5 days ago, he just got out of the United States Navy.

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Speaker 3

he's going to go to college. we have a pending resolution in this organization. and he he has been a member for the last four years, from what I understand. But we do have a pending resolution that we are to honor any membership from any person veteran. and so therefore, I'm exercising that right to provide him my membership for this year.

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Speaker 3

Let me ask Victor Gardner Junior to please come up. so you can.

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Speaker 3

He will be here. He will have the, He will. He is a member in good standing as a Persian Gulf Arab veteran. I also want to provide him the the, Yeah, I think it will probably make it 2222. Okay. Now, you were two years old when this agency, the Veterans Outreach Program, started. They help people find veteran, find jobs.

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Speaker 3

So that's why I'm going to give you this pin. Okay? You're just a little bit older than veterans outreach program, but the next time I see you, Victor junior. Okay, I would like to see you where? And if you report back because I want to see you as national chairman. while I'm after your daddy or Dennis or whoever.

00:59:20:01 - 00:59:28:28

Speaker 3

Okay. And I'm going to provide to you this year. I go back, okay?

00:59:29:01 - 00:59:34:15

Speaker 3

Okay.

00:59:34:17 - 00:59:56:20

Speaker 3

I, we went to the Houston National Convention over there on the decisions for certain. chapter of the year. Remember, the years are made by the organization. That's actually probably for a committee, and they review it, and they, and they review the background and they'll make the decisions before the Assembly how the awards was, made in Houston, at the national convention.

00:59:56:22 - 01:00:17:06

Speaker 3

But at that time, what had happened was they had decided that they wanted to put the names of the, the plaque state in Houston. And it was very fortunate because we all knew we were going to come to

San Jose anyway, for the outstanding forum member of the year was awarded to a gentleman that is being even honored at this, at this conference and also by this pageant.

01:00:17:09 - 01:00:21:21

Speaker 3

It goes to Pete Gonzalez. Do I have people in town this year?

01:00:21:23 - 01:00:25:25

Unknown

If not, I would like to have a representative please pick up.

01:00:25:27 - 01:00:35:18

Speaker 3

Here's, the local chairman here. maybe Mr. Avila, the state chairman of California, to present this to him.

01:00:35:20 - 01:00:39:29

Speaker 3

Okay, we'll do that.

01:00:40:02 - 01:01:02:26

Speaker 3

And we'll we'll just go ahead and provide for the barbecue. We'll have to say a few things, okay. and since we're going to be there, it's funny, I suppose I was very successful at that convention. Not only were they honored as being member of the year and as you know, from what I understand. Oh, by the way, somebody said that from a competition between the GI Missoula.

01:01:02:26 - 01:01:12:02

Speaker 3

Like, I'm here to officially say there is no competition.

01:01:12:05 - 01:01:12:29

Unknown

I like that one.

01:01:13:00 - 01:01:29:28

Speaker 3

I do like, I do like Tony making that statement. Whatever you like. Say, they'll say, he'll say we have one member more. But then I heard, the president will come up and say, well, now we're tied because I resign as a member of the GI quorum. And there and about the same time he was doing that act for him, I do like.

01:01:29:28 - 01:01:30:17

Speaker 3

Ha.

01:01:30:19 - 01:01:36:28

Unknown

So we're still one ahead. I, I was in a,

01:01:37:00 - 01:02:04:07

Speaker 3

How was it a function in, in, was it in San Antonio? That's my home turf. And we had a number of organizations, and he came into the Fresno. Like I said, I've gotten together with, members of the American GI forum, and, and, people have asked me to run for national chairman of the American GI forum, but, I've already started my campaign, but I decided not to run for national chairman because I didn't want to wear that hat.

01:02:04:09 - 01:02:27:00

Speaker 3

So then it was my turn to come up to the podium, and I said, well, you're going to have your convention in San Antonio. That's my territory. And, a bunch of members have come up to me and asked me to run for national president, who I but then I decided, because I have to take my hat off.

01:02:27:02 - 01:02:53:22

Speaker 3

And we we we. Okay, this I will also send some chairman to the president. that says the chairman of the I is the chairman of San Jose chapter here. But address. Okay, okay. There. we have over 200 chapters throughout the country. In Houston, the chapter was selected as chapter of the year, and I want to present this to the American G.I. forum.

01:02:53:28 - 01:03:00:03

Unknown

We will have 11 members.

01:03:00:06 - 01:03:04:13

Unknown

I think you.

01:03:04:15 - 01:03:13:22

Speaker 3

I will now, ask the Mr. of Ceremony to take over. Please.

01:03:13:24 - 01:03:16:13

Unknown

Well, there's nothing much here, is all.

01:03:16:16 - 01:03:21:17

Speaker 4

There's, I understand some afternoon sessions, for homecoming and barbecues.

01:03:21:17 - 01:03:31:15

Speaker 2

You've got great work full time planning ahead. For the rest, we can have a good one. This is over. don't forget the 1992 convention in Denver coming up August 3rd.

01:03:31:17 - 01:03:53:18

Unknown

Yes. So, have a good night. We're going to California. Go home. Mr..

01:03:53:21 - 01:04:20:26

Speaker 2

I go me that a woman has you in my must understand is slightly different, if you will. Then both of the males. So what I'm asking you, it's what has been done to address the different problems and situations that have arisen. Because now we have a lot of female veterans, and we are a little different than the men.

01:04:20:28 - 01:04:26:13

Speaker 2

Thank you ma'am, thank you. how of the, what what.

01:04:26:13 - 01:04:29:04

Speaker 4

You hit upon is a subject that's very near and dear.

01:04:29:04 - 01:04:32:12

Speaker 2

To my heart.

01:04:32:14 - 01:04:39:05

Speaker 4

One of the ways that the medical centers try to address the needs of women veterans in the.

01:04:39:05 - 01:04:50:26

Speaker 2

Medical centers is to have a women's coordinator in all the medical centers. Unfortunately, and I'm being very honest with you about this, some of our goals. I mean.

01:04:50:26 - 01:05:01:18

Speaker 4

You know, you never see over and over they are the things you're supposed to be, but you never see them. what I would suggest to you is that when you.

01:05:01:18 - 01:05:04:14

Speaker 2

See hospitals where.

01:05:04:16 - 01:05:10:21

Speaker 4

There doesn't seem to be the same sensitivity to the same sensitivity or the same.

01:05:10:23 - 01:05:11:28

Speaker 2

Openness.

01:05:12:00 - 01:05:14:05

Speaker 4

That you make us aware of it, because.

01:05:14:05 - 01:05:22:17

Speaker 2

In Washington also, we have a women's coordinator who's supposed to be making sure that that sort of thing happens.

01:05:22:19 - 01:05:26:24

Speaker 4

Another area and this is is something that,

01:05:26:27 - 01:05:29:16

Speaker 2

I discussed this morning with the

01:05:29:19 - 01:05:35:20

Speaker 4

Readjustment Counseling service regional manager is have two vet centers.

01:05:35:22 - 01:05:45:11

Speaker 2

Have had a very difficult time coming around to the place where they are able to, first of all, attract women veterans.

01:05:45:11 - 01:05:49:16

Speaker 4

Into the vet center and then deal with some of their issues that are very, very.

01:05:49:16 - 01:05:53:20

Speaker 2

Different, like sexual assault.

01:05:53:22 - 01:05:56:08

Speaker 4

You know, some of those things are very real.

01:05:56:11 - 01:05:58:20

Speaker 2

And, you know, how many women.

01:05:58:20 - 01:06:02:29

Speaker 4

Are going to go to a vet center and offer I was sexually assaulted in the military. They're not going.

01:06:02:29 - 01:06:09:08

Speaker 2

To do it. the counselors have to be trained to be able to to bring that out and.

01:06:09:08 - 01:06:10:11

Speaker 4

Help them deal with it.

01:06:10:19 - 01:06:13:17

Speaker 2

So it's this kind of thing. I think that.

01:06:13:17 - 01:06:16:15

Speaker 4

That, the VA is.

01:06:16:15 - 01:06:18:22

Speaker 2

Has sort of been having the power curve on.

01:06:18:22 - 01:06:21:04

Speaker 4

And that we need to do a better job.

01:06:21:06 - 01:06:31:14

Speaker 2

Of looking at that. Have I try to do is, when I meet people like you who, who certainly seem to have a finger on the pulse of.

01:06:31:14 - 01:06:33:19

Speaker 4

What's going on, and in the women veterans.

01:06:33:19 - 01:06:38:20

Speaker 2

Community is ask you to let me know, kind of keep in touch with me.

01:06:38:20 - 01:06:41:23

Speaker 4

Let me know what's what's going on out there and what people.

01:06:41:23 - 01:06:43:24

Speaker 2

Are concerned about and what you're not seeing and what.

01:06:43:24 - 01:06:46:07

Speaker 4

You're not getting. So that I can talk.

01:06:46:07 - 01:06:49:00

Speaker 2

To the CMT, the chief medical director, Doctor Holsinger.

01:06:49:00 - 01:06:51:17

Speaker 4

And say, hey, you're just not worth it.

01:06:51:19 - 01:06:54:24

Speaker 2

Him, you know, the San Francisco.

01:06:54:26 - 01:06:59:10

Speaker 4

Or whatever, or the Chicago or whatever it is about, women's.

01:06:59:10 - 01:07:01:18

Speaker 2

Needs.

01:07:01:21 - 01:07:02:14

Speaker 3

01:07:02:17 - 01:07:40:14

Speaker 5

I need to inform you and inform you that I'm a member of the House of Representatives. Okay, I don't know. the issue is for the veterans in that it's incredible. We island. We were proud of the veteran hospital, in the past years. It's a mess. Just so too many problems. I, I don't really know. Be the head of the administration is really aware that situation.

01:07:40:20 - 01:07:42:18

Speaker 5

But my question.

01:07:42:21 - 01:07:47:29

Speaker 2

I don't know if he is or not, but I appreciate your you're bringing that up to me.

01:07:48:02 - 01:08:12:18

Speaker 4

I have seen a hospital, out there and have met with, let me say that the chief medical director put it over there because I told him about it. I saw the hospital myself. The secretary was out there, and saw the hospital, and. And you're right. There are a lot of things to be, worked out in that hospital.

01:08:12:24 - 01:08:14:17

Speaker 2

funding has been a problem.

01:08:14:17 - 01:08:33:16

Speaker 4

Everything's been a problem out there. all I can tell you is that, I'll take it up with them again. And, you know, hopefully they can they can give you some attention out there. The the unfortunate thing about the base, Puerto Rico are a little bit.

01:08:33:16 - 01:08:35:00

Speaker 2

Different from.

01:08:35:02 - 01:08:40:21

Speaker 4

Other areas is that there aren't that many other places to go. You know, if you're a veteran and.

01:08:40:21 - 01:08:43:07

Speaker 2

You're not getting served that hospital, there aren't that many.

01:08:43:07 - 01:08:46:07

Speaker 4

Other places to go. And that's very serious.

01:08:46:10 - 01:09:16:04

Speaker 5

That in that situation is that, the hospital was working very well, a few years ago. cost has, for the budget and, cuts, means that, there are less, physicians, and they need to work harder, and they need to service more patients, physicians, and, of course, we are asking for a second hospital in the island.

01:09:16:07 - 01:09:46:02

Speaker 5

we think, it's, I need to raise right this point. I think, maybe somebody in the group, they don't don't like it, but the situation is that the president, concerned Puerto Ricans who do the work of. Well, we can we can evaluate the president. We can vote for him. what it is in the mind of, each one of the four is that it's not an injustice.

01:09:46:04 - 01:09:49:21

Speaker 5

They. Thank you. Thank you.

01:09:49:23 - 01:09:58:17

Speaker 2

I think I can take one more that I have to read. Okay.

01:09:58:19 - 01:10:22:29

Speaker 3

Again, thank you very much. business long. I understand you have to be taken off. you have to be at the airport, ten minutes ago. So, she goes on a long trip back to Washington, DC. I would like for you, to, also let, secretary, a god of deep gratitude for, allowing you to be the the second person I can't think of for a second person in a commercial.

01:10:23:02 - 01:10:26:25

Speaker 3

So. And from what I understand, she's going to be the first woman secretary of the Department.

01:10:26:25 - 01:10:33:28

Unknown

Of Veterans Affairs. So, again, thank you very much.

01:10:34:00 - 01:10:56:29

Speaker 3

at this time, our course, the, the assistance from the Department of Veterans doesn't end there. They will be, providing us presentation. further technical assistance in the foreign meeting. we will also we are now in the process of breaking up. we will reconvene, we will reconvene, tomorrow morning. But if any of the committee chairs would like to make some announcements.

01:10:56:29 - 01:11:06:17

Speaker 3

Now, if they want to meet later, you need to let me know. Now, the committee chairs. Why didn't.

01:11:06:19 - 01:11:07:20

Speaker 2

Mr. chairman?

01:11:07:21 - 01:11:09:20

Speaker 3

Yes. Why are we.

01:11:09:23 - 01:11:13:09

Speaker 2

I changed my mind.

01:11:13:11 - 01:11:18:14

Unknown

I.

01:11:18:16 - 01:11:23:20

Unknown

Mean.

01:11:23:22 - 01:11:30:03

Unknown

I have.

01:11:30:06 - 01:11:40:07

Unknown

01:11:40:09 - 01:11:47:01

Speaker 3

Know that.

01:11:47:04 - 01:12:05:23

Speaker 3

At meeting that. No, I got on.

01:12:05:25 - 01:12:10:18

Speaker 2

How?

01:12:10:20 - 01:12:15:13

Speaker 3

To get it.

01:12:15:15 - 01:12:25:21

Speaker 3

Just.

01:12:25:24 - 01:12:34:21

Unknown

Like. I know you would have.

01:12:34:23 - 01:12:51:29

Unknown

Made.

01:12:52:01 - 01:12:54:14

Unknown

Well, I have.

01:12:54:17 - 01:13:06:16

Speaker 3

Here.

01:13:06:18 - 01:13:11:11

Speaker 6

Hope.

01:13:11:14 - 01:13:24:27

Speaker 6

I have.

01:13:24:29 - 01:13:31:19

Speaker 3

An empty step, right? Oh, hey. It's me, my wife.

01:13:31:22 - 01:13:40:16

Speaker 3

You. Don't need to register.

01:13:40:18 - 01:13:43:24

Unknown

The. Welcome to.

01:13:43:26 - 01:13:44:26

Speaker 6

That sit around.

01:13:44:26 - 01:13:51:20

Unknown

And we got up in the middle.

01:13:51:22 - 01:13:57:15

Unknown

Of the run. You want to make me good news? That's my man. The one who.

01:13:57:15 - 01:14:02:00

Speaker 6

Stays in school. We are not serving America.

01:14:02:02 - 01:14:05:17

Unknown

01:14:05:19 - 01:14:08:17

Unknown

That's run for you.

01:14:08:19 - 01:14:12:12

Speaker 3

Wake up, wake up, wake up.

01:14:12:18 - 01:14:17:27

Unknown

Second of.

01:14:18:00 - 01:14:19:01

Unknown

All.

01:14:19:03 - 01:14:27:00

Speaker 3

The only way to change is to make.

01:14:27:02 - 01:14:35:07

Unknown

Money. We. Just got. Find out how much more. Because we are.

01:14:35:07 - 01:14:45:03

Speaker 3

Mestizos and we're proud Chicanos. Come up. Wake up! Chief, I don't understand what.

01:14:45:05 - 01:14:50:21

Speaker 6

The sleeping giant.

01:14:50:23 - 01:15:23:27

Unknown

And woke.

01:15:23:29 - 01:15:47:00

Unknown

Us.

01:15:47:03 - 01:15:51:23

Unknown

Up.

01:15:51:26 - 01:15:59:18

Unknown

What.

01:15:59:20 - 01:16:16:26

Unknown

I.

01:16:16:28 - 01:16:25:02

Unknown

Know.

01:16:25:04 - 01:16:41:02

Speaker 6

I don't.

01:16:41:05 - 01:16:47:25

Speaker 6

Said.

01:16:47:27 - 01:16:53:27

Unknown

Well, what a dancer I am.

01:16:54:00 - 01:17:00:04

Unknown

No, I.

01:17:00:07 - 01:17:12:08

Unknown

I don't know. Well, it's my first. I don't have it. Yes you have. No, I don't, Well, bring it all. We all voted.

01:17:12:10 - 01:17:18:16

Speaker 3

Eat. Go go go. Yeah, but instead of band.

01:17:18:19 - 01:17:40:09

Unknown

Come on. All right. But, I'll see you later. Yeah. Even with the boom boom third love on the water. A lot of loving to be with. oh. Hello. I'm Sharon. Hey.

01:17:40:11 - 01:17:41:10

Speaker 3

Hold up.

01:17:41:12 - 01:18:33:14

Unknown

Your mom. 0000. Oh, good for up. For one on the blue. Oh, good. Go go go go go. Shrimp everywhere. Oh, my. Oh! Set, little flag. Go before 11 two from the small children on the go. Go to one going up.

01:18:33:16 - 01:18:50:16

Unknown

May. Oh, my little, my name, my name. There. oh. Long.

01:18:50:19 - 01:18:55:07

Unknown

Oh, no. Oh, no. Please.

01:18:55:09 - 01:18:59:11

Unknown

01:18:59:13 - 01:19:06:19

Unknown

Oh, nothing on the.

01:19:06:22 - 01:19:24:10

Unknown

Yellow watermelon. I'm in. Oh, very.

01:19:24:13 - 01:19:26:04

Unknown

Little to my name.

01:19:26:10 - 01:19:30:06

Speaker 3

Yes, yes, yes. let go of.

01:19:30:08 - 01:19:53:20

Unknown

Any, Mr.. Come long just to get us on, Oh. Oh. Thank you. And I am on the go to in front. Give me an old man's muzzle. And for the.

01:19:53:22 - 01:20:02:00

Unknown

Yeah. I don't know about long forces here on the. I came from,

01:20:02:02 - 01:20:18:13

Unknown

And from old enough not. Come on. You know what, son, is? An old one.

01:20:18:15 - 01:20:32:29

Unknown

And. Yeah, one. The one that got that one. Yeah. You know, I'm just saying. Yeah.

01:20:33:01 - 01:20:37:12

Unknown

Oh.

01:20:37:15 - 01:20:38:02

Unknown

Good.

01:20:38:04 - 01:20:40:24

Speaker 3

No killing sperm from.

01:20:40:27 - 01:20:53:29

Unknown

All self-ownership don't belong. See? No one. Boys call that the West Point on them for. No.

01:20:54:01 - 01:21:03:11

Speaker 3

No, you don't never go up. They don't show lots of standing for club. Yeah, go get boys.

01:21:03:11 - 01:21:24:18

Unknown

All right. Come off the dog. Oh. Okay, everybody. Oh, yeah. I'm right. Now that is that whole must go know. Let me go. And. Daddy. No.

01:21:24:20 - 01:22:08:12

Unknown

Hey, I'll be good on this when I'm going. After all the others are there. The end came out me? Yeah, they made getting me. Oh, good. yeah, I got the good. Yeah. Yeah. Give me an elbow. They watch. Yeah.

01:22:08:15 - 01:22:14:09

Unknown

You know.

01:22:14:11 - 01:22:17:29

Unknown

What? We're.

01:22:18:02 - 01:22:52:17

Speaker 2

The youth of the 90s are having to face, like, gangs. just Hispanic pride. A lot of that literature. You have to research to get books like that. And our youth should not have to have to research all that they that should be provided to them. And that's what I would like to see at our national convention. and so primarily this is to show the men and women how account, how other leadership in that youth form are building because the youth now are going to be the future men and women of this G.I. forum.

01:22:52:23 - 01:23:13:24

Speaker 2

And I was and I would really like to see this forum become stronger and stronger as the years go on, because we want to continue to grow and increase our membership and our power that we have. And so this is the youth exhibit that we have, designed for the Denver Convention of 1992.

01:23:13:27 - 01:23:17:18

Unknown

Thank you.

01:23:17:21 - 01:23:18:18

Unknown

Thank you.

01:23:18:21 - 01:23:41:17

Speaker 2

See that we have not, announced this yet in Colorado. We haven't, exactly sat down with that. We have planned to, go to Colorado about a month ago, but the typical American weekend. but, we haven't set down exactly Colorado. And I hope that they're still, but they reserve, which is. But we'll talk about later.

01:23:41:19 - 01:23:55:10

Speaker 2

another the second of our major project is point five of my five year plan, whereas, making the youth self-supported. What is is, plans are underway for a national raffle. What it is.

01:23:55:12 - 01:23:59:06

Speaker 4

Once again, this is, at the 35th and Tigard, and I have all.

01:23:59:13 - 01:24:14:16

Speaker 2

Wholeheartedly agree with that. We would have some kind of raffle where a prize would be. Well, let me have my secretary to the to one in charge of the special raffle. Jennifer.

01:24:14:18 - 01:24:15:24

Speaker 2

Okay. we're planning.

01:24:15:24 - 01:24:17:20

Speaker 4

On having a raffle, and.

01:24:17:23 - 01:24:19:00

Speaker 2

We still don't have.

01:24:19:00 - 01:24:20:03

Speaker 4

The prizes, but we're going.

01:24:20:03 - 01:24:25:29

Speaker 2

To wrap up. But the whole idea behind the raffle is to give.

01:24:26:02 - 01:24:28:00

Speaker 4

Each state chapter incentive.

01:24:28:00 - 01:24:34:29

Speaker 2

To raise money not only for the national youth, but for their state and local levels as well. So what we're going to.

01:24:34:29 - 01:24:40:01

Speaker 4

Do is we're going to be selling tickets, and they'll be distributed at a later date when they're all printed up.

01:24:40:01 - 01:25:03:13

Speaker 2

Whatnot. But what we're going to do is each take is going to cost a dollar. And for each ticket that a youth member sells, half of it is going to go to their chapter. So say a youth group sells 500 tickets, 250 would go to the national level and 250 would go to a local level. Therefore, each the national and state level are.

01:25:03:13 - 01:25:05:17

Speaker 4

Benefiting from it as.

01:25:05:17 - 01:25:12:08

Speaker 2

Well as, national level. And the prizes we're trying to get. I'm looking into it right now.

01:25:12:10 - 01:25:20:02

Speaker 4

I have been applying it to the raffle. we're looking for roundtrip tickets, in anywhere in the United States address.

01:25:20:02 - 01:25:25:19

Speaker 2

And my phone number, is on the, national letterhead.

01:25:25:22 - 01:25:26:04

Speaker 4

And.

01:25:26:04 - 01:25:28:20

Speaker 2

Just, you can come up to me and talk to me here as well.

01:25:28:26 - 01:25:30:01

Speaker 4

And we would like all your.

01:25:30:01 - 01:25:34:01

Speaker 2

Support from the men and women's groups and from all of your chapters.

01:25:34:04 - 01:25:38:24

Speaker 4

To help support, the national youth so that we can become self.

01:25:38:24 - 01:25:57:09

Speaker 2

Supportive in our funds. Thank you. Strictly have this, through before the national convention, at the national convention, our youth luncheon. Like, we've done last year. We'll just have some kind of, you know, some youth members go around our executive youth retreat and take that.

01:25:57:09 - 01:25:59:15

Speaker 4

We have, set for.

01:25:59:17 - 01:26:37:23

Speaker 2

Is June 12th through the 13th. And that's right by the. Yeah, that's, in Wichita, Kansas, more likely. We will be with our Kansas. Okay. I feel that these quarterly meetings are beneficial to the youth since we spend across the country. Okay. Yesterday's means, we took care of small business with youth funds. Everything's been settled. And then, some new business came up concerning my youth advisors and some people could call in Colorado information about that.

01:26:37:23 - 01:26:54:17

Speaker 2

And so we just kind of threw all this information back into our parents chair so that they know what we're doing. And I feel that they I have their support 100%. I welcome the Florida question microphone.

01:26:54:19 - 01:27:22:06

Speaker 3

great interest in what the youth youth does at the national convention. We want to try to help what we can. Yeah. You put some, suggestions there that I think, become a conflict of interest. In 1984, this body went through, a period of development, growth. And in that, in that period, we ran into the problem of conflicting solicitation of funds.

01:27:22:08 - 01:27:51:23

Speaker 3

conflicting programs, conflicting and letters going out to corporations soliciting funds. And the board unanimously passed a resolution that no one was solicit or raise funds at the national convention unless it was the national convention itself, and that any funds raised go directly into the national treasury of the National Convention account. Now. Yeah, this is a very, very difficult year.

01:27:51:26 - 01:28:12:28

Speaker 3

growth and development. we're having problems with corporations. We're having problems of getting them to support us because they're being called by so many different corporate, so many different community organizations. You have GI forum at the National GI forum at the state GI from chapters. You have the Volpe Center. Everybody has brother. Now we're soliciting under the banner of Americans.

01:28:12:28 - 01:28:35:21

Speaker 3

You have a forum that makes it very confusing for corporations so that this is why the resolution was passed at the national convention. No one would solicit funds, no one would sell anything, and any profits made would go into the treasury of the National Convention account. That creates a conflict. And what you're suggesting is you're going to be doing,

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Speaker 3

I don't, you know, I don't know how you want to approach us whether you want to put you on a new business. but it is a major problem, and one that we don't need. The resolution is noted, and, it is, open for discussion when the, various groups meet, with the convention committee. Madam chairwoman, just with, reference to the National Youth Board that you're going to be having these meeting in Kansas in June 12th and 13th, just, for information wise.

01:29:08:10 - 01:29:10:10

Speaker 2

Or that's Colorado convention.

01:29:10:12 - 01:29:15:03

Speaker 3

That's the dates of the Colorado. Okay. I have, you know, Colorado.

01:29:15:05 - 01:29:25:18

Speaker 2

It's the weekend after that said, the Wednesday and the Tuesday and Wednesday we worked out 16. Oh, sorry, 16th and 17th of June.

01:29:25:20 - 01:29:45:06

Speaker 3

And the young lady there, I was kind of left. I suppose Mr. Alvarado was up here, too. We're kind of left without a question because, Mr. West has raised a very good issue, and we're very sympathetic, and we want to help the youth. to the extent, for example, he said \$500, 250 to the National, you keep to 50.

01:29:45:08 - 01:30:01:13

Speaker 3

You know, I could see you keeping everything, but I would like the the, the resolution that was passed to six, 7 or 8 years ago to be discussed fully before I raise any other questions.

01:30:01:15 - 01:30:23:05

Speaker 3

Again, the resolution is noted. I don't have a copy of the resolution. I will have to find it. if there is a conflict, I will make that determination. But I will make every effort to see that they have these, not just a fundraiser, but, in other words, I'm asking for you. Allow me to give a direction, and I will not try to take away from their that connectivity.

01:30:23:06 - 01:30:32:19

Speaker 3

So great. But I also will not, I will not overrule the resolution that was passed by the body. And I will also not an annual convention as well to.

01:30:32:21 - 01:30:53:14

Speaker 2

excuse me, just me as just having come from chairing a in Nebraska convention and that will be on the national board. Somehow things have drastically changed. Either that or I wasn't truly aware of everything going on when we chartered, but we hosted the convention for the national organization, and with the help of the national office, it was our responsibility to work with the youth.

01:30:53:19 - 01:31:11:21

Speaker 2

If they wanted to function, it would tell us what they wanted, what they would like to see done. And then we went out and tried to get the funding for them. There's a lot of, corporations out there that

strictly for the youth. And if all these that were there, remember, Pizza Hut and Coca-Cola did a youth dance that Friday night, they paid for it.

01:31:11:28 - 01:31:31:28

Speaker 2

So it's fun that, Denver has a convention. I think we're getting away from it, that the convention people now think that their convention and they're dictating to the National as to what we can or cannot do, have or cannot have, we're supposed to work together and help with the resources of it. And of course, the youth don't have that resource.

01:31:32:01 - 01:31:53:04

Speaker 2

and maybe we and I, as Mr. Chairwoman, I did bring the information from the convention. We have talked about doing it, but I always thought that the convention was there. the, do it because the National is stuck somewhere else and we're all going to make money. I we go, we've got to work together instead of saying, this is mine, this is yours.

01:31:53:04 - 01:31:56:21

Speaker 2

This is their.

01:31:56:23 - 01:32:00:18

Speaker 3

Their. Yes.

01:32:00:20 - 01:32:07:13

Speaker 2

They stated that the local do not sell or solicit. It would be only the National.

01:32:07:15 - 01:32:26:22

Speaker 3

Let me tell you that I am going to give you the resolution. Okay. I'm going to find a resolution. It was passed in 1984. That's eight years ago. I'm sure we don't have a copy of it here, but. But we will. We will also not hurt the efforts of the youth. Okay? And and we will make sure that the national convention is not hurt either.

01:32:26:22 - 01:32:34:23

Speaker 3

Okay. We're going to work together. We're in harmony here. And, you just bring it up. Issue.

01:32:34:25 - 01:32:50:00

Speaker 3

So again, Jim, I know that the resolution and really there's no further discussion. you know, we're going to make this thing work. Okay, so can I just one comment. Yes, sir. If you have two women putting on a function, the use putting on a function if you don't, we, the Senate and the national seniors.

01:32:50:00 - 01:32:50:14

Speaker 2

And all.

01:32:50:14 - 01:33:12:08

Speaker 3

Of us contacting Continental Airlines for free trips to be giving away a raffle, they're going to think we're stupid. Listen, listen, Jim, Jim, Jim, you know, don't. Yeah. I'll let you speak after this. You know, what's going to happen is we're going to get we're going to get together later on this afternoon or tomorrow morning. And they're going to explain more specifically where they're going to try to raise these prices and to try to get you got to know about it.

01:33:12:08 - 01:33:20:28

Speaker 3

I'm going to know about it. They're going, no, there's been there's no hidden areas over here again. What do you we simply just need to work together. That's all right.

01:33:21:01 - 01:33:21:25

Speaker 2

Okay. First of.

01:33:21:25 - 01:33:22:28

Speaker 4

All, you're worried about.

01:33:22:28 - 01:33:26:07

Speaker 2

Contacting national corporations, whatnot. I'm doing this on.

01:33:26:07 - 01:33:30:00

Speaker 4

My local level, and I have an uncle that works for Continental Airlines.

01:33:30:00 - 01:33:35:12

Speaker 2

I have different resources and contacts. It's not like I'm going to go call all major corporations. I know.

01:33:35:12 - 01:33:36:24

Speaker 4

People that.

01:33:36:26 - 01:33:45:09

Speaker 2

jewelry stores, whatnot in Albuquerque, and that's why I was assigned to it. And I'm not going to be calling all that are all national corporations the same way that you are you.

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Speaker 4

But that's what you're worried about.

01:33:52:18 - 01:34:08:05

Speaker 2

Named after my brother that I lost in there. And I would never did. My family. Did you ever see a chapter is 98% family, father, mother, sisters, brothers and uncles, nieces, nephews.

01:34:08:08 - 01:34:09:02

Speaker 3

Children.

01:34:09:05 - 01:34:35:06

Speaker 2

Sons, daughters, grandchildren. And then I realized that I can't turn around and walk away because either I'm being attacked because somebody doesn't like me or for whatever reason, I am chair, I will demand and get the respect. As chair of this organization, I will do everything I can to fight the pettiness that we have. I in every women's meeting.

01:34:35:09 - 01:34:45:03

Speaker 2

If we could take the venom out of this organization, we will be where we're supposed to be, where everybody thinks that we're acting.

01:34:45:05 - 01:35:08:17

Speaker 2

If we do not continue to go forward, where are we going to leave the youth? We have a strong youth right now. Did you hear them? Did you see how powerful they are? They're very aggressive. They know what they want. They know where they're going. But if we lose the national, we've lost. Everything is no longer a state and a no longer local.

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Speaker 2

So the only thing I'm saying to you out there, and you know who you are. If you still feel the need to strangle this organization, maybe now we need to leave because we do not need to constantly have to wonder whether or not we're going to be here for media conference, to national convention. I plan on being here a long time in this organization.

01:35:34:21 - 01:35:59:18

Speaker 2

I will still be the same person, whether I'm here as national, whether I'm there in state, or whether I'm there as a local chair or if I'm there just as a member. My feelings and thoughts are the same. I am emotionally, physically, mentally attached to this organization, and I will do everything in my power to see that this organization turns around and becomes a for us.

01:35:59:25 - 01:36:24:03

Speaker 2

As Kathy said in her speech yesterday of years ago, we need to work together. We need to decide whether or not we are going to have a strong organization. We need to know that we are going to abide by the Constitution of the nation, and that means everybody, every single state. That doesn't mean only the Midwest or only the South.

01:36:24:10 - 01:36:48:13

Speaker 2

We're only the East. That means everybody that is a member of this organization. If not, then I suggest we have a constitution burning party. Everybody do what you want to do and come and go as you please. And then let's see what a chaotic mess we have at the end of every conference, I will continue to be a vocal voice, whether I make you happy or I don't.

01:36:48:15 - 01:37:11:03

Speaker 2

And I'm not always right. Me and I'm not always wrong either. But to listen to what I say and forgive whether or not we like each other and whether or not we're friends. Because you know what? We have to learn and decide to agree and decide to disagree. What do we do? I vote and we leave this room.

01:37:11:06 - 01:37:21:08

Speaker 2

We're still friends. Otherwise we're all going to get out of this organization.

01:37:21:11 - 01:37:44:15

Speaker 2

In this booklet, I do have, and I will go through page by page so that everybody's aware of exactly what I'm doing. It was an issue that came up in Texas. Doctor Garcia called me a national chair. You need to address this issue. All right. But before I can address any issue from any other state, I need the background information.

01:37:44:17 - 01:38:06:10

Speaker 2

So I get past some of the women in Texas at that time. What is the issue? What is it for sure. And I was asked, oh, we cannot have you address it because it's a Texas issue. We need to get together and decide what's good for Texas as proposed. What is it good for Texas? I cannot address anything on another state if I am not aware of what is going on both sides.

01:38:06:12 - 01:38:25:25

Speaker 2

I address the issue with and I don't remember it is David. When I was making remarks about Mexicans being able to hold a job as me or housekeeper, I sent a letter to that update and I addressed that I could address, but I didn't know what's going on in the state of Texas until you let me know that you.

01:38:25:25 - 01:38:45:24

Speaker 2

Garcia got mad at me because I did not address it, okay? And I told him I'm not from Texas. Your issue was not an issue that I was familiar with. That's why I called the Women of Texas. They asked me not to. As national chair, address it because it was an issue that the women of Texas needed to address.

01:38:45:28 - 01:39:11:08

Speaker 2

If they felt I was needed to address it, then they would have asked me and I was one more point health education, aids, dropouts. They are not a Texas issue, right? And I have sat through meetings and went through Queens, and I just closed my ears because we are not tackling the issues again. Those are my personal issues.

01:39:11:08 - 01:39:36:12

Speaker 2

Okay. Again, I have an executive director that is a staff member. He and I will be working on this for a conference, for a leadership conference, for workshop. We've had women's meetings. We've talked about having workshops. We have had workshops. No one attends everybody's shopping. I myself, when I walk in and there's nobody there, I go, oh fine, that's fine.

01:39:36:12 - 01:39:57:28

Speaker 2

We get chair. We try to do it now, trying to work with Toni to get this done. And again, we've been shut down. We can't have it Monday or Tuesday because people don't want to come in early. The expense. So now we're back to square one to do it on Wednesday. We've already talked to Rockwell. We've got a listing usually this book, you see the listing of the corporations that we are going to solicit from.

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Speaker 2

We are going to select it. It happens not that's my point. I, I would like to the soliciting.

01:40:05:14 - 01:40:22:08

Speaker 3

Okay. that completes the national chapter one report. if you want to address issues that showed up right before the women's meeting, this is simply a report. And, with that in mind, thank you very much, Mary Martinez, for your report.

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Unknown

I was, talking to.

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Speaker 3

Victor Garza a little earlier. Remember that that old series, that, Fantasy Island, where that if you,

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Speaker 2

And the other women's organization, our first year on the board, it says waiting in the challenger, 1990. This is the thing when you're national executive board, this thing, this thing will carry us through the mid-year conference and the national convention. Challenges. Question marks. What are they? What are we as members of the majority of what I'm going to do about them?

01:40:53:16 - 01:41:06:08

Speaker 2

Drug abuse is teen pregnancy, child abuse, abuse, women, the hungry, the homeless, school dropouts, illiteracy versus the elderly, peer pressure, Vietnam now, Vietnam veterans.

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Speaker 3

Volunteer.

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Speaker 2

Services, equality for women. Immigration solutions is the solution. We need your input, your ideas to meet these challenges. We encourage the participation of the media conference and the National Convention to help develop.

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Speaker 3

The.

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Speaker 2

Road that we will undertake to eliminate these challenges. I I'm very happy see that another that I never thought I was one from nobody.

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Speaker 3

Okay. now that completes the, the national report. and you also get the form.

01:41:40:20 - 01:42:18:26

Speaker 2

genealogy one. I'm from Houston, Texas, and it is my great pleasure to be the Houston representative for National Convention, Treasury of 1991. I have actually the delivery of the auditor's report for the CPA, the treasurer making my Glenbard West unable to come. But, I have the report of the CPA, Mr.. Ron Capital, and we have work all together at different times when Mr. Obama was unable to be here at the earlier part of the year, I did work with him.

01:42:18:29 - 01:42:57:04

Speaker 2

My background is finance and accounting. So I feel that it's a great pleasure and honor to be here with you. I am enjoying the fun, the state media convention and now we're going to my report. As you know, in auditor's report consists of different work, accounting worksheets. I will go only by the titles, but I will also.

01:42:57:07 - 01:43:09:17

Speaker 3

I'm going to call the TV station in the night and sell this for 50 bucks. All right. Do that.

01:43:09:19 - 01:43:30:04

Speaker 3

Now and then. Yeah. I've been. It seems like, you know, I. Don't know. Kevin. Yeah.

01:43:30:07 - 01:43:42:20

Speaker 2

Oh, I might have.

01:43:42:23 - 01:43:46:05

Speaker 3

Write.

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Speaker 3

You earlier. I.

01:44:09:18 - 01:44:12:26

Speaker 3

Thank you.

01:44:12:29 - 01:44:21:26

Speaker 3

How? Well, I'm going.

01:44:21:29 - 01:44:22:07

Speaker 3

Right.