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Speaker 1

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Speaker 1

Mean. Okay. Bullshit.

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Speaker 2

Thank you. I would like to start a meeting or two here. Okay. the.

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Speaker 3

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Speaker 2

Membership, meeting called all. It's, 812, Pledge of allegiance. Photographs.

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Speaker 2

Right, right. Yeah. One nation.

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Speaker 1

Under God, indivisible, with liberty. Chapman. Yeah. Family. I would like to ask for, about a minute of silence for,

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Speaker 3

One of our members. Mother passed away last month.

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Speaker 1

Just let the names come together.

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Speaker 3

Don't let them.

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Speaker 3

Okay.

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Speaker 3

Lord, make me an.

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Speaker 1

Instrument in these.

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Speaker 3

Where there is.

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Speaker 1

Hatred that it's all about.

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Speaker 3

A very dangerous part. Where there is some faith, where there is better hope, where there.

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Speaker 1

Is darkness, light where there is joy. What would you write, Mr..

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Speaker 3

Grant, that I may not so much seek to be.

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Speaker 1

Consoled that console to be understood and to understand.

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Speaker 3

To be loved is to love for anything even that we receive. It is important that we are part.

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Speaker 1

And it is in dying that we are going to eternal life.

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Speaker 3

And everybody said Amen.

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Unknown

Amen, thank you. Can.

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Okay.

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Speaker 2

We'll call.

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Speaker 3

Yeah. A paper.

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Speaker 2

and I was looking at.

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Speaker 2

David Rodriguez up here.

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Speaker 3

Just wanted what we're good at. Robert. Here. Here.

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Speaker 2

Okay. Thank you.

00:02:37:08 - 00:02:41:29

Speaker 5

Martin here. Right here.

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Speaker 2

Okay. And here. That was not here. She's 60, in the hospital, and, well, they're actually checking into our, her condition, and she's pretty sick, and so she, cannot make it today. Okay. we have, guest speaker. His name is, he works for the Mercury Youth. I think most of us know him for a long for a long time.

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Speaker 2

And he's been, well spoken word around Jeff home for many years. And, so we glad to thank you. Would you like to do this? For sure, if you like to.

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Speaker 1

Okay. Anyhow,

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Speaker 1

I want to thank Dave for allowing me to do the various services, here for him, and, but anyhow, I'm here to introduce Joe today. Joe was, as you know, Joe is from East Los Angeles school. He attended public schools, and he participated in the student movement of the 1960s and 70s for civil rights and Chicano culture identity.

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Speaker 1

He graduated from California State University in Los Angeles with a concentration in writing.

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Speaker 1

After completing his work.

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Speaker 1

he attended journalism school at the Columbia University in New York City, where he earned a master's degree. He held, several journalism jobs in California, where, while working back East, he, he won a New England top prize for investigative reporting and was nominated for a period related surprise Pulitzer Prize. Joe joined us energy Mercury News in 1981.

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Speaker 1

Excuse me, 1981, as an editorial writer covering Latino affairs. Joe now writes for the San Jose Mercury News. He started the column this fall after returning from retiring from Harvard University, where he spent a year studying with the Nieman Foundation Fellowship for journalism. please, help me in welcoming Joe to be our speaker for today.

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Speaker 2

Well, then here.

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Speaker 2

Anyone could write.

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Speaker 2

Right here. That's good. Joe, make yourself comfortable. I just changed to al. Got that camera right. Orchestrated him on the back of the bus to hear me. All right, let's copy back. to Tom with this group. I, I was, I was, invited in 1991. When I first joined the. And since then, you know, I've changed quite a bit.

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Speaker 2

And I think that this with me, it's, you know, I've put on a few more pounds and we're here. I got a little more gray. I have to wear glasses now. And, you're not alone. And the car that I'm driving now is worse than the one I was driving back that nine. And I'm driving. I don't shift.

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Speaker 2

So, then there I could. Look. Okay. so what I what I think I want to do is talk a little bit about, my year at Harvard. So to bring you up to date on where I've been and how am I doing my job now is different than the one I was driving. Okay. but, but I went to Harvard on mid-career generalist, and we were we were asked to, to study, to concentrate on the field of study.

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Speaker 2

I went there to study contemporary Mexican, fiction, and, and I've got, I've one of my hobbies is like to read.

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Speaker 5

One of my.

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Speaker 2

Hobbies is.

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To read text in Mexico.

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Speaker 2

And then if you read the, you know, murder mysteries.

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And crime novels or things like that, always about, government corruption, the state of Mexico.

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Speaker 2

Really interesting stuff. So I went to Harvard studying more of that. I got there and, the professor who was an expert on this, it wasn't thinking. So, suddenly I was free to do anything I wanted. and, I'm studying a lot of, sculpture. But one of the things I wanted to do a little bit, during the year, but actually ended up doing a lot, and and that was really enjoyable.

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Speaker 2

I ended up not writing much, at Harvard. Decided I was going to put down the the typewriter or the keyboard, pick up a welding switch, and and make metals. And I'm probably the only one in the history of the university who went to Harvard. Ruby.

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Speaker 2

I brought back some, brought back one nice piece over there. one of these days, if I'm lucky. I'll have a show. Then I'll invite you over to my my my art opening. but I also did a lot of, studying on, Latino cultural affairs. and art. I learned a lot about, you know, the academic research out there on my, you know, issues in, the fields of, political identity, cultural identity, civil rights laws, immigration policies, immigration trends, bilingual education, all these things.



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Speaker 2

Just fascinating. Just a lot of. So I'll be I'll be putting into my writing.

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As soon as I go back. that's.

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Speaker 2

Something I said. That was. well, I had hard work. I mean, anyone that you remember is headed for Yale, and, and, it's not that I goofed off all year at Harvard. I, you know, but one other thing I did, took up another hobby was rowing. the crew rowing. You know, the long, skinny boats that you do.

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Speaker 2

So it's on the move? Yeah. Stroke. Stroke. I picked up that that, that hobby said that. Honey, anybody says it, how can I find a boat to join? I think they do some of that too quickly. Perfect. Yeah, those are student bar. And, Yeah, it would be a great place for rowing.

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Speaker 5

Excellent stuff, but.

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Speaker 1

Oh, it's good. Right.

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Speaker 2

Okay. okay, so I do stop a little bit this golf session, right. but I also did a lot, did a lot of study, met a lot of famous, hung out a lot at the, city school. Actually studied, the two courses at the divinity school.

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I studied,

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Speaker 2

Contemporary interpretations of Jesus. Oh, it's just amazing how how popular it is these days. were popular among, many, many different religious groups that.

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Speaker 2

took a studied a lot of drama. even looking at people in the modern world, not a lot of, you know, I studied a lot of stuff that was really hard to get into here, into my writings on an everyday basis, but it was all.

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Information that, taught me something about the world. But,

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Speaker 2

One thing I learned in sculpture, was, that we were, you know, students make projects and then you have these group critiques, and I was, you know, the only non art students that, and as we walked around, critiqued everybody, I kept looking at their works of art and looking for some sort of political or social commentary.

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Speaker 2

And so thinking like a journalist had to be some sort of political statement there. but the art students were not looking at art that way. They were thinking in terms of, of, of esthetics, how how pleasing to the eye. does it draw you out? emotionally, spiritually and, and, you know, began to I began to become self-aware, you know, that I was looking at the world very much too much as a journalist and as somebody who writes a lot.

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About politics and, and, yeah, looking for social kinds of things like that.

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Speaker 2

And that's not the way most people look at the world. and, so now I, I hope to, you know, my writing is now just sort of step back and both myself,

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Become, the role as, as a journalist, I do have to look at things as far as,

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Speaker 2

Personally and it's not easy. you know, we all fall into this, your roles, you know, you work at a job for 20 years, and it's hard to break out of that mindset. and to think of things, to look at things as as if you did when you were just starting out. but that was that was sort of a life changing experience for her anyway.

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Speaker 2

So. So now I'm back. And what am I doing different now that I was, you know, for a while when I was an editorial writer? we sit around a, a table like this where the column editorial board is actually a real, when I met the editorial writer, and we stand around there and, and, and talk about what, what the newspaper is going to say about, the election.

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Speaker 2

Is there some, you know, what would you do tomorrow or whatever? But we try to do it as a group. We get to credible arguments. sometimes, sometimes they would decide to say something that I didn't like. Sometimes I would win an argument and the paper would say I wanted to what I wanted to say, but it was a group, a group consensus.

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Speaker 2

and pretty anonymous writing these anonymous editorials. now I'm, on the other side from the editorial board and on the new side, and I'm writing most writing always for myself. what you'll see in my column is my own voice. I don't have to run my ideas by anybody anymore. and I'm getting away from writing about public policy, so things like,

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Speaker 5

Well.

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Speaker 2

You know, let's say there's a fail up in the Congress to, immigration. the editorial board would jump right on it. I'm going to step back and, not write about, policy decisions. What I would do, go out and write about immigrants, real people who would be affected by writing by the new laws. So in my job as a columnist, what I'm trying to do is, is, is write about people as they are being affected by, you know, the forces around us, the changes, proposals that involve.

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The economic and social forces around us. And then I, I kind of.

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Speaker 2

try to explain to them what's going on, whether it's good or bad, what has to change. So I'm going to get more personal in, in my writing, I want to get more, more down and dirty, in writing, you know, I don't have to show up every morning now for an editorial board meeting.

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Speaker 2

I have this credible freedom to start my.

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Day, of the day. At night.

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Speaker 2

We can love, you know, like. All right, I want, what, three weeks and already, you know, the best job. And I'll be I'll be in, you know, people's faces. you guys know that. You know, it's a little bit, you know, for some of you who weren't around or didn't read my stuff back there, but I, I wrote, I wrote a column about, the, what I thought was and, and alcohol and the, people that my own.

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Speaker 2

We could keep on arguing about that. you know, one reason why I wrote a column, this is I like to argue.

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Speaker 5

And I would,

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And, Yeah.

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Speaker 2

So. So I'll be around. I mean, I kind of out on the streets, in the community, you know, talking, meeting with groups, sometimes warmly like this. but but hopefully more informally.

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I think. How people.

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Speaker 2

Get away from.

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Easily. Just so,

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Speaker 2

And I'm all in search of ideas, you know? What do you have for next week? The next Wednesday is, Veteran's Day. and so, you know, if anybody here has, what are you going to write about this? And then I would I could do it. What? I'm trying to do it. This is my idea, you know, of course, ideas kind of go, I have a great idea for my book, but, what I'd like to do is, is write, write something centered on one veteran will be a Latino veteran.

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Speaker 2

Doesn't have to be, an interesting story about being president, But being president, because, you know, one person for the whole story, but not the veteran. Oh, no. No, no, but it doesn't. But I could I could

make that clear. I could say this veterans, this is this is the experience of this veteran. It's not it's typical of a lot of but not all of it.

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Speaker 2

And because I it's it's impossible. I've been in this business for 16, 17 years now possible to to, To be, you know, completely balanced. But you know, the role that the, the Latino veteran.

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In it, you said that you were you know, you were a.

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Speaker 2

Latino when you were you were learning more about the Latino history or whatever. you know, veteran. They played a major role in all, all the war. So, you know, you can't just take it one veteran of it, wow. Veterans himself. I don't find any kind of story. I agree with you. But this this is my problem as a as any newspaper, as a.

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Speaker 5

I have only is.

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Speaker 2

So much about space. I have about that much space to write one column about Veterans Day or veteran of all Veterans Affairs. It's only about 700 words. Can't write the entire.

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Issue talking about, you know.

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Speaker 2

Or even much, I have to say, the most Medal of Honor winners. Yeah. And I think history I that's just a few words I can say that, you know, I could write something. I could write the best the best column on Latino Veterans Day that anybody's ever seen. But you know what's going to happen? I'm going to put it down.

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Speaker 2

No, no, no, no, no, it's they're not going to get a job because I have to write a space and write more than 750 words. But this is what would happen. I'll get a call from a VFW post and, you know, the West side. And I say, why did you write that on that? It's kind of, I wish I was here because it's not true.

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Speaker 2

but anyway, the fact. But do you see what I mean? You know, you can't you can't cover the entire story for way. But, anyway, let's open it up to questions now.

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Speaker 1

All right. Let me you know, you you said that you now have a great. How you do it.

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Speaker 5

What you.

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Speaker 1

Would put drug I what.



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Speaker 2

Do to I mean writing what what what is that right. I, I've always liked writing, even before writing. You know, I've always been curious about, the world. And, I mean, I like to learn even before writing. Sometimes even, you know, writing is not my favorite thing in journalism. I mean, I actually I go out and report something to get an idea.

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Speaker 2

I go out and report it, and I'm learning all this new, new information.

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Speaker 5

sometimes I feel like saying, you know, I don't I don't have and I just go on to the next topic or.

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Speaker 2

Something else over that. So, you know, some writers, love to write the biggest story of the year and I sort of, I mean, just sitting down.

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Speaker 2

And, that's not my favorite part of this fact.

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Speaker 5

Sometimes I hate it.

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Speaker 2

what I like most of all, it's just learning stuff. and I think that's what keeps me going. and I think journalism is unique, that whether you're a good writer or not, whether you like to write all the time or not, you need that that basic curiosity about the world and and, you gotta know.

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Speaker 2

You have to know, that, I mean, you gotta want to know things and basic and.

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And to know them first before. Secondly, I think it's good way like.

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Speaker 2

Most of journalism, journalism is like 90, 90% reporting. Very little of it is right. Because you have to go out and get information. Novelist. shortage of creative writing and just make things up. Okay. and then spent hours and hours and hours writing all kinds. but I but even there, I think the best creative writers spend a lot of time helping people.

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Places for, traveling.

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Speaker 2

And John Steinbeck was great novelist. he was out in the fields, left,

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Speaker 2

Any other questions? You know, with him, you know, and, you know, human movement, or probably the greatest, dynamic story. But you you do work. He seems to be going through.

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Speaker 1

Insecurity.

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Speaker 2

City like, you know, it's like throwing candy wrappers out the window at a consistency of information. trainer is doing.

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Speaker 1

A great.

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Speaker 2

Job. Looks like I don't know what happened to her. This guy Sandoval.

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Speaker 1

Is writing disappeared.

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Speaker 2

You know, and we go through.

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Speaker 1

These big canyons, and, you know, we get nice rushes of good information and we fall down in a big canyon.

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Speaker 2

And we don't know what's going on. What happened at work and what happened is, and and you can ask me anything about the Mercury. what I'm interested in and all that kind of stuff. I like to, I'll. I'll answer any questions you have about it. You feel like, you know, you're asking if you have a question.

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Speaker 5

About the inside workings of the.

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Speaker 2

Mercury. Is aspect. I mean, I don't know what happened. There is, is, Knight Ridder, a corporate parent that used to be based in Miami. they wanted to cut costs. And one way to do it was to just to consolidate bureaus and, so let's say there were about 2 or 3 other Knight Ridder papers, our sister papers with people in Mexico.

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Speaker 2

And they thought that was, because it so what they did is it's, and so they basically took over the Cardinals position. So he now works for Knight Ridder. So he spends, more time writing for all of our newspapers. National best time writing for this for years. and what that means is that he's not going to be writing a stories that connect with shorter connections between San Jose and Mexico, which he's going to be writing for our papers.

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Speaker 2

And Minneapolis.

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And Philadelphia. And it's gonna it's gonna look and sound a lot more.

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Speaker 2

But they did that with other, so it was a cost cutting thing.

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Speaker 1

If you're a corporate headquarters, you send it to Florida.

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Speaker 2

Well, now it's it sounds like it's, Yeah, maybe, just a couple months ago, they they're over on, it's that Fairmont Plaza. Okay, that that's the thing that, Redevelopment Agency. Know. yeah, mine was, went to a right.

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Speaker 1

I mean, he used to write his art.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

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Speaker 1

And I could relate to his. But, like you said.

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Speaker 2

Contrary to your your columns, I couldn't. Give me a diagram. Yeah, we've.

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Speaker 5

Read Sunday's.

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Speaker 2

Paper, and you change your mind. But I lost a friend of mine. I had dinner with him in New York City, back in. And, this was February. March, and he's doing really well. He he became the editor. people in Espanol, and he's making really big bucks now. They're very happy. But really an opportunity that that, you can play for him in the game,

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Speaker 2

Yeah. But you know what, Angelo Angelo did a lot of growing up and in California. I think his first wife was, for the Chicano. So, I mean.

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Speaker 1

And I have a question. I one the, marketing company. Here go. Some people got arrested.

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Speaker 1

And the the mercury colored a riot. And I submit that if they call that a riot. Know what a writer. They never been to one. Yeah, but ever since then, every damn article you read about the 55, we have to mention that god damn. God damn. So, you know, they should quit trying to write about the 50 for 50.

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Speaker 1

They're not up to it. Great. They don't have.

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Speaker 2

It. Okay, now, now, why don't they come from a.

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Speaker 1

With a perspective? The economic. How much money does that we have to budget for in one day? How much money come into the city? How does the person benefit? How does a person that benefit other to a positive event, a positive in front of the city? What written a cover from what? One of them. The daughter thing.

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Speaker 2

Yeah. How come they never do that? Well, the correct way to do it is to cover whatever happens. You're right. If it is a positive influence that should be in the story. You know what? When when fights like that happen, you know, that sort of news tends to dominate. it has to be written on deadline.

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Speaker 2

The kind of information you're talking about takes days to accumulate after after the, after the event. but, you know, I would say that, you know, you can always write follow up stories to, to, to the festival, know, but but also, you know, you gotta you gotta you gotta keep the pressure on, on a newspaper.

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Speaker 2

Like, after after that event, you know, when you complain, anybody complains about negative coverage and you have the positive information, you gotta find a way to get to the reporters and to the

newspaper, even if it means you walk into an office. And here it is. but, you know, doesn't guarantee it. It's going to get in.

00:28:12:21 - 00:28:36:11

Speaker 2

But. You gotta you gotta get it, so that that's it. That's it too. Okay. For, like, you're welcome to stay if you want to go and like, I can, I can, I can, I have a 7:00 flight time. Okay.

00:28:36:14 - 00:28:39:04

Speaker 2

Okay. Is there any other guests here.

00:28:39:05 - 00:28:42:27

Unknown

That,

00:28:43:00 - 00:28:46:23

Unknown

00:28:46:26 - 00:28:56:20

Speaker 2

Oh, okay. No other guests. Thank you. approval of the minutes.

00:28:56:22 - 00:29:08:22

Speaker 2

Well, you know, I didn't recommend. And, of course. No, no.

00:29:08:25 - 00:29:15:07



Unknown

But.

00:29:15:09 - 00:29:22:16

Unknown

00:29:22:18 - 00:29:26:27

Unknown

Good. We. Florida.

00:29:27:00 - 00:29:30:03

Unknown

I think we.

00:29:30:06 - 00:29:38:06

Speaker 2

Can read the minutes for us. I apologize for that. Hello. Thank you.

00:29:38:08 - 00:30:05:12

Speaker 5

These are the membership meeting notes from October 2nd, 1988. Meeting commenced at 815. Officers present were David. Courtesy. A letter dated March a peninsula, Florida. And now there was officer absent was Robert Garner. Previous minutes of August and September meetings were approved with the exception of the membership count indicated on the August 14th minutes, which was changed to 129.

00:30:05:14 - 00:30:33:08

Speaker 5

The guest at that meeting with his directors, Bill Stokes and Rosa Gorman. Rosa Gomez is the author of the book A seed of Faith Moves Mountains. She gave a presentation introducing her book on the subject of domestic violence. Bill Stokes gave a speech on his candidacy for Assembly of the 24th district, of which Greene Community incumbent. The Treasurer's report, report was presented by Bailey and Prescott to the membership.

00:30:33:10 - 00:30:56:01

Speaker 5

Several members made comments on the handling of this one fun correspondence. Marty Martinez provided the following information. on non province postage rates go up after October 4th. Letter from Bill Jones invitation to participate in the Christmas parade on December 9th. As usual, the full documents can be read in the correspondence to compete in the office.

00:30:56:04 - 00:31:21:07

Speaker 5

Be done. We have a report currently at 85% occupancy. Mr. Harrell has brought in three clients and working on more that the SS man who by the way here thank everyone for their help and stated that he has already begun preparing for Cinco de Mayo on membership. Read reported 156 members and announced renewals for 1999 have begun on Ways and Means.

00:31:21:07 - 00:31:48:24

Speaker 5

Billy Contreras stated that tickets are now available for the December 5th Christmas Day. The Coronation Ball is scheduled to take place on April 17th, 1999, and since the new building will not be completed by that date, the committee is looking for another hall. regarding the new building, stated that the loan documents are signed and the estimated completion date is now April 1st, 1998.

00:31:48:26 - 00:32:21:16

Speaker 5

Civic Affairs is in the process of scheduling the Chief of Police for the December meeting. The Scholarship Foundation report stated that they are putting together, sponsorship packages at the next meeting. There was no youth report, all business, none new business per David Rodriguez. Both Emma, Anna and Ben Peralta are interested in the position of a scholarship board, but, so as not to have, married couples on the board, he appointed them for the position.

00:32:21:19 - 00:32:49:18

Speaker 5

Several members, discussed this decision. A motion was then made but feel confident to uphold the chairman's decision, and it was seconded by Ben Stein. David Rodriguez asked if the reimbursement of the registration fee for the national convention included. The youth who attended then made a motion that, yes, it did include reimbursement for youth, and that was seconded by Rachel Aldana.

00:32:49:20 - 00:33:12:24

Speaker 5

Use case chairperson asked if the form was a family organization or not. This this needs to be made clear, she said. Mary, consider stated that if we are so concerned about our youth, then we need to start setting better example for them here in the meetings. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.. Okay.

00:33:12:29 - 00:33:16:20

Speaker 2

Thank you, thank you.

00:33:16:22 - 00:33:27:03

Speaker 1

Treasurer. Newport. Correction. Corrections. Oh. I'm sorry. Any, any corrections? Yeah. April 99th for completion of the building.

00:33:27:05 - 00:33:30:22

Speaker 2

Actually. Should have been okay.

00:33:30:25 - 00:33:33:03

Speaker 1

With the 98, I think maybe like.

00:33:33:06 - 00:33:38:23

Unknown

That in 1999. All right. Thank you.

00:33:38:26 - 00:33:40:12

Speaker 5

Okay. Okay.

00:33:40:14 - 00:33:43:10

Speaker 1

And Mary Maria.

00:33:43:13 - 00:33:50:16

Speaker 5

You know, if that was that was Mary. Guy goes Mary go there and then okay. Thank.

00:33:50:19 - 00:33:54:28

Speaker 2

You got that right. Yeah. Approval of the minutes April.

00:33:54:28 - 00:33:58:26

Speaker 5

Of 1999.

00:33:58:28 - 00:34:00:00

Speaker 1

And I was coming I want.

00:34:00:00 - 00:34:02:17

Speaker 3

To see what the month that's what what the moment. Yes.

00:34:02:19 - 00:34:04:16

Speaker 5

Yeah. That's what they said.

00:34:04:19 - 00:34:15:16

Speaker 2

I know she was right. Guess the testimony the first being speakers I think know.

00:34:15:18 - 00:34:19:08

Speaker 5

Richie. approval of the minutes.

00:34:19:10 - 00:34:22:25

Speaker 1

So move the second.

00:34:22:28 - 00:34:29:28

Speaker 2

In the discussion. favorite. right.

00:34:30:00 - 00:34:41:28

Speaker 2

Smell. Come on, you guys hear? Thank you. Treasury report. No. The.

00:34:42:00 - 00:34:46:18

Unknown

I what, did you get it to pick it up on the way out or no.

00:34:46:20 - 00:34:52:12

Speaker 5

Or the profit and loss statement from the 30th to.

00:34:52:14 - 00:35:01:17

Speaker 2

I'm not going to October 31st. My 2017 report.

00:35:01:19 - 00:35:15:06

Speaker 5

Okay, so \$570.80 expenses for \$1,072.43, minus net income of 501 63.

00:35:15:08 - 00:35:22:09

Unknown

On this, we have accounts payable for, here the band \$1,300, \$600.

00:35:22:11 - 00:35:29:08

Speaker 5

\$1,200. The safety \$250, which totals \$3,260.

00:35:29:11 - 00:35:36:18

Unknown

So we have a negative balance of \$1,434.87 nine.

00:35:36:21 - 00:35:39:22

Speaker 2

So profit the second page.

00:35:39:24 - 00:35:44:04

Speaker 5

The street for reconciliation, is on the next one. And the, year.

00:35:44:04 - 00:35:52:08

Unknown

To date property loss is on the fourth page with anybody over there.

00:35:52:10 - 00:35:58:29

Unknown

Any questions? Thank you.

00:35:59:02 - 00:36:04:16

Speaker 1

For the time, Billy, do we have a negative balance? How are we going to pay that.

00:36:04:19 - 00:36:06:10

Speaker 5

When the medical debt.

00:36:06:12 - 00:36:07:25

Speaker 1

And when do we see money?

00:36:07:25 - 00:36:10:15

Speaker 2

Can you make a start?

00:36:10:15 - 00:36:11:25

Speaker 5

I guess I'll probably get on the record on.

00:36:11:25 - 00:36:16:12

Speaker 1

That and we'll sell the of it. Another report on that later. Yeah.

00:36:16:12 - 00:36:16:21

Speaker 2

Okay.

00:36:16:27 - 00:36:24:16

Unknown

Okay. I have, given whatever it was five years before, so I don't think we can the balance we're.

00:36:24:17 - 00:37:15:16

Speaker 5

Under ten report. They had, \$22,369.46 balance. checks and losses. Total \$40,752 that they do this bank balance on account of \$7,607.48 on, October 22nd. So even the the September balance was, \$5,682.90, deposits and expenses were \$1,677.47. The bank balance on 1022 was \$3,740, and.

00:37:15:18 - 00:37:16:10

Unknown

Okay. Thank you.

00:37:16:10 - 00:37:17:03

Speaker 2

Any questions on that?



00:37:17:07 - 00:37:23:17

Speaker 1

And I got a question on because I 57% they,

00:37:23:20 - 00:37:26:24

Speaker 5

I'm just reading this report, I guess somebody,

00:37:26:27 - 00:37:27:28

Speaker 2

Able.

00:37:28:00 - 00:37:30:20

Speaker 3

And you, report that.

00:37:30:23 - 00:37:39:18

Speaker 2

Okay. If you report on that. Yeah. Okay. That's on it at that.

00:37:39:20 - 00:37:41:14

Unknown

Thank you. okay.

00:37:41:17 - 00:37:47:17

Speaker 2

Correspondence.

00:37:47:19 - 00:38:34:10

Speaker 5

On correspondence. Since the last meeting, we received a letter from charter school about, banking, that you have for them for being included in the groundbreaking ceremony. Also attached to that was another letter indicating that there was, places for national committee positions. And if anyone was interested or if we knew of anyone, those positions included, not general education advisor, National Veterans affairs advisor, National youth advisor, national political advisor, national civil rights advisor, National administration advisor, national resolution administrator, national historian, National public relations advisor, and doctor Hector Garcia Stamp initiative.

00:38:34:13 - 00:38:48:19

Speaker 5

So if there was anyone that was interested, in any of that action needed to know about that. We also received a letter,

00:38:48:21 - 00:39:15:11

Speaker 5

And this was from, Hector Lopez and Eileen Dawson, a development specialist from the redevelopment agency for the city of San Jose, indicating that there were meetings scheduled, where council member, Redevelopment Agency board member Manny Diaz, was holding meetings for strategy on Rock, west of King to Jackson and any development that would be done in that area.

00:39:15:17 - 00:39:42:07

Speaker 5

And they were planning to hold three meetings. those were dates for October 14th, November 12th, and Wednesday, December 9th, before the second meeting, Councilman Diaz, is expected to appoint those committee. And, they were asked to call his office is interested members or persons participating as committee members.

00:39:42:09 - 00:40:07:15

Speaker 5

we received also a letter from Ray Pulver. parade coordinator for the San Jose holiday parade, indicating that the entry, that we would be having an entry in the San Jose parade on Sunday, December 6th. as I understand this, this would be, our queen would be riding on a car ride for their parade.

00:40:07:17 - 00:40:09:11

Speaker 2

Okay.

00:40:09:13 - 00:40:14:08

Speaker 5

from December.

00:40:14:10 - 00:40:41:16

Speaker 5

Okay. we also received a list of, legislative measures for the 1997 98 legislative session that related to veterans. This list was compiled by the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. and this was just provided to us by Ted Lambert, Assemblyman of the 21st district. it's quite lengthy, so if anyone's interested in seeing that, it'll be in the correspondence book.

00:40:41:18 - 00:40:43:29

Speaker 2

Okay. Thank you. Party.

00:40:44:02 - 00:40:48:11

Speaker 1

Okay. Yes, sir. Can I add to the parade? It's going to be televised nationwide.

00:40:48:17 - 00:40:51:01

Speaker 3

By the way. Is it? Yes. That's right.

00:40:51:06 - 00:40:58:29

Speaker 1

I just want to add that to the board. Okay. There you go. That's going to be the Christmas parade, right? Yes, sir. Thank you.

00:40:59:02 - 00:41:18:00

Speaker 2

Okay. merry Cortes, I'm going to be there. Whoever is a sergeant in the building committee, all in one.

00:41:18:03 - 00:41:27:15

Speaker 2

So able to make a complete report on all the events and the building. Okay, so I'm going to skip on to that and membership.

00:41:27:18 - 00:41:57:14

Speaker 1

Very pretty. 16. but I think that probably, thank you. I guess we are at 160 because they paid their dues, but pretty soon these are now going to be applying for the following year. But I'm still reported as 160. We do have one of the, a new member here that I would like to ask you to let me know that, expecting us or rather sitting with us and and over there, we get a chairman right now.

00:41:57:17 - 00:42:16:05

Speaker 2

Not only, from on, you know, and and a great for sure. I'd like to come in and I'll be happy to swear you guys in a. That's where we we,

00:42:16:08 - 00:42:45:27

Speaker 2

Later this year. one I want you guys see, I do know that I. Okay, that's cool that you're right here. Okay? Okay. Repeat after me. Okay. Mr. Panda, I do solemnly promise. Promise to defend the Constitution of the United States and therefore the Constitution in our community and of the state of California. Native Californians to abide by the Constitution and by the bylaws.

00:42:46:00 - 00:42:50:26

Speaker 3

The American. You have one.

00:42:50:28 - 00:43:18:01

Speaker 2

Thing here for him and to get you wrong or harm, any member thereof to harm or harm us. So help me God. I do.

00:43:18:03 - 00:43:26:09

Speaker 2

Stand out. You don't think,

00:43:26:12 - 00:43:35:25

Speaker 2

I don't know, man. If you have for 25 years now. And I got divorced from then I got divorced from my wife.

00:43:35:28 - 00:43:39:11

Speaker 1

Have one.

00:43:39:14 - 00:43:42:17

Speaker 1

Okay. Thank you.

00:43:42:19 - 00:43:45:20

Speaker 2

ways and means. Really?

00:43:45:23 - 00:43:50:08

Unknown

All right. next meeting will be, November 10th.

00:43:50:10 - 00:44:15:10

Speaker 5

Next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the G.I. forum office. Our next event that we're working on right now is the Christmas dance, to be held December 5th from 6 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at Holy Cross Church. Cost per person is \$25, and the youth members will be for 50. There will be no tickets sold at the door. It's no holds barred.

00:44:15:10 - 00:44:27:23

Speaker 5

Will start to sing PM dinner from 7 to 8 p.m. and the dance 8 to 12 midnight, and the music is by Mike tours. You'll have tickets so you can see them after.

00:44:27:23 - 00:44:29:00

Speaker 2

The, leave and

00:44:29:03 - 00:44:53:26

Speaker 5

Hopefully pick up your quite a few if you can help the committee in any way, please contact the following chairpersons. The admission tickets committee is still the money for theater decorations. Is Mary in front of a yellow door prizes? If there might not be available. The bar committee is David Rodriguez and the bar ticket sales is Contreras. Decorations that up help will be needed on December 5th from 9 a.m..

00:44:53:29 - 00:45:18:27

Speaker 5

I don't finish prior to the dance. Other Ways and Means events for 1999 that we're working on right now is the Coronation Ball, which we now have scheduled for five 2298, 99, rather. And the music will be

Bible Press. The New Year's dance will be 1231 99. The music will be by Albert Teague and the new breeze. More information later.

00:45:19:00 - 00:45:23:02

Unknown

Oh cool, cool, cool.

00:45:23:04 - 00:45:24:13

Speaker 2

Okay. Yes.

00:45:24:16 - 00:45:33:06

Speaker 1

Okay. I would like to, last year I would like to go a member of the community.

00:45:33:08 - 00:45:36:25

Speaker 3

And I know, like, it was my Mary.

00:45:36:27 - 00:45:40:16

Unknown

Very. And on a big one.

00:45:40:19 - 00:45:45:28

Speaker 3

I would like to request again. you can donate, a prize for.

00:45:45:28 - 00:45:56:17

Speaker 1

The door prizes. One of these is happening, this year is, I have a real sick mother, really critical of my wife from getting sick, and I got sick myself.

00:45:56:18 - 00:46:08:04

Speaker 3

So the medicine problems. Right? Well, there is \$100 prize. So anything you get to do for me and that one appreciated your prize. Thank you.

00:46:08:07 - 00:46:19:22

Speaker 2

Okay, so if anybody has, you know, method of, soliciting somebody to donate something, please contact me. And, you know, I'm sure you can put that together or help you.

00:46:19:25 - 00:46:24:14

Unknown

With that, you know? So, we give them a special number,

00:46:24:17 - 00:46:30:13

Speaker 1

9235409923140. And give me a call.

00:46:30:15 - 00:46:38:20

Unknown

Donate. thank you very much. And thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you very okay.

00:46:38:20 - 00:46:41:20

Speaker 2

Civic affairs. Oh.

00:46:41:22 - 00:47:06:13



Speaker 1

Oh. I don't know. The only thing I have is, Chief of police will be our guest next month, and, I'm working on, on, Gloria Sierra's request to get somebody to talk to the, gentlemen harassment. And that'll be in the future. I don't have anybody yet, but, I'm working on that right now.

00:47:06:16 - 00:47:11:03

Speaker 1

So, that's all I have at this time. And, of course, you know about the program.

00:47:11:06 - 00:47:19:10

Speaker 2

At that point, you okay? Thank you very much. Continue coming to Foundation. But.

00:47:19:12 - 00:47:23:24

Speaker 1

but suppose foundation,

00:47:23:26 - 00:47:33:17

Unknown

Meetings already meeting on, Armistice Day. November.

00:47:33:19 - 00:48:04:07

Speaker 1

30. we are working with, the, with the treasurer and the, former president and myself. working right now who we are going to be contacting for, additional donors for the future, the packages that were supposed to go out last month. Sorry about that. Out. Yes. Reporters and prospective donors, we're going to have a,

00:48:04:09 - 00:48:18:12

Speaker 1

Package. putting together party this next Wednesday after the meeting and and get them off. So the members are going to be asked to, those who can stay, to stay and help us address, Chris is going to bring some names.

00:48:18:12 - 00:48:20:05

Speaker 3

And, Vivian.

00:48:20:07 - 00:48:22:00

Speaker 1

list of names for us to address, but.

00:48:22:00 - 00:48:26:07

Unknown

We're still working on that.

00:48:26:10 - 00:48:28:18

Unknown

Thank you very.

00:48:28:20 - 00:48:33:13

Speaker 2

You didn't meet today, so we don't have anything going on right now.

00:48:33:16 - 00:48:38:19

Speaker 1

Thank you. I talked to Jackie.

00:48:38:21 - 00:48:39:18

Speaker 3

They said.

00:48:39:21 - 00:48:46:04

Unknown

were going to have a meeting, so we.

00:48:46:07 - 00:48:47:29

Speaker 3

Okay. But, so.

00:48:48:02 - 00:49:00:03

Speaker 2

I haven't been donating, so I don't know, but, I'll get in touch with, Okay. Old Dennis, was there any old business or whatever is there in.

00:49:00:06 - 00:49:01:09

Speaker 3

Able.

00:49:01:12 - 00:49:07:06

Unknown

Last one of them?

00:49:07:09 - 00:49:13:13

Speaker 3

Well, let's start with the easy one.

00:49:13:15 - 00:49:44:25

Speaker 3

And, have, for those of you who don't know, do a fairly good, they're paying right now, so you'll know, as you know, we got, 500 and, \$500,000 loan for the land. We also got a \$200,000 shortfall, on, construction loan. right now, they're paying \$3,791. That's another \$716.67. Plus, they're also going to be paying another \$1,500 for the shortfall.

00:49:44:27 - 00:50:02:00

Speaker 3

So median home itself right now is carrying all your land and all your shortfall now. So that goes to show you how they're doing. Of course I'd like to be at 100%. We're not yet but we're getting there. And but that's why that is why we are so important. And, but you people don't understand that.

00:50:02:02 - 00:50:21:09

Speaker 3

For a while there, we invested some money, and we never for about a year, you know, out of our general fund or out of our, you know, all the money that we used, including redevelopment. But that's why we know that's important, because it takes all that loan off of our back. So they're paying all their, the land that we borrowed.

00:50:21:11 - 00:50:39:00

Speaker 3

they're also paying, the, shortfall construction loan that they were short 200,000 that, the heritage Bank gave us. And, they're also paying, all the other buildings. So they're carrying themselves a big loan. Plus they carry their own staff and all that. Okay, so this is a little short, that little time, but, we're getting there.

00:50:39:00 - 00:51:03:26

Speaker 3

And now, finally, where we're seeing some protection, I will be given a more detailed report to the board. as far as the business purchase, next week, me and the chairman to start meeting with, chief of police, also with, Nancy Johnson, which is the head of the office, I mean, the head of the convention center, which deals with the Office of Cultural Affairs and the bills that we have.

00:51:03:26 - 00:51:31:13

Speaker 3

We, we are paying all our bills with the exception of, of the, City Services Police Department, and we haven't paid those for three years because, as you know, after they had that fiasco with, after our festival, Cinco de Mayo, our police bills has doubled, you know, from anywhere from 50 and 60,000 to 100 and 18 to 144,000, which I believe that our estimate cost for September 16th is 144,000, which was as well.

00:51:31:14 - 00:51:49:00

Speaker 3

But that's okay. the thing is that I talked to the chief, and, he said, don't worry about it, Abel. as you know, Lansdowne is the new chief is a no member, a good friend. I mean, myself personally, in the forum in the past years, he used to be assistant chief, years ago. And so we're going to be working on that.

00:51:49:00 - 00:52:11:20

Speaker 3

That's our priority. as far as the fiscal bills, we've paid them all, but they exist in the police department. And like I told, City of San Jose, we'll pay you when we, we either resolve this at, at the chief police, level and also with, Regina Williams at her level, and everything comes up satisfactory, then, we won't have to go to city council, but that's where we're at.

00:52:11:23 - 00:52:19:10

Speaker 3

But go to after you, Gil. no, we have not paid. Vetoed those. We put on hold until we resolve all that.

00:52:19:12 - 00:52:42:09

Speaker 1

the reason why I was. I have quick question. it seems to me that with, with all the money that we owe for city services or whatever, or even if it gets cut down to, say, 20%, you know what? That, balance that we have in the bank wouldn't even cover us, for that matter, that we should we start looking at, maybe not having that, but I have some other.

00:52:42:12 - 00:52:48:08

Speaker 1

I have some other way of raising revenue, though it seems to me that we're losing money. Well, we're losing money. The last few times.

00:52:48:08 - 00:53:10:18

Speaker 3

We had the last three and or because of the city services, you know, I mean, we have not paid nothing. And, you know, the money that we had, we've used for the for the project, which you'll see in a minute and all that. But yeah, we don't have the money. But, that doesn't mean that after we finished with the city council that we, you know, we might pay a dollar a year for the rest of our life or a dollar a month for the rest of our life, or they might write off the whole lot.

00:53:10:20 - 00:53:38:22

Speaker 3

So, you know, this is, I don't get excited on that because even the chief of police, they say. But that's outrageous. And don't worry about it. We'll start chopping it down. So these are these are minimal things that you shouldn't worry about. What we have to worry about is paying people that, you know, like like, you know, the stage is the music, all the concerts and the beer, you know, I mean, and those are the people we have to worry about paying about the city, the city bills, which are outrageous.

00:53:38:22 - 00:53:54:14

Speaker 3

And even the chief police say those those are the ones who are. We can work on you. Then they can write them up, or we can pay them \$100 a month for the rest of our lives or whatever. But as far as, as the form itself, we have all our bills paid. we have all our bills with the exception of that.

00:53:54:14 - 00:54:12:12

Speaker 3

And, the thing is that, like I told city, the state of the people that send us the bills that they, you know, that it's something that's an issue that's beyond you. Your job is to send us bills. we'll settle that at the city council level because, there is a little turmoil because.

00:54:12:12 - 00:54:34:20

Speaker 3

And I'm having a study, made, and, what I'm asking, Nancy Johnson, which is, convention center director, which is Office of Cultural Affairs, under which is all the parades and festivals and, and, they're doing for me a five year study. There's five major, big, festivals. And a big one to show how big they are, how many believe and all that so everybody can see the difference.

00:54:34:27 - 00:55:05:17

Speaker 3

That's all politics, but we're sovereign as far as, we don't know nobody. I mean, we're paying as money comes in, we're paying, Budweiser and, but as you say, we're still paying some small field, but that's going to be settled within the next two months. And, me and the chairman be moving on that, and I wanted to bring that up because, yeah, we, according to them, we owe 144,000 129,000, 118,000 and, and, and and something else, you know, which is outrageous.

00:55:05:17 - 00:55:25:16

Speaker 3

And everybody just laughed at it. one of the biggest things that I'm working on is that Virginia Williams, which is, city manager. And as you know, now, they're wrong. Gonzalez bunch is probably going to be leaving, you know, because they've changed. And is that, her managers are looking at giving the go for \$135,000 loan, and we're working on that next week.

00:55:25:24 - 00:55:44:17

Speaker 3

You know, before, you know, she has a discussion. And these are things that even Virginia says that you know what? You know, it's outrageous. And, you know, and then but that doesn't mean I'm going to take the hundred and 25,000 when we get in, turn around and pay the police service. And no, we're going to argue with the police and all that, because that money, can be used for other things.

00:55:44:17 - 00:55:49:03

Speaker 3

So I just wanted to clarify that because, you know, there's a lot of misconception. There's a lot.

00:55:49:03 - 00:55:49:14

Speaker 2

Of what a.

00:55:49:14 - 00:56:06:20

Speaker 3

Lot of there's a lot, chief. There is a lot of bull going on. And you know what gets me so pissed off about the forum is that, you know, we're all mature. We have other things to worry about, and we shouldn't be nit picking each other. You know, we're looking out for ourselves and, you know, and and especially I'm looking out for you, I always have.

00:56:06:23 - 00:56:24:02

Speaker 3

I will not go because a police department tell me I want my \$144 in the bank, because then I'm saying that they're right. They should have, something like 80, riot squad sitting over there under the bridge, barbecuing all day in case we have a riot. No other festival does that. So you have to understand that.

00:56:24:02 - 00:56:50:16

Speaker 3

And I know that some of you are impatient and, you know, and some of you maybe don't have nothing better to do but to. Great. But we are taking care of it. And then the chairman's right on top of it, and he goes with me to all the meeting. And I just want to assure you that, I mean, that is being taken care of, everything that we will to the police department, it's politics now, you know, I mean, that's where the forum has to come in, group together and act as a unit and show our support.

00:56:50:18 - 00:57:11:04

Speaker 3

And I just wanted to clarify that, but we're doing well. We're doing the other thing that I'm going to do, like I told, chairman, after we meet with the chief of police and the city manager and all that, and, I have to get a commitment from the city and the chief of police that will say, well, if you do the Cinco de Mayo, the most we're going to charge you is 60,000.

00:57:11:07 - 00:57:32:05

Speaker 3



We can't leave it where they're going to send us another bill, 444. And and that's done things that we're going to work out something because otherwise it's not do the Cinco de Mayo because we're going to be doing the Cinco, the Mount for everybody. And the police department's going to build that 150,000 when they build somebody like the San Jose Jazz Society, which takes all downtown, 30,000, that's a big discrepancy.

00:57:32:08 - 00:57:50:06

Speaker 3

So let's put a politica. So you just have to be patient and you have to trust me. There's a part time executive director. You have to trust the chairman. I mean, you know, and that's why we're here, to protect you. but this is all politics, as far as everybody else is, people. I mean, the food you eat, everything.

00:57:50:07 - 00:58:08:06

Speaker 3

Everything's great with a couple of bills that were failing. but I wanted to make that clear to another thing. I want to clarify about the last meeting that that, some people told me this, that that number one is that I wasn't here last meeting, and I don't know, the chairman didn't tell you, but I had an emergency, so I wasn't.

00:58:08:06 - 00:58:17:25

Speaker 3

And the second thing was to that I did give, a report to the board and, why the board didn't report my report, I don't know. Yeah, I mean, so I don't know.

00:58:17:25 - 00:58:18:12

Speaker 2

Not a why they.

00:58:18:13 - 00:58:24:27

Speaker 3

Why didn't you spend all that and just be mad, you know, that you people that, I mean, I thought were beyond that. You know, we're.

00:58:24:28 - 00:58:25:16

Speaker 2

Not going.

00:58:25:16 - 00:58:41:16

Speaker 3

One of the year 2000 in a multi project. Yeah, yeah. I mean, and, you know, and why do you worry and this and that. But I did invite the chairman I wasn't coming, I went to his house and I did give the report and I don't know, and I but I met with Bill and Billy the, misunderstood.

00:58:41:18 - 00:59:06:19

Speaker 3

it's always been, practice. So you'll understand. we haven't had an executive director since 86, so, until they hire me in July 1st. And picture this in your mind. The membership is shared. They're on top. They're the first block in in an organizational structure, I believe that is the board of directors, which, by bylaws, is empowered to do all your, your financial decisions and run the corporation.

00:59:06:22 - 00:59:25:27

Speaker 3

And then below that is the executive director, below the executive director is, as a matter of, and, pretty soon there's going to be facility management and new building, all that. It takes all the reports from the bottom level. It goes to the board, he reports directly to the board and gives a financial report and all that.

00:59:25:27 - 00:59:44:14

Speaker 3

And I mean, and that's where you report that, executive director comes here. Yeah. I mean, to, as a courtesy, it it's always been an understanding, you know, I mean, even when I was director, went back from 76 to 86 is to come here and just give you an update. All financial reports and all that are given to the treasurer.

00:59:44:16 - 01:00:06:25

Speaker 3

The treasurer can either, you know, bring the update or everything, sometimes changes used to bring it every month, sometimes not. You know, I mean, when I was a director years ago. But you have to understand the process here is that, the executive director does not report to the membership. by bylaws, you empowered the executive, board or the board of directors to run the corporation business.

01:00:06:27 - 01:00:34:04

Speaker 3

As an example, if you own stock in AT&T, you're a stockholder. Therefore, you know you're here. They have a board of directors that runs the whole AT&T. And then they decide how many shares you get. You are in and, and everybody else reports to that. And basically that's what the department what we get confused here is that, you know, that that, that you know, everybody wants to make, projects accountable and all that.

01:00:34:06 - 01:00:51:27

Speaker 3

We report to the board and, I mean, and, and and then if you have any problems on that, go to the board or, you know, the thing what I'm here for and the projects are here for is to just give you an update on what things are going on. But, legally, according to the charter laws, I'm responsible for the board.

01:00:51:29 - 01:01:10:11

Speaker 3

And, I mean, the board is responsive to the membership. If you don't like the way the board is running, just like any, AT&T board of directors, you know, it's you hire a brand new board, that's that's why we have elections. And there's a misconception here. And, I mean, we've been through this many years. I mean, you know, I've been a former mayor since 71, and we always were branded like this.

01:01:10:13 - 01:01:33:16

Speaker 3

And I don't know why we're having problems. and I wanted to clarify that now, but me and Billy decided to do so and so so we can cut all this squabbling and all that is that, she put a big binder together. We're going to have all our our for those of you that want to go check the books, now that we have QuickBooks Pro and all that, we're going to have all their statements like, copy, reconciliation, all that by month.

01:01:33:18 - 01:01:50:06

Speaker 3

And, from now on, instead of reporting to the board, to date, like I said, October 22nd, I will report to them for the next board meeting to because I can only report on a reconciliation, and I'm going to do it until November 31st. I report to the board in December. That's what I want to do with people, folks.

01:01:50:08 - 01:02:10:25

Speaker 3

And then she reports as of November 31st, even though it's it's a later meeting. I mean, we have this and that, and that's the way it's going to be done. And that way everybody's happy. We have a big banner we put together that'll have, all of their supporters reconciliations, all the Villanueva reconciliation. We have the construction law reconciliation, which we do.

01:02:10:25 - 01:02:30:04

Speaker 3

We're not doing a construction on, Cd-R and then I do all the construction laws, and and they send us a report, and, and we're going to have all the reports for you because then, I think that if you're concerned about you know, what we're doing and all that, then, you know, go to the office and look at and look at the statement and, and that's what we agreed.

01:02:30:07 - 01:02:37:15

Speaker 3

and I think that's the easiest way. And I know that we get a little anxious and all that, but, you know, this is like, this is a corporation run.

01:02:37:17 - 01:02:38:10

Speaker 1

We are not.

01:02:38:10 - 01:03:01:08

Speaker 3

A little organization. You know, I mean, that has a \$30,000 a year project or whatever. We are multi-million project, but more that we bought for 500,000. we bought for \$4.52. It's funny, we remove the, the tank which is removed and we built on it, you know, that square foot is going to be worth \$10 to \$5 a square foot.

01:03:01:11 - 01:03:19:20

Speaker 3

So right away already we already did, you know, I mean, and so, I get a little frustrated, I guess, because you don't like, you know, a lot of members know how to form run and, you know, still, you know, I mean, I was a beacon. A beacon in Connecticut. I mean, we're going into the year 2000.

01:03:19:22 - 01:03:45:13

Speaker 3

We're taking one of the biggest things that mostly nothing, nonprofits have never taken. We are not getting city or county money or nothing. We're going all out and putting our ass on the line. Excuse the language, but now we have to work as a team. Now we're going to see whether we get more members or not. I mean, and when I go through the report here and, and you'll find out and I mean, and there's a lot of questions, where did the money go and all that.

01:03:45:13 - 01:03:50:09

Speaker 3

And I keep telling you, you know, the money's all invested in this and that. And I heard she's like a they're.

01:03:50:09 - 01:03:52:05

Speaker 2

Probably packaged there. They came back I.

01:03:52:05 - 01:04:07:00

Speaker 3

Didn't know we're paid and you know, but you know, a good thing that I'm, I'm a Trump person and I, you know, and I and when I was younger, when I worked for the forum years ago to make a joke, you know, but I'm so mature now that I just laugh at them because, you know, I just people go through life.

01:04:07:00 - 01:04:24:13

Speaker 3

I was complaining about something. Yeah. I mean, so I just had it. So I went to good. I only have so many reports. I have about, 15 or 16. I want the people that are really concerned about where all the money went after. Take one of these place, and then I want you to really look at it.

01:04:24:15 - 01:04:41:29

Speaker 3

And then what I want to do is that if you still have concerns, then I want to have a special meeting with city. I went and sit down and explain everything, but I am going to go through it real roughly. I mean, because I think that, the moment has come, it's all over, the tank is down, and, Frank is going to give a report on that.

01:04:42:01 - 01:04:58:01

Speaker 3

yeah. I about what? Everybody we are in debt to our next. The building is coming up. So what I'd like to do now is press out, when I have Frank, come up here for a minute first before I start the report, and then, on the 200. I'm sorry.

01:04:58:04 - 01:05:25:09

Speaker 1

201. I have to say that two things. One is that, you know, I don't think anybody I know I haven't talked to this, executive director because I have asked the board of directors on more than one occasion for a description of your job. We don't have a job description for you. So I cannot attack this of the record, but a committee member, when you come and report and you report things that I feel that are all right for you or you tell us, I don't know.

01:05:25:09 - 01:05:45:26

Speaker 1

I feel a lot of times you just you make up thinking, oh, we're going to start construction next week. This has been going for two years as a committee member. Yes. I will hold you responsible for for misinforming us. And the chairman also. It's happened. And I hear all the time, David, it's the last time that we got to start construction for sure.

01:05:45:26 - 01:06:00:11

Speaker 1

No later than November 1st after the October 15th deadline. With that, I went by the site November 1st. There's no surveys taking. There's nothing out there. You, you know, tell us the truth. If you don't know when it's going to start, tell us you don't know.

01:06:00:13 - 01:06:02:14

Speaker 3

We know already.

01:06:02:16 - 01:06:05:22

Speaker 1

Yeah, you've been, but you've been doing that for a little bit. That's not happening.

01:06:05:22 - 01:06:22:28

Speaker 3

Let me tell you something. We got 250,000 to invest. Part of that went to be the environment which became part. And when I became treasurer, I carry part. I mean, and let me tell you something, our biggest holdup, which was almost like, yeah, what do you think? All those up a year, it was a real department. And I and I mentioned this to you guys.

01:06:22:29 - 01:06:27:28

Speaker 1

Well, that was you don't know who's going to start because I don't know. Are we going to start.

01:06:28:00 - 01:06:30:23

Speaker 3

Listening because I just looked at or listen to me.

01:06:30:26 - 01:06:32:16

Speaker 1

I came in, I told you.

01:06:32:19 - 01:06:53:06

Speaker 3

And I told the membership that we are going to start construction. We already met with, with, with with, Ellen landmark and all that. We told you the construction site is going to be finished in April. however, we gave myself another 6 to 8 weeks that we want to make sure that, we don't want to go and open the center when we don't have landscaping.

01:06:53:06 - 01:07:13:00

Speaker 3

Another we want to make sure. And that was given that report, I have given constant reports. Well, our money is it was invested. It was invested, in a predevelopment what you're going to see in a minute. And it was, part of it was investment. And Kevin Villanueva, which now plays a big role in this situation because instead of, excuse me.

01:07:13:02 - 01:07:14:04

Speaker 1

Let me answer this question.

01:07:14:04 - 01:07:17:14

Speaker 2

We're going to hang on for a little.

01:07:17:16 - 01:07:19:21

Speaker 1

Are you going to get a chance right now?

01:07:19:23 - 01:07:46:22



Speaker 3

And you have to understand, Gail, is that that you know, that that with if I take, our mortgage is going to be \$24,792 a month. That's our mortgage done with us. Mark. It's, 3791, plus another 1500 that, my thousand 11. Let's say we don't have a 6000. They're carrying that. So that takes 5000 off of us.

01:07:46:22 - 01:08:14:14

Speaker 3

So we figure would be about 30,000. So okay, so now we have, 25,000. That was, you know, and the biggest thing that that, that this construction took to a moment was not that that, that everybody was sitting around the city of San Jose because we wanted to have a park, remember, you know, you know, in our drive for those if there's a park out there that can, you know, people go around a park or, you know, how we rent a park to have our, annual picnic?

01:08:14:16 - 01:08:28:18

Speaker 3

Well, we have a big enough park. and I really have. The volunteers are going to build this 30ft, I mean, barbecue pit and all that, and, and but we had to use 90ft of the city. The city.

01:08:28:18 - 01:08:29:17

Speaker 1

Held us back almost.

01:08:29:17 - 01:08:49:02

Speaker 3

A year under least. You know, the bureaucrats. And so finally, I had to go and, write Giorgio a letter, and I told and literally tell them the shed or get off the butt or I'm going to the city council within three weeks after I wrote that letter and met with Giorgio at the leash park, and, they were hassling about things like this.

01:08:49:04 - 01:09:14:00

Speaker 3

The city council has a rule now, and this is things that that that you people, I don't bring to you, but because you know what? These are things that. And when the membership told me to build a building,

we're going to make you the, membership. I mean, the building chairman. I mean, that's, that's what I have to worry about, not you, is that they have this new policy where they can only give us, a lease at five years at a time.

01:09:14:02 - 01:09:35:05

Speaker 3

So I said, well, wait a minute. You mean. You mean every five years we got to renew this list for the next 50 years or whatever. So, and I said, because that's a new policy they don't do like they used to do in the old years, remember, 50 or 100 years at a dollar. So what we did is me and George juniors that we pressure them and, we put so much pressure on them that, the city made an exception to the rule.

01:09:35:05 - 01:09:43:26

Speaker 3

So, you know, almost after a year off, which held up our construction, it wasn't that construction. It wasn't the money or nothing, because the Sumitomo.

01:09:43:26 - 01:09:44:18

Speaker 1

Bank.

01:09:44:20 - 01:10:12:08

Speaker 3

Heritage Bank and nobody, will sign a loan until all the paperwork is done. And city lease was one. I mean, well, what about the lease? They gave us a 50 year lease at a dollar a year. You know, I mean, and I mean, and I after we hassle them and and I'm sorry that it seems that, you know, you think that, you know, I've been working on this three years, you know, I mean, and the thing is that when you that you think I don't worry about it.

01:10:12:10 - 01:10:12:16

Speaker 2

I.

01:10:12:16 - 01:10:13:06

Speaker 3

Got to the point.

01:10:13:09 - 01:10:14:25

Speaker 2

I'm trying to say, what the hell with it doesn't have.

01:10:14:25 - 01:10:18:03

Speaker 3

Built up fan base, you know? I mean, we got a that. Let's sit on.

01:10:18:03 - 01:10:18:24

Speaker 2

It.

01:10:18:27 - 01:10:20:13

Speaker 3

You know? I mean, but if we don't build.

01:10:20:13 - 01:10:22:00

Speaker 2

Now and we wait.

01:10:22:00 - 01:10:39:06

Speaker 3

5 or 10 years now, later, you know, it's going to cost them double the amount for a think now. And, and that's why we used to come and tell you, yeah, we're going to build it and so on. So day and then, you know, that last statement, the Realty Department gave us, these are the bureaucrats, and some of you worked with the city.

01:10:39:06 - 01:10:56:22

Speaker 3

And I'm not saying the bureaucrats, but bureaucrats are bureaucrats. We went and we told them we need to build knowledge. You know, we got that first one down. You know what they told us? come back in 90 days. What kind of busy? That's when we blew it. Does not mean. And we have to take action. But it's not that you attack me.

01:10:56:22 - 01:11:17:29

Speaker 3

You. It's just that I'm trying to say to you that, you know, patience is a virtue. And you know, I worry about this thing, and and it's not so much as that we're going to get this bill. And Bill, I worry about how are we going to pay this damn thing? And, I mean, if we can work together and pay it together, then we're going to have problems so that, you know, if we're going to have problem, let's not build the damn thing.

01:11:18:02 - 01:11:39:11

Speaker 3

It's a double. Yeah. I mean, but and it's not that I'm being impatient. It's just that you have to understand the political process. We have to fight for this thing. And the same bureaucrats, you know, they just say, yeah, yeah, we'll deal with you later. And until we put pressure on them and then they respond it. I mean, so we put it and then we're going to city council and a lot of you are involved.

01:11:39:14 - 01:11:55:22

Speaker 3

with city issues and you know how the city works. And I'm in and I, you know, I and I don't have and that's big. My biggest frustration is this damn thing's taken so long and has given me a couple more gray hairs, but I'm a patient person and eventually we're going to do it all. I'm asking the membership now.

01:11:55:22 - 01:11:59:02

Speaker 3

It's God damn it, you know, let's get together and work as a group. Yes.

01:11:59:04 - 01:12:00:06

Speaker 2

What do you worry?

01:12:00:08 - 01:12:21:02

Speaker 3

Now we have to figure out how are we going to pay \$25,000 a month? That's your next problem. And I'm going to go through how we're going to pay it in a minute. I mean, but you know, it's not that I don't, resent that you ask questions and all that guilt, you know, I mean, it's just the fact that I have come here and I've taken and told you we all our money is invested in this and this and that.

01:12:21:02 - 01:12:31:25

Speaker 3

And, I mean, and I don't come every month, but I repeated it in the last three years, and, I want to go in for the, the major thing here, and.

01:12:31:27 - 01:12:33:20

Speaker 2

It's all a question of that.

01:12:33:23 - 01:12:36:13

Speaker 3

Okay. Well.

01:12:36:16 - 01:12:38:08

Speaker 1

Right. Maybe next year that I.

01:12:38:10 - 01:12:40:18

Speaker 2

Wonder where.

01:12:40:20 - 01:12:44:18

Speaker 1

And I just put an update. Data for the project.

01:12:44:18 - 01:12:46:09

Speaker 3

Is that you have to understand this.

01:12:46:10 - 01:12:46:25

Speaker 2

What am I not?

01:12:46:25 - 01:12:48:00

Speaker 3

But you have to understand.

01:12:48:00 - 01:12:49:11

Speaker 1

This, that.

01:12:49:13 - 01:12:50:19

Speaker 3

I don't know how to read.

01:12:50:19 - 01:12:52:25

Speaker 1

Blueprints or nothing.

01:12:52:27 - 01:13:03:21

Speaker 3

All I know is to wheel and deal and hustle Fred. Even though he's a plumber, he can read blueprints because way we're going through this is the test. The architects making little changes and say, well, wait a minute.

01:13:03:24 - 01:13:04:24

Speaker 2

How did you see that? Right.

01:13:05:01 - 01:13:29:03

Speaker 3

And so, Frank, when we met with a construction company and, and everything is our construction layer that Frank has all the plans he read through him, and, he already made some corrections. Well, we said a should be 40 to 42in. They maybe 30in. I mean, Frank catches all that. So Frank is a construction day, isn't Frank's job is to cover our butts because I don't know how to read a blueprint.

01:13:29:03 - 01:13:50:18

Speaker 3

But Frank that. So Frank will be out there on occasion, and you'll see us like when they need us, a man and things like that. And he'll say, yeah, according to this or, you know, because construction management makes a lot of little changes without telling nobody, you know, I mean, so Frank is going to handle that. And I got the best guy in the world because he's retired and he's got the time for it.

01:13:50:21 - 01:13:58:11

Speaker 2

And I mean, every guy.

01:13:58:14 - 01:13:58:29

Speaker 2

But I want to.

01:13:58:29 - 01:14:18:16

Speaker 3

But I want him to give you. You've been at the fight all week. I've been in and out. But he's going to answer that real quick and tell him where we are at this night. And I mean, and for right now, I'm telling you one more time and please listen to me. Construction poster show. It's going to be done in April.

01:14:18:19 - 01:14:42:04

Speaker 3

We gave ourselves an additional time because we said if we're going to open the center, we don't want to open it when it's, you know, it's got to be ready. It's got to have landscaping and all that. Otherwise it won't up right. And so we gave we told the construction company, okay, we're even going to be, you know, to make sure for ourselves, we're, we're looking at it being ready I May 15th or you.

01:14:42:06 - 01:14:46:21

Speaker 3

That's what we're looking at. We can fix more. We've got, I think.

01:14:46:23 - 01:14:51:04

Speaker 2

and actually one by, the grading takes us. Yes.

01:14:51:05 - 01:14:56:02

Speaker 3

Yeah. That's what matter that that's all that because, for people that.

01:14:56:09 - 01:14:57:27

Speaker 1

I only have. If you know how.



01:14:57:27 - 01:15:01:02

Speaker 3

To read these days, please take one, because.

01:15:01:05 - 01:15:05:19

Speaker 1

yeah, that's a whole package right there. Who else wants one? And,

01:15:05:21 - 01:15:06:23

Speaker 2

I have about.

01:15:06:23 - 01:15:11:19

Speaker 3

15 copies or so that, you know, if you if you really either if you want to know.

01:15:11:19 - 01:15:14:04

Speaker 1

What's going on, ask me. But otherwise you trust us.

01:15:14:04 - 01:15:21:10

Speaker 3

Or you don't, and me and Frank will take care of it. Know? I mean.

01:15:21:12 - 01:15:26:14

Speaker 2

I'm right.

01:15:26:16 - 01:15:34:10

Speaker 1

Our daughter started. I don't know, we're getting tired.

01:15:34:13 - 01:15:58:16

Speaker 1

Okay, you have to, to answer some of the questions that, you had brought up. for, that new water tank that, if you saw it there. I don't know if y'all wasn't there for the groundbreaking. We had to, I was married. I was there in November 1st when construction was supposed to start. And there was one guy up there by himself trying to cut the old tank tonight, but I do.

01:15:58:18 - 01:16:02:18

Speaker 2

Yeah, I did. He cut it down.

01:16:02:20 - 01:16:25:29

Speaker 1

He had part of it down. I guess they let Frank check on him. Okay. Anyhow, that, we walked there for the groundbreaking. The tank was up, the top course was up, but, all the piping inside your tank since then has been moved that you take an operation as of August 23rd, the new tank in operation.

01:16:26:02 - 01:16:52:29

Speaker 1

And we satisfied, it with Packard. They wanted it. They want it to move for that hole, that, pipe inside of 24 hours. And they did it. The contractor did. Okay. this past or Wednesday at the 28th, I took some notes here. The 28 of August. the water, the water tank and the pump house. The old one was demolished.

01:16:53:01 - 01:17:33:19

Speaker 1

I guess that's what you saw first in cutting the tank. The one person. One person? they did that to cut some cost in it. And he did it for what, half the price of the price. Anyhow, in November, Florida. water tank. And then the pump house demo was completed. Okay. Number 50, the surveyors lost it, and they completely surveyed the whole thing, put the stakes in the.

01:17:33:22 - 01:17:42:15

Speaker 1

Stakes. Stakes for the building. The stakes for the curb stakes in the parking lot. It's all been sitting.

01:17:42:17 - 01:18:10:14

Speaker 1

Just don't go today because really. Okay, on, this Friday, which is today, if you were to go in there, it was me. But you start escalating and grading the property. It's it's it was almost finished. What you're going to do is, great. The pad where the building's going to fit in, sit on and, in the parking area.

01:18:10:16 - 01:18:16:11

Speaker 1

And all this should be completed by the.

01:18:16:13 - 01:18:55:07

Speaker 1

Ferry on on, November 12th, which is about a week from now. We can have them. Now we're going to start cutting footage for the building. and this should for this. And I think it's, it might not be possible. December 1st. they want to complete the underground plumbing, electrical tape in building. So by December 4th, they want to for they want to 44.

01:18:55:09 - 01:18:57:13

Unknown

yeah. Something about this.

01:18:57:16 - 01:19:03:10

Speaker 1

You know, this is going to blow them up. The rain.

01:19:03:13 - 01:19:26:13

Speaker 1

Or, anyhow, well, your information, the date my cable says they got a date of of, the 1st of May is it should be done by. It should be done by eight.

01:19:26:15 - 01:19:32:04

Speaker 1

I don't forget who the contract was. I think I told.

01:19:32:06 - 01:19:37:02

Speaker 1

Hobart.

01:19:37:04 - 01:19:59:16

Speaker 1

I don't know if you, if you met April. Me. So, first up next door, he owns across the sheet metal manufacturing is next door to. And, he's been a fan of the force for a long time. And what he is letting us do. You want to cut some corners there? He's gonna let us use some of his, electrical power from this building.

01:19:59:16 - 01:20:15:03

Speaker 1

We're going to put it temporary. All the construction is going on, we're going to use for pretty well that he's going to at a lower cost. It's going to cost to hold one of the power.

01:20:15:05 - 01:20:49:24

Speaker 1

Okay. Like, everybody, your attention. it's been a year, I guess. And we were for minority contractors. So, we do have some make the plumbing. We have, Castro Plumbing Company that I'm in, electrical with Serrano electric and the mechanical with that sheet metal. SMC he's going to do it.

01:20:49:27 - 01:20:53:13

Speaker 3

Okay, I'm taking it. That's, Ralph Martinez.

01:20:53:15 - 01:20:55:27

Speaker 1

An owner of this. Yes. I'm going to.

01:20:55:27 - 01:20:59:06

Speaker 2

Use, help or, I don't.

01:20:59:08 - 01:21:10:15

Speaker 1

Well, he won't be able to. He volunteered to. He was going to donate or give us at a cost. It is cost. Some of the the was a shipment, but it's up to.

01:21:10:17 - 01:21:17:02

Speaker 3

To the landmark. It's up to landmark company.

01:21:17:05 - 01:21:20:28

Speaker 2

I know what he makes. Right. Yeah. Yeah.

01:21:21:01 - 01:21:45:29

Speaker 1

Anyhow, that's it. we're going to get a I've been meeting with, the town's job and, next meeting up, I'll bring you up a schedule of how to get everything going to progress as far as, as far as the framing, as far as the roof and as far as a parking lot paving. Right.

01:21:45:29 - 01:21:58:04

Speaker 1

Next, he's going to drop a schedule with a contractor. Yeah, I was going to give you a copy of that, and, you know, I'll present it to you to, people next month. That's all I got to do.

01:21:58:06 - 01:22:02:23

Speaker 2

Okay.

01:22:02:26 - 01:22:06:15

Speaker 2

The biggest question we get asked, how much money do we.

01:22:06:15 - 01:22:07:18

Speaker 3

Have that we're going to get.

01:22:07:18 - 01:22:08:14

Speaker 1

Back.

01:22:08:17 - 01:22:24:18

Speaker 3

You know, from the from, but we invested in free development. Okay. Before we go into that, these are things that me and Frank sit down with them and say, you know, there's things that we might be able to help, you know, we're trying to cut cars here. And this is where the where the forum is going to come in.

01:22:24:20 - 01:22:30:27

Speaker 3

I mean, this is the list of things that we need help with. We're going to go instead of.

01:22:30:27 - 01:22:31:23

Speaker 2

Paying ten.

01:22:31:23 - 01:22:49:23

Speaker 3

Thousand for a charity. you know, because, we're going to have a state and we got to make a handicap available. You know, we had to run a 30ft ramp because of the height and, you know, and, I mean, we're going to put it. So we decided that we're going to put a little lift where somebody can come and live or whatever.

01:22:49:23 - 01:23:04:25

Speaker 3

And I mean, so that when they got the 10,000. So, we told a construction company that we're going to go hospital. But, you know, I mean, you know, we're going to get somebody to donate one. And I mean, so that's I want you to keep in mind, but this is where the forum comes in. Who do you know and all that.

01:23:04:27 - 01:23:17:04

Speaker 3

Another thing is that, the specialty assigned directory, you know, we can get somebody donated when they walk up to our building. We have 10,000ft<sup>2</sup> of office space. They have what they call it directly, you know, I mean.

01:23:17:11 - 01:23:18:07

Speaker 2

I mean, and,

01:23:18:10 - 01:23:26:08

Speaker 3

You know, they'll say, you know, office so-and-so and all that. That's one thing that we could be, ceramic tile.

01:23:26:11 - 01:23:28:13

Speaker 2

It's going to run us 20,000.

01:23:28:13 - 01:23:50:04

Speaker 3

Dollars and 24, and, well, 25 and that's going to be installation and material, however that that, right now we need to go to somewhere and say, you know what? And this is just for the bathrooms. You know, we want to have tile in the bathroom. You know, we don't want to have, and this is where the membership comes in again, you know, where can we go?

01:23:50:04 - 01:23:57:19

Speaker 3

And we can get it donated and we could do it. we've got to start working on this project, and maybe we can even get the installation now. We don't know, but we got to.

01:23:57:19 - 01:23:59:23

Speaker 1

Try and cut this. another.

01:23:59:23 - 01:24:04:25

Speaker 3

Thing that we told him about cabinet and see that we might be able to get somebody donated and that's, you know, all your.

01:24:04:25 - 01:24:06:19

Speaker 1

Counters and all that stuff. Some of.



01:24:06:22 - 01:24:08:29

Speaker 3

Like, in the women's restroom and, you know, all.

01:24:08:29 - 01:24:11:25

Speaker 2

That. We're working on that internal signs.

01:24:11:25 - 01:24:12:13

Speaker 3

And these are your.

01:24:12:13 - 01:24:12:24

Speaker 1

Exit.

01:24:12:24 - 01:24:19:13

Speaker 3

Signs and all that we're building. fire extinguishers.

01:24:19:16 - 01:24:23:13

Speaker 1

It's going to cost us approximately \$4,000 to have.

01:24:23:13 - 01:24:41:25

Speaker 3

BFI or whoever's out there. They have a dumpster there. They pick it up every, every two weeks. And, you know, for construction that gets charged to us. So, as soon as we find out from, hallmark, I mean,

that Mark, the who it is, and I think it's BFI, you know, we're going to go approach him and say, you know what?

01:24:41:27 - 01:24:51:08

Speaker 3

You're contributing to the G.I. forum as to that dumpster, all for construction and, you know, donated to us. These are things we're looking at. We're looking at.

01:24:51:09 - 01:24:52:29

Speaker 2

The water fountain.

01:24:53:02 - 01:25:03:07

Speaker 3

We have between the two buildings, you know, like a walkway. And then we wanted to put a fountain in the middle. They bid 4500.

01:25:03:07 - 01:25:04:01

Speaker 1

We said, wait a minute.

01:25:04:02 - 01:25:20:14

Speaker 3

I know we can. You know, we can do it cheaper than that. I already talked to some people. For those of you that, right there where the old city building was and, you know, on on Market Street, where now they have that guy that has that ceramic out there and all that. He has some big fountains and all that.

01:25:20:16 - 01:25:38:03

Speaker 3

with him, we can get one donated. Landscaping is going to cost 73,000. We're talking about that grass. they're thinking in our backyard that that grass, you know, is going to be this, you know, it rolled up, you know, it's already grown and all that.

01:25:38:03 - 01:25:38:22

Speaker 2

So it's all.

01:25:38:24 - 01:25:41:28

Speaker 5

Good. Okay.

01:25:42:00 - 01:26:00:17

Speaker 3

We haven't put a bed up for it. We're gonna see what we can get out of it first. So I have to meet either with gimbal or that. That house, that area. You know, where the grass farm is, and see whether we can get that donated. see if we can get plants or trees donated that we need to put up, you know, from Orchard Supply, which donate a lot of things and all that.

01:26:00:19 - 01:26:01:28

Speaker 2

and,

01:26:02:01 - 01:26:13:04

Speaker 3

that's our biggest cost. The black holes is going to cost us, \$4,500. And, well, we told them what? That you know what? What? The place. In other.

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

Speaker 1

Words.

01:26:13:28 - 01:26:24:04

Speaker 3

We don't want the flagpole for the place that we'll get the flagpole donated, you know, later. You know what I mean by different companies. And and so we're trying to, that'll save us approximately 50,000.

01:26:24:04 - 01:26:24:21

Speaker 2

Dollars.

01:26:24:23 - 01:26:27:03

Speaker 1

On a construction.

01:26:27:06 - 01:26:30:21

Speaker 3

And then,

01:26:30:24 - 01:26:44:20

Speaker 3

And the next you can see basically on this short one is that what we got? what we have, set aside and what where we think our savings are and, and it shows we were going to say about 60,446.

01:26:44:23 - 01:26:49:22

Speaker 1

Total savings if we work hard at it, the potential.

01:26:49:25 - 01:27:19:04

Speaker 3

Savings that comes back to the farm is \$150,000. We have invested a little bit over, 200,000, you know, because there was some, I paid 9001 time to have an architect upgrade. We have to have another 5000. These are things that are development. It just that they have to the changes that we made when, realty, we were ten feet in the city and they told us, well, we have to do this, and that will take you six more months.

01:27:19:04 - 01:27:31:19

Speaker 3

So we took the drawings and we moved it ten feet back. Yeah. I mean, and and that's how we beat him on the real thing. So we're looking at getting back 150,000. Push up. And that's what we're looking for.

01:27:31:22 - 01:27:37:06

Speaker 1

Comes first not only at one time.

01:27:37:09 - 01:27:47:23

Speaker 3

Then we have a thing. HP put 50,000. They then go 50,000. So we still have.

01:27:47:25 - 01:27:48:14

Speaker 2

almost.

01:27:48:16 - 01:27:49:05

Speaker 3

65.

01:27:49:05 - 01:27:51:15

Speaker 2

Thousand. We have to come up here, I don't know, 180.

01:27:51:15 - 01:27:55:08

Speaker 3

Three I'm looking at the city cover that.

01:27:55:10 - 01:27:59:26

Speaker 2

So that's where we're at.

01:27:59:29 - 01:28:03:28

Speaker 1

That's right. Here. This is for all every check.

01:28:04:00 - 01:28:08:08

Speaker 3

This.

01:28:08:10 - 01:28:25:08

Speaker 3

Right there. Verde Creek coming up. That's why you have an emergency to make me a new one. That's right. You see right here. If you want to know where your money went to backwards, that 30th. And then for those of you that are not.

01:28:25:08 - 01:28:27:22

Speaker 1

Satisfied here, then.

01:28:27:25 - 01:28:40:02

Speaker 3

Please call me and me, and we'll sit down with you and hack it out with you. That's where it's at. Where? That's our next Mr. Chairman. That's it.

01:28:40:04 - 01:28:43:03

Speaker 1

Just go with what sort of total construction costs going to be.

01:28:43:05 - 01:28:54:05

Speaker 3

3.4 million.

01:28:54:08 - 01:29:05:13

Speaker 2

Okay. Yes. that's, Where is it? Should be noted. this report that there were two easements involved.

01:29:05:16 - 01:29:29:13

Speaker 1

Where? There. And they took and, you know, and ordinarily, those things would take, I don't know, three and a half, four years or something like that. And these grand acts of, of political terrorism that we accomplished that we pulled this off, you know, like in the Southern Pacific easement. And then there was the easement we had to get from the city because they had the right to the land from the back room to the right bank as well.

01:29:29:15 - 01:29:38:07

Speaker 1

so these were major accomplishments. And it's like taking title to the property. It's like getting the property for nothing.

01:29:38:09 - 01:30:11:02

Speaker 2

So, okay, I you and the other old business. Yeah, I have, I have one. It was brought to my attention this, last month, the chairman and kind of a native united boy. And he was kind of very argumentative. and I am going to apologize for that. I don't, I feel that, no, that, one person, not even I have the chairperson, have the right to, insult anybody.

01:30:11:04 - 01:30:33:19

Speaker 2

But I do feel that if anybody's going to get up and speak, especially if he's an employee of the Jeff one, you should find out what is going on in his employment, where he works at, what the what's going on there. If he works here, he better know what he what's going on, where he works, and if he doesn't, he shouldn't be nothing to this body unless you bring it before the board first.

01:30:33:22 - 01:31:00:26

Speaker 2

Or actually you bring it before his supervisor, then before the board. I was wrong by arguing it and expressing my my deep feelings. and I apologize for that. I apologize to David, but I want to make another note that no, chairman. And I hope no chairman in the future. Okay. You know, they got himself in this way in the past.

01:31:00:26 - 01:31:20:00

Speaker 2

Chairman's in the past. You to turn around and tell people to shut up and sit down and and it's kind of a shame that nobody ever brought that to the attention of, of the chairman or, brought that out to anybody. This is the first time that I've, I've heard feedback, and the people were, upset because I had expressed myself the way I did.

01:31:20:02 - 01:31:59:05

Speaker 2

And they are right there, 100% right. This body is 100% right. The chairperson has the right to express himself, but in a good and timely manner. No chairman, not even in the past or for the future, should have the right to continue to conduct himself in a bad matter. And I hope that this body for the future, whoever chairman is going to be, and if he does conduct himself back that he did this, this body here will okay, you know, express himself in saying that he is wrong.



01:31:59:07 - 01:32:19:11

Speaker 2

And if he doesn't, I will take my apology back because I've seen that in the past. And, and, I wanted to hold myself accountable because I am a man and I am a person, and that's what I did wrong. I just, want to express myself about that.

01:32:19:13 - 01:32:28:27

Speaker 2

Okay. Yes, sir. I think also an apology is, due to, to, Yeah.

01:32:29:00 - 01:33:04:02

Speaker 2

Everybody. Language. Not perfect. Not we express ourselves with our capability. And, I believe that an apology is also due to Jack for that same evening. Out of that, about anybody that, I, an a from the only thing that when I express something to somebody again, if he is an employer or employee and and and and the person is asking a question and he doesn't know how to answer the question, and he worked for the company and everybody.

01:33:04:03 - 01:33:25:12

Speaker 2

Shame on him, chairman. On chairman. You're right. But shame on the person that works in a facility and he doesn't know what's going on there. So you know, you're right. It's like a double jeopardy. I was wrong, but they're wrong and they shouldn't have to be wrong. But I was wrong. And I will apologize to anybody if I was wrong.

01:33:25:14 - 01:33:34:01

Speaker 2

But thank you. That's all. Okay. there was a letter.

01:33:34:03 - 01:33:39:02

Speaker 3

The new business and the new business.

01:33:39:05 - 01:33:40:12

Speaker 2

I got a copy this night.

01:33:40:12 - 01:34:00:10

Speaker 3

And this letter today, and I thought that, you know, I think we have to deal with this issue because we have done this for other people. this is from the Francisco, which is our national chair. you know, believe it or not, the National Forum doesn't have a 501 C-3. Would you believe that? and all these years.

01:34:00:12 - 01:34:02:02

Speaker 2

And, and.

01:34:02:04 - 01:34:35:07

Speaker 3

And the thing here that, as you know, is that, Antonio Morales has been there for years and sort of been pushed out, and, I mean, because there's been in chaos and, the try and I guess they're trying to move the, new national office toward California. Yeah. I mean, or somewhere in the West Coast. And what Francisco is asking is that, he would like to try to, in such some money operations here to help the national office because they're broke, you know, you know, to run the office to, they have them, the plaza, all their computers, land and everything.

01:34:35:07 - 01:34:54:11

Speaker 3

You know, they would have gotten that thing where they had the office over there and, and he would, they're having somebody working on a 501 three right now that, that does the working on it. But that's what they would like to do is use our 500 1C3 to solicit money. In other words, they're going to solicit money some of job for them.

01:34:54:13 - 01:35:12:23

Speaker 3

the money will have to come to the forum I think we've done before with other and then turn it back, you know, I mean, so, since it's the American G.I. forum, we yeah, we have used it, like to raise funds for, for, floods and all that before other organizations. Whatever.

01:35:12:23 - 01:35:14:27

Speaker 1

What type of what degree?

01:35:14:29 - 01:35:42:08

Speaker 3

If you know what I'm going to tell you guys and, you know, because I, I read all these, you know, it don't matter. What is the Bible. 1C3C465666768. Up to six. C 19. The letter that you received from the state of California states that you are eligible, you know, I mean and the when you receive the Internal revenue, that's why I, I don't understand why he didn't never got A501C3 figure.

01:35:42:11 - 01:35:56:23

Speaker 3

There's only a certain couple organizations like, like and the only reason you got it and I know why you got it. Because you wanted to get money from, from the, from the county of Santa Clara. right away, you know.

01:35:56:23 - 01:35:57:11

Speaker 2

Right. Yeah.

01:35:57:11 - 01:36:21:27

Speaker 3

United way. United way. We're never going to give you money. That's number one. We didn't know that. But wait a minute. Yeah, I could have told you that. Otherwise that be would have been funded under them years ago. And the thing is that it doesn't matter whether you have a five, one, three, four, three, five. And I'm trying to make you people understand that once you get the letter from the state, you know, and when you get the one from the, from the Internal Revenue, you can write it all out.

01:36:21:29 - 01:36:39:02

Speaker 3

There's some grants. So then you gotta use a 500 1C3. I mean, we're under A501C4, you know, which is a veteran. So I'm going to say but that doesn't matter if you belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or whatever, you write everything up. It's the same thing. It's just a different number category because we're under veterans.

01:36:39:05 - 01:36:56:22

Speaker 3

So the thing is they just want, they want to borrow A50134. Really, that's what it is. And, to raise money, you know, I mean, so they can put their office back together and, I talked to David. I, I got a copy fax, and I said, well, the thing is that I think we ought to help him.

01:36:56:24 - 01:37:03:22

Speaker 3

The other thing, however, is that all the money has to come to the form that gets done in the past when we help somebody else, that we have to get the money into the.

01:37:03:22 - 01:37:04:12

Speaker 2

Form.

01:37:04:14 - 01:37:22:20

Speaker 3

Because it's, 500 1C4, and then we have to turn around and write him a checkbook, and we've done it for or, you know, for helping other people. So, I think that we, I got, I don't go ahead and, and, help the National as you know, the National, it's always been stuck in there, New Mexico or in Texas.

01:37:22:20 - 01:37:45:19

Speaker 3

And, I mean, and we always bitch, you know, I'm in. And this is an opportunity for us to get in the West Coast so we can keep an, because, I don't know what they do with the money, and they receive substantial grants from the government. And I'm not here to question morals or nothing. I'm just saying that, I would like, hoping that the forum would go right ahead, you know, I mean, that's, that's our national office.

01:37:45:22 - 01:38:01:09

Speaker 3

then in my hand, and but the only thing that I'm saying, and the money has to come to, in our name, and we turn around and funnel it back to him. But we've done it with other things, though. I want to bring that, this up at this time. So,

01:38:01:12 - 01:38:02:22

Speaker 1

What's the chance of getting.

01:38:02:22 - 01:38:05:26

Speaker 2

Them and, get it for a new building? They got the.

01:38:05:28 - 01:38:08:16

Speaker 3

Money. They got no money to buy one free space.

01:38:08:18 - 01:38:12:12

Speaker 1

you might be able to,

01:38:12:14 - 01:38:16:07

Speaker 1

No, the thing is that they have. No, no.

01:38:16:10 - 01:38:29:29

Speaker 3

if they move the headquarters and they decide to put it in, in California and they decide to do it, the San Jose job board, which is the strongest chapter, believe it or not, is that, yeah, they would pay rent, you know, they would have to pay rent. And like everybody else, the only.

01:38:29:29 - 01:38:30:26

Speaker 1

People that ain't going to pay.

01:38:30:26 - 01:38:53:13

Speaker 3

Rent. So we understand each other right now, there's going to be the San Jose GI forum offices, which include business partners. It includes the San Jose GI forum office with, you know, which is membership office with Billy and all that. It includes the scholarship foundation. Those three are part, you know, of us. So those are going to be within our 20 500ft.

01:38:53:15 - 01:39:15:06

Speaker 3

And the thing is that, if the National wants to rent 1000ft or whatever, you know, they will get charged. And I mean, at the, at the going rate and, and, we have no problems with that. we have to rent, 70 500ft because those 70 500ft after we pay, because we intend to rent theirs per square foot and it's going to pay for that.

01:39:15:08 - 01:39:36:24

Speaker 3

And then, for the, every night they come and clean the cans and all that vacuum and all that, and it's still going to leave us \$10,000, which brings our and, our long monthly down to 15,000 a month, which will raise for nothing. But, and so I think what we ought to do is this is an opportunity to help the national G.I. forum.

01:39:36:24 - 01:39:54:13

Speaker 3

And I'm glad that, that finally took it away. Yeah. I mean, and, we might be able to, you know, at least keep a close eye on it so that I would just. I told David that I would speak on this because, you know, they are having problems, and they finally just fired Alamo, Douglas and everything, and they just clean house.

01:39:54:16 - 01:39:55:10

Speaker 3

I mean, I'm wondering.

01:39:55:10 - 01:39:56:08

Speaker 2

What I what.

01:39:56:10 - 01:39:56:23

Speaker 3

I call them.

01:39:56:23 - 01:40:01:04

Speaker 1

Out of it. So I try to do what I want.

01:40:01:06 - 01:40:04:25

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

01:40:04:28 - 01:40:22:14

Speaker 1

We have A50133. We don't have 105 0123. Because at one time when we were having the ones on the board, the board was encouraging member to look into independent funding to see if we could get away

from the public funding and we would look into it. We even bought a book for \$75 and had a bunch of corporations that would give money to the yeah, for them.

01:40:22:17 - 01:40:39:03

Speaker 1

One of the times that we went to a meeting with some people from United Way that was kind of dated, who encouraged us to go get 555, and we had quite can we get a donation to 500 and see for funding? And they said the reason that you cannot get funded by United Way is the board changes every year.

01:40:39:06 - 01:40:56:28

Speaker 1

That's an indication to them that we're not people that we you know, if we put it out to them, we'd be there for \$35 million. They don't call that stable enough because good work can change overnight, and then the policy cannot change. So, so we decided, okay, we're just going to go 50123 funding and we get get it okay.

01:40:56:28 - 01:41:16:06

Speaker 1

Now we can get money through 593 if we want. Because if they want 540 the organization gets the grant. If they want five, one, two, three then we never get the grant directly. So we qualified on both sides. Now, Richard Ray, I think you told us to forget about the 50133. I think if in order to keep them both like you know that together through the security.

01:41:16:09 - 01:41:18:09

Speaker 2

But that's how we came to get it. Yeah.

01:41:18:11 - 01:41:29:17

Speaker 3

I know, because United Way, I talked to them about funding the OPI and all that. They said, no, you guys have your own veterans money. I went through that years ago. Yeah. That's why we that's why we never went to United Way. But that was a good shout out there.



01:41:29:17 - 01:41:31:07

Speaker 5

Frank Abel, do you need a motion?

01:41:31:09 - 01:41:31:14

Speaker 3

Yeah.

01:41:31:15 - 01:41:34:25

Speaker 1

Yes, I need a motion. I'm not going to move. And I don't know, you know, I.

01:41:34:25 - 01:41:36:08

Speaker 3

Just I just brought the letter under.

01:41:36:08 - 01:41:40:14

Speaker 1

Discussion. I'd like to answer Dave.

01:41:40:16 - 01:41:43:12

Speaker 2

But there's a motion and a no, no, no.

01:41:43:14 - 01:41:47:17

Speaker 1

That's on motion yet. I just got back. I was going to make the motion. Okay, but.

01:41:47:19 - 01:41:49:02

Speaker 2

I want to.

01:41:49:04 - 01:41:59:16

Speaker 1

You know, I want to reply on about about the, that they were in the board meetings every year. Well, the board, the governors, we know what is our board.

01:41:59:19 - 01:42:01:26

Speaker 5

So what's talking about?

01:42:01:29 - 01:42:02:29

Speaker 1

with United Way, too.

01:42:03:04 - 01:42:04:22

Speaker 2

It's not rude.

01:42:04:24 - 01:42:21:23

Speaker 1

Anyhow, I wasn't I was a chairman of record at that time. And somebody went over my head and, I forget it now that that's water and and the bridge anyhow. But the chairman of motion didn't order up a motion that we support the national.

01:42:21:25 - 01:42:34:04

Speaker 2

Not my policy. You know where I have been. And it the discussion. Discussion. We already had a discussion in our favor of the motion. All right. We have discussed. Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

01:42:34:06 - 01:43:07:27

Speaker 1

I think you're. I don't like wearing that. Yeah. Whichever nonprofit organization saves three years or excuse that the national our share. cost the annual report to the state or the feds cost there's money. There's effort and time and money involved. Preparing the appropriate report and monitoring that. Number one, don't give it away free. Think and for share.

01:43:08:00 - 01:43:09:20

Speaker 2

Yeah, I can.

01:43:09:23 - 01:43:18:21

Speaker 1

You know, he's got a good point. But the only thing is we got the money. We got to pay the bills first. We said in the balance that's what I'm saying. Time and just.

01:43:18:23 - 01:43:38:13

Speaker 2

Put it together okay okay. With the motion. I, thank you for your participation. any nays? No. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Any other new business? Any other new business development? Yeah.

01:43:38:15 - 01:43:55:00

Speaker 1

I want to say, I'm on, my myself. Okay. From, where I work at, and we just barely finished our, new building for our apprentices. That for the plumbers and pipefitters and refrigeration air conditioning apprentices here in San Benito and.

01:43:55:00 - 01:44:00:07

Speaker 2

Santa Clara County. Okay, that building with \$5.5 million. Okay.

01:44:00:09 - 01:44:28:12

Speaker 1

Now, for some reason, last year when we were building it with the rains and everything, when it rains one day, you lose three days in construction. You have to understand it now, how they come up with this, I do not know because the and the architects and everybody explained it to us. I don't know, I don't know if it's dry time or how they come up with this thing, but you ranch one day, you lose three days of production and we'll go, yes, that's good because it takes you three days to make up.

01:44:28:12 - 01:44:31:23

Speaker 2

For that one day. How do you do the way to get dry or what?

01:44:31:24 - 01:44:34:24

Speaker 1

Or whatever.

01:44:34:26 - 01:44:36:06

Speaker 2

Afterwards you start to.

01:44:36:08 - 01:44:37:02

Speaker 3

Say, okay.

01:44:37:02 - 01:44:40:27

Speaker 1

Now, also last year with the construction here in.

01:44:40:27 - 01:44:42:08

Speaker 2

Silicon Valley.

01:44:42:10 - 01:44:46:17

Speaker 1

And the, the construction boom in this valley is.

01:44:46:24 - 01:44:48:12

Speaker 3

So tremendous right now.

01:44:48:14 - 01:45:16:05

Speaker 1

If it rains when your day comes up for pouring, you won't get it again to another three weeks, even though you're ready. So you may lose another three weeks waiting your turn to come up for your concrete to be poured. When it's your turn. Okay, now you have to take that into consideration. Because just because we say the building is going to be done in May, not in concrete, you may allow, like Frank did with five, six weeks.

01:45:16:08 - 01:45:22:14

Speaker 1

three weeks with the, you know, the three weeks of leeway. We still may not make that date and may depend on it.

01:45:22:17 - 01:45:24:29

Speaker 2

Mother Nature? No we haven't.

01:45:25:01 - 01:45:31:13

Speaker 1

You have to understand that when it comes to building a building, you're not going to get it. Everything. Everything. Jill will.

01:45:31:13 - 01:45:39:17

Speaker 2

Put it that way next month, and you've got to go from there. Okay. Thank you. Any other you going?

01:45:39:20 - 01:45:44:28

Unknown

Yeah.

01:45:45:00 - 01:45:47:03

Unknown

You know, you anything else?

01:45:47:06 - 01:45:55:10

Speaker 2

Okay. Announcements. Okay.

01:45:55:13 - 01:46:26:09

Speaker 1

All right. And, Thomas, your announcements are excited to cover a story. Very little price has been given to, TV 11 is buying TV 20, and therefore, the Grand Corporation will have two channels in a single market. Santa Fe federal Communications Commission standard with it in Salinas, 20, 30 years ago, when they did it, nobody was watching.

01:46:26:12 - 01:46:55:28

Speaker 1

As a result of doing that, granite has a cash flow problem. Would you believe they fired Melinda Casale, associate producer. And I think they're on her way to fire. And then you say that she's still there. But

what's happening with the new administration? It's two marks. Is that a new guy? Is in an area in Friedman or something?

01:46:56:01 - 01:47:27:12

Speaker 1

The new administration is in a community. That's not really what. Right? 1.2 for the sales to be approved, there has to be a we receive comments from the community by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC. The address is in this article. Pick it up. You have a comment, right? Don't call. Send them something in writing bureaucrats love right here.

01:47:27:14 - 01:47:46:23

Speaker 1

The pile on. Anyway, if you're really interested in keeping someone who's Latino in TV 11, you're right. If you're not, thank you very.

01:47:46:26 - 01:47:50:24

Unknown

You know. I,

01:47:50:26 - 01:48:20:11

Speaker 1

We like to respond to what Gilbert said. that is not necessarily true. What he said. Maybe from his perspective, I respect his opinion, but I met last week with the owners of, channel 11 and channel 20. Between both agents, they carry about 60% of the market, 3% what they 20 and 3% with channel 11. Channel 11 is a small TV station that only covers a small area.

01:48:20:14 - 01:48:41:06

Speaker 1

Court TV 20 covers a broader area. But it is true, though, that the law says that you can only have one within a certain market area. They're looking to get an exam badly enough. Casada worked there part time because she's an employee of the county. So would you work full time for the county? She's only a part time employee there.

01:48:41:08 - 01:48:57:21

Speaker 1

In fact, two Hispanic has already been promoted to management position working channel 11. Something that never happened before. Okay, I just wanted to correct it.

01:48:57:23 - 01:49:27:06

Speaker 1

The new owners are lily white. they're buying channel 11. But we known for years that, that, the owners from Atlanta, Georgia, have owned, have owned the channel 11, and I don't know what he's been, I don't know. Yeah. One company, but they've been really white for the station. The owners happened to be black. They're not white.

01:49:27:09 - 01:49:35:02

Speaker 2

And you know. Bring up the, you know. Okay.

01:49:35:04 - 01:49:40:08

Speaker 3

someone announcing again, I did last month. renewal dues can.

01:49:40:08 - 01:50:08:07

Speaker 1

Be paid any time now if they're paid before the end of the, the year or where they go in with, we're on the first of, January. You they get to keep you curious. Otherwise they lose any insurance that they have if they be late. So I am accept the renewal fees are \$30. I collected three, three renewal.

01:50:08:09 - 01:50:11:03

Speaker 2

Okay. Thank you. Andy? Yes. Gilbert.

01:50:11:06 - 01:50:24:00



Speaker 1

And, Christmas dance tickets. I still have most, but I need to, you know, we're running out of time. We need to, Yeah, we got anybody that's interested. Please see me, and, let's let's sell some tickets.

01:50:24:07 - 01:50:25:07

Speaker 2

So please.

01:50:25:09 - 01:50:43:27

Speaker 1

Also for the, night of, dance, if anybody's interested, interested in helping at the door a little bit, maybe half hour at a time or so, I don't know, I don't think we'll be Manning the door more than three hours or so, and, you know, so we can all have some fun. Thank you. Yeah.

01:50:43:29 - 01:50:45:12

Speaker 2

And,

01:50:45:14 - 01:50:46:21

Speaker 3

we're doing the seating by tables.

01:50:46:21 - 01:50:48:28

Speaker 1

Again. Yes. Okay. So.

01:50:49:00 - 01:51:00:03

Speaker 3

are the tables all sold or. No, we're only about. There's only about 6 or 7 people I know. All right? People, you still get to the bar. Those are all gone,

01:51:00:06 - 01:51:04:00

Speaker 2

We can go to.

01:51:04:03 - 01:51:04:10

Speaker 2

Well, I.

01:51:04:10 - 01:51:37:18

Speaker 1

Don't have any tickets. I do have an announcement. Also, with somebody being excluded, Association and Del Rio are having a fundraiser. Oh, boy. Oh, well, I don't know. uncommon. Never know what they don't. They'll call Colombia party. by 3:00 to 8:30 evening. and, I don't we play the game with the person.

01:51:37:21 - 01:52:00:20

Speaker 1

We we're raising funds for the Del Rio. but people that not, flooded is think. I know that, there's a lot of people. And I feel bad that that might have come to Central America. I know that our dance, you know, in town was ugly and and compared to them. But they're still hurting. And then we want to help.

01:52:00:23 - 01:52:05:04

Speaker 1

What date on the 22nd from November to Sunday.

01:52:05:07 - 01:52:06:11

Speaker 5

When they.

01:52:06:13 - 01:52:08:21

Speaker 1

On the 22nd.

01:52:08:23 - 01:52:19:24

Speaker 2

Of the other event from across the country. I'll get comments if you got tickets. If anybody wants a ticket, talk to people. Oh,

01:52:20:01 - 01:52:25:10

Speaker 1

I think it's all there on the island with that rodeo club.

01:52:25:13 - 01:52:52:12

Speaker 2

Another announcement. And, Maggie had brought up to me, that, she's going to be, informing the media and, and she wants to, well, we're going to let, people go where they want to go and bring it to the home office, so they may possibly go and, just get home office for the, Hondurans and, Nicaraguan people over there.

01:52:52:15 - 01:53:16:16

Speaker 2

and, Maggie, you're going to be calling the meeting, right? Maggie, I'm going to be sending fresh business on top Monday. But basically what it is, is to to, gather whatever anybody can, donate and they can bring it to the general market. And then the Red cross will pick it up there. Okay. any other announcements?

01:53:16:19 - 01:53:44:10

Speaker 2

There's going to be, yes. November the 14th, for the, San Jose East Valley chapter, the Moose Lodge, \$20 a ticket. I'm sure there's two tickets left. we call Mr., Richie Martinez. for tickets if anybody's

interested, or give me a call or call already. But, yeah, we can follow. You think there's some, you know, a couple announcements?

01:53:44:10 - 01:53:46:26

Speaker 2

Let's hear you. Anybody wants to go?

01:53:46:29 - 01:53:49:27

Speaker 1

Okay. Veterans parade mainstay downtown. Yeah.

01:53:49:27 - 01:54:15:07

Speaker 2

Veterans parade Wednesday. Anybody want to think that they're veterans or thought they were? All veterans are veterans, but they make they go and something I say Hallelujah. They have the flag over there. Any other announcement? All right. Okay. movement. Move to adjourn. I'll make a vote on second and, the fourth. I'm going to come with a fire department.

01:54:15:10 - 01:54:16:29

Speaker 2

The office.

01:54:17:02 - 01:54:18:28

Speaker 3

I don't know what people.

01:54:19:00 - 01:54:20:00

Speaker 5

Are going to come.

01:54:20:02 - 01:54:23:02

Speaker 1

I think you don't get.