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Transcript

00:00:00 Mary Rose Cardenas

It's just normal. You're going to want to and. And so that was one of my big.

00:00:07 Mary Rose Cardenas

Things that I was able to do then.

00:00:10 Mary Rose Cardenas

And the Lord has been blessed me all the time. I was always surrounded by good people that encouraged me to help me and, and likewise I've tried to do the same. Not as well as they as they did, but I I've always tried to help.

00:00:28 Speaker 2

Teachers that push you.

00:00:30 Speaker 2

Said why you.

00:00:31 Speaker 2

Gave back to education.

00:00:33 Mary Rose Cardenas

Well, they, yes, they're they didn't. But they were very supportive. They're really and truly. I had very wonderful teachers that that helped me and guided me in and made things. Warburton and Miller and so many of them that I just I just.

00:00:53 Mary Rose Cardenas

It was. Oh, yes, yes, yes, of course you do. You do not forget them, that they will help lead you and and make things easier for you and guide you because some of them, you know, we just slow down because you you when you're young, you think you can do everything.

00:00:53 Speaker 2

You still remember today.

00:00:58

No.

00:01:14 Mary Rose Cardenas

And you find out really quick like that. You know, it doesn't work that way. But no, no, no it.

00:01:21 Julieta V. Garcia

Was the hardest challenge that you have, you know, personally and in marriage or at the university or.

00:01:31 Julieta V. Garcia

With the community? Or is there one thing that kind of stands out is?

00:01:36 Julieta V. Garcia

Where you thought?

00:01:37 Julieta V. Garcia

Hey, you know, I don't know if we can make this happen or.

00:01:42 Mary Rose Cardenas

No, I mean, you know, I just don't, I just no, I had such my mother was very religious and and she guided us and I just felt like, you know, I'm a good person. The Lord is with me.

00:01:57 Mary Rose Cardenas

And I'm going to.

00:01:58 Mary Rose Cardenas

See and and I sold Avon when I was maybe 14 or 15 years old. My aunt. Yes, man. No. I started at about 15 or 16 and and. No, no, no. Let me see. I was born in 31.

00:02:06 Speaker 2

That young.

00:02:12 Reba (Cardenas) McNair

That you didn't wear makeup.

00:02:19 Mary Rose Cardenas

40.

00:02:20 Mary Rose Cardenas

5 and so 47 I was about 15 and 16 and.

00:02:25 Reba (Cardenas) McNair

My word I had no idea. I thought you were like 19.

00:02:29 Julieta V. Garcia

You know, pretended that the Avon made them look as good.

00:02:32 Julieta V. Garcia

As she looked.

00:02:34 Mary Rose Cardenas

No and no. No, no.

00:02:36 Julieta V. Garcia

What did Clarence Key tell you when?

00:02:38 Julieta V. Garcia

You when you went, huh?

00:02:38 Speaker 2

But you know, seriously.

00:02:41 Speaker 2

I hadn't ever paid attention to your skin. You don't have wrinkles. I don't. No. Not no. Not for your age. You.

00:02:49 Speaker 2

Do not I'm.

00:02:50 Speaker 2

86 years old. But you don't have wrinkles.

00:02:54 Speaker 2

Look at her skin.

00:02:54 Julieta V. Garcia

What did Claire Key tell you when you came back from delivering this?

00:02:58 Julieta V. Garcia

Each.

00:02:59 Julieta V. Garcia

That that she had you deliver and.

00:03:03 Mary Rose Cardenas

Her, you know? And that's another thing, Juliet. If you have someone that has faith in you, you're not going to let them down. And Claire Key had never married. She had no children. I came to work for her at a very young age.

00:03:20 Mary Rose Cardenas

And she just.

00:03:22 Mary Rose Cardenas

I mean, I was. She pushed me all the time. And you can do it. You can.

00:03:27 Mary Rose Cardenas

Do it and I.

00:03:28 Mary Rose Cardenas

Felt like King Kong. I thought I could.

00:03:31 Julieta V. Garcia

Good. OK. Speech. Yes, I've I forget the end of it right now. But you came back and it was apparently very well received. It was like, on on financial something. But she said the reason they liked it so much was because you were so pretty.

00:03:42 Mary Rose Cardenas

Probably she probably helped me.

00:03:52 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh.

00:03:52 Julieta V. Garcia

And she said don't let that be the reason they like you. You're very pretty, but don't let them just like you because you're pretty. You're also very smart and so.

00:03:57 Speaker 2

Don't let that define you.

00:04:06 Mary Rose Cardenas

That's another thing you see a good teacher can help you so much. They give you confidence and you really believe it. And you go forth and you do it. And that's why I teach you. I mean, I appreciated my teachers very, very.

00:04:24 Mary Rose Cardenas

Much.

00:04:24 Julieta V. Garcia

And when she when she was going to leave the credit union, she gave you a raise.

00:04:30 Mary Rose Cardenas

Ohh so that they can pay you what you're worth. I will never forget that she paid me.

00:04:36 Speaker 2

And why? Why did you leave the credit union?

00:04:40 Mary Rose Cardenas

Well, Claire Key

00:04:40 Julieta V. Garcia

She was retiring.

00:04:43 Speaker 2

And you and you weren't going to get her job.

00:04:46 Mary Rose Cardenas

No, no, I wasn't gonna be. No, they they were buying it and everything else. But she says. But I'm going to increase your salary so that you can. They will pay you what you are worth.

00:04:50

OK.

00:04:57 Julieta V. Garcia

So when she went to go get her next.

00:04:59 Julieta V. Garcia

Jobs they could, they could say how much were you making? And so she would have a new bottom, a base salary. So that. And so there, John, after Claire Key was at Gulf Mart.

00:05:02 Speaker 2

Right, right.

00:05:06 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:05:10 Mary Rose Cardenas

And then I was. I really negotiated to bring girls smart here because, well, I they've told me that it was in the mail and so on. And I got people to be supportive, got the church involved in everything else. And my mother.

00:05:16 Julieta V. Garcia

How did you do?

00:05:16 Julieta V. Garcia

That.

00:05:29 Mary Rose Cardenas

When are you going to settle?

00:05:30 Mary Rose Cardenas

Down. What are you doing?

00:05:31 Julieta V. Garcia

So Gulf Mart like was like bringing Walmart to town or bringing Ohh the first discount door in our community. So Mary was hired to stand it up to hire everybody and to manage.

00:05:34 Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah. Sears came, K-Mart. It was. It was a good. It was a huge deal.

00:05:48 Mary Rose Cardenas

I opened that store.

00:05:49 Julieta V. Garcia

And including David Godness that that worked for you, Lourdes Simmons that worked for you. Who else worked for you? Yeah.

00:05:54 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh, oh, so many people love you. But I was very privileged to really because.

00:06:03 Mary Rose Cardenas

It it was really something that was recognized and accepted very well because you brought a lot of jobs and and it was just it.

00:06:08 Speaker 2

No, no.

00:06:11 Speaker 2

Get out.

00:06:16 Speaker 2

Did.

00:06:16 Speaker 2

Was referring if.

00:06:16 Julieta V. Garcia

(inaudible) HEB by Luby's is like it was right there was a huge.

00:06:18 Julieta V. Garcia

Luby's

00:06:21 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh yeah, the first one and and of course. And then I had a mother that was very talented.

00:06:24 Julieta V. Garcia

Yeah.

00:06:31 Mary Rose Cardenas

Talented. I mean, she could sew. She could pay, she could do pork, bake everything. But but she never worked a.

00:06:40 Mary Rose Cardenas

Day in her life.

00:06:41 Julieta V. Garcia

But but she came to live with you when you got married, so you never live with Mr. Cardenas without your love and and. And you have five children. And you read. Took care.

00:06:44 Mary Rose Cardenas

Uh-huh.

00:06:46 Mary Rose Cardenas

No.

00:06:47 Mary Rose Cardenas

No, no.

00:06:51 Mary Rose Cardenas

She released the she she raised the party.

00:06:53 Julieta V. Garcia

Of the babies.

00:06:54 Julieta V. Garcia

So that you could then help build a business.

00:06:56 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes.

00:06:58 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, and my father.

00:07:01 Mary Rose Cardenas

I could do nothing wrong.

00:07:04 Mary Rose Cardenas

With my father never, never, never, never, never, never. And with my mother first.

00:07:11 Mary Rose Cardenas

Very seldom put it in right.

00:07:16 Mary Rose Cardenas

She was very I don't know, she could. So she could pay. She could.

00:07:25 Mary Rose Cardenas

Do the House and cook bake and and I don't know how she learned because she got married at a young age. She was from Mercedes. She came to live over here. My father only had cousins because they, the others that their parents had died young and so long and.

00:07:45 Julieta V. Garcia

Yet there's a story about Hans Mark the meeting with Hans Mark when when we were you were trying to get beauty to Brownsville and and you told Hans.

00:07:53 Mary Rose Cardenas

You TV.

00:07:59 Julieta V. Garcia

Every all the reasons that he should be here.

00:08:01 Speaker 2

Oh yes, telling this. She lectured him. She didn't tell him in a nice.

00:08:07 Speaker 2

Way.

00:08:07 Mary Rose Cardenas

No, no, no, no. Sat on the edge.

00:08:08 Speaker 2

These are the reasons.

00:08:11 Julieta V. Garcia

Of her chair.

00:08:11 Julieta V. Garcia

Like this, she never sat back and he was like, on the middle of his house, taking control of the whole couch like no one could sit with him because he was, you know, and she was like, this whole time sitting right on the edge of her chair. And she laid it all out.

00:08:14 Mary Rose Cardenas

She was there. She was there.

00:08:20 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah, Mr.

00:08:26 Julieta V. Garcia

She had all her. She had all the facts.

00:08:28 Mary Rose Cardenas

My ammunition? Yes. No. Well prepared.

00:08:30 Julieta V. Garcia

She had it all done.

00:08:32 Julieta V. Garcia

And he just kind.

00:08:33 Mary Rose Cardenas

But you know.

00:08:33 Julieta V. Garcia

And he said to you, what? When you, after you presented he, what did he tell you?

00:08:36 Mary Rose Cardenas

I forgot but I.

00:08:39 Julieta V. Garcia

He said maybe in.

00:08:42 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh yes. Oh, maybe in a few years we might be able to 15 years with because there's nothing going on in here. And I said we do not have the luxury to wait. You either do something or get out of my way because I'm getting a discount store.

00:08:42

Yeah.

00:08:46 Julieta V. Garcia

1520.

00:09:00 Mary Rose Cardenas

Here.

00:09:01 Julieta V. Garcia

You get in the university.

00:09:02 Mary Rose Cardenas

And I've got a university and so on. I mean the.

00:09:02

Yes.

00:09:05 Julieta V. Garcia

And you told him that you had A and M ready to come, and I'm looking. I'm just. I'm in the room. Right. And I'm thinking we don't have any in him. But Mary was blessing and I wasn't.

00:09:10 Mary Rose Cardenas

You.

00:09:18 Julieta V. Garcia

Going to blow the bluff.

00:09:19 Julieta V. Garcia

Right. And he?

00:09:21 Speaker 2

And you all.

00:09:21 Speaker 2

Have become very close with Hans Mark.

00:09:24 Speaker 2

Have you ever told him yes.

00:09:28 Speaker 2

Ohh, it's funny as he loves it. We're the.

00:09:31 Julieta V. Garcia

Only ones that get invited to his birthday party every year.

00:09:33 Speaker 2

No, I know. But you told him that you were bluffing.

00:09:37 Julieta V. Garcia

Of course he knows everything and he and every time, he says. Mary. Oh, yeah, the one that always like was afraid of you. Hans was never afraid of Hans. Always was so respectful like that. The one that was afraid of you always was Bill Cunning.

00:09:40 Mary Rose Cardenas

And.

00:09:40 Mary Rose Cardenas

Laughed.

00:09:46 Mary Rose Cardenas

No.

00:09:52 Julieta V. Garcia

The chancellor after that and he would get off of his little private plane when they would land and he would go.

00:09:59 Julieta V. Garcia

Is your mother, is your godmother still here? And I and I would say yes, Bill. I forgot to Dad not tell you she was just reelected to another six years and he was like, oh, but he ended up loving her and and respecting.

00:10:08 Speaker 2

Oh.

00:10:10

Ohh no.

00:10:15 Mary Rose Cardenas

Her. No, no, no, no.

00:10:16 Julieta V. Garcia

To the very end also.

00:10:19 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah, I said. Look, we're in here together. We're for this. Working for the same thing, and we need a lot of help here. And you're it.

00:10:29 Mary Rose Cardenas

And I mean I, but I have never been afraid to speak up for what I believe is right and I've made a lot of mistakes. But but that has been what I would have wanted to do is to help and. And the Lord has helped.

00:10:47 Speaker 2

And you and you were not educated.

00:10:52 Speaker 2

As well as you could have been.

00:10:55 Speaker 2

Had things been differently?

00:10:55 Julieta V. Garcia

She was not credentialed.

00:10:58 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah.

00:10:58 Julieta V. Garcia

You went to TSE for a.

00:11:00 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh, yes, yes.

00:11:00 Julieta V. Garcia

Year.

00:11:01 Speaker 2

But my point is, is it?

00:11:05 Speaker 2

Knowing that you had didn't you could have had the education, but you weren't. You were never able to pursue it. Therefore, why is education so important to you? Because I have a lot of experience to appreciate the fact.

00:11:10 Mary Rose Cardenas

And I had to work.

00:11:24 Mary Rose Cardenas

That.

00:11:24 Mary Rose Cardenas

I was limited in a lot of ways because I did not have the credentials and even though I didn't make showing off, I mean I, you know, bluffing people.

00:11:39 Mary Rose Cardenas

But I also knew my limitation.

00:11:42 Speaker 2

Mrs. Curtis, have you?

00:11:45 Speaker 2

Had had you had?

00:11:48 Speaker 2

The education.

00:11:51 Speaker 2

That you deserved.

00:11:55 Speaker 2

Would you have been better off?

00:11:58 Speaker 2

Are not.

00:12:01 Mary Rose Cardenas

I do, of course. Who knows, but I do not think so. I've been blessed. I have a very good husband. I have good children. I have never liked of anything. I've never been one that I want to have big house or big fish.

00:12:15 Mary Rose Cardenas

That.

00:12:18 Mary Rose Cardenas

I've always been because we had such limited incomes and all, and we need to share and I was taught and then you need to contribute all that to the church all the time. That was, I don't care how little we had. We had to give to the church.

00:12:38 Julieta V. Garcia

I think that I think what what was the most authentic power that you had was that it was for someone else. It was never for, you know, it was never for your name on the.

00:12:48 Mary Rose Cardenas

That's true. No, no.

00:12:51 Julieta V. Garcia

On the award, it was never for your recognition. It was always for the community and when people saw that heard, it felt it, it was so authentic, they couldn't not help you because they saw it. I mean, you would have stood there day and night forever until.

00:12:55 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:13:04

Hmm.

00:13:09 Speaker 2

No, you know what it.

00:13:10 Speaker 2

Was Julie and I agree with?

00:13:12 Speaker 2

You she put her money? Where?

00:13:13 Speaker 2

Her mouth was.

00:13:16 Speaker 2

She did as much as she could possibly do and asked as much equally from people, other people and and that that to me is the true.

00:13:23 Julieta V. Garcia

No, absolutely.

00:13:32 Speaker 2

You you can't, you know, it's like.

00:13:34 Speaker 2

The banks we were talking about today.

00:13:36 Julieta V. Garcia

It's a measure of, yeah, your own.

00:13:37 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah, you, you.

00:13:38 Speaker 2

Can't ask for \$20,000 from somebody.

00:13:40 Julieta V. Garcia

When you don't put it in.

00:13:41 Speaker 2

If you if you're not.

00:13:42 Speaker 2

Yeah. Able to do it yourself.

00:13:44 Julieta V. Garcia

And she was doing it by running for office by serving and by and by giving money.

00:13:50 Julieta V. Garcia

To politicians, Sir. OK, so, so one of the stories that that I wanted you to remind us of is when you and I were in Austin and the Nellie Veda.

00:14:02 Julieta V. Garcia

Came in to a meeting and he was not being very nice to me and Mary was one of his patrons and and giving him money and he came in. He kind of blew me off. And Mrs. Scott Dennis was there as chairman of our board. I was there as President.

00:14:07 Mary Rose Cardenas

Nah, yeah.

00:14:23 Julieta V. Garcia

And he kind of went well. I'll be back in a minute. Whatever. And he just, really.

00:14:28 Mary Rose Cardenas

Cool.

00:14:28 Julieta V. Garcia

Arrogant and rude.

00:14:31 Speaker 2

Imagine.

00:14:32 Julieta V. Garcia

And so, Mary, when he came back in the room, Mary grabbed him by the neck top and and grabbed him by the neck tie. And he's, you know, people guy. And so she grabs him and she pulls him down to her height. So now then there's like this.

00:14:39 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:14:40 Speaker 2

Seriously.

00:14:52 Julieta V. Garcia

Looking up at Mary like this and I'm over here thinking, oh God.

00:14:57 Julieta V. Garcia

This is it.

00:14:58 Julieta V. Garcia

We're done, and whatever I was asking for the legislature, we're not fighting an enemy. This is our our.

00:15:02 Speaker 2

Forget it.

00:15:05 Julieta V. Garcia

Right. And he's like this now because she's grabbed it by the next time. And she said, don't she ever be rude to the president of our university again? And he's like, and she wasn't doing it for herself. She was doing it for the president of her university. Not for me.

00:15:23 Speaker 2

She's altruistic.

00:15:25 Julieta V. Garcia

But for the position.

00:15:27 Julieta V. Garcia

And and then she let him go and.

00:15:29 Julieta V. Garcia

He goes like a like a like a.

00:15:31 Julieta V. Garcia

Clown. He pops back up.

00:15:34 Julieta V. Garcia

And so I just like froze because I thought I'm done in this is it, you know, I mean, it's over. It's over. We went to our hotel room that night. We had dinner. Whatever. The next day we came home, Mary receives.

00:15:48 Julieta V. Garcia

Two dozen.

00:15:50 Julieta V. Garcia

Red roses from the elevator. The biggest arrangement we've ever seen him. And I remember thinking. Wait a minute. She insulted the Holy Show lilies out of this guy.

00:15:56

Yes.

00:16:03 Julieta V. Garcia

And she gets two dozen, and that's what you were talking about earlier. Was this the the effect she had on people because it was so authentic, so not self-serving? It was, it was, it was sincere. It was direct. It was in your faith.

00:16:16 Speaker 2

Sincere.

00:16:20 Speaker 2

But but, but that's what I'm trying to say.

00:16:23 Speaker 2

I love your daughters. Don't misunderstand me, but.

00:16:28 Speaker 2

Reba has every every intention that you ever had, but when Reba?

00:16:35 Speaker 2

Confront somebody.

00:16:37 Mary Rose Cardenas

He doesn't know.

00:16:38 Speaker 2

It it doesn't come across. What is it that what is the difference?

00:16:40 Mary Rose Cardenas

Come on.

00:16:44 Mary Rose Cardenas

Well, I do not know. I just get it.

00:16:46 Speaker 2

He I don't know what?

00:16:48 Speaker 2

It is either because I've never figured it out.

00:16:48 Mary Rose Cardenas

It's a different era or something different personality.

00:16:51 Julieta V. Garcia

I think she'll develop it. I think she is developing it and I think over time, she.

00:16:57 Julieta V. Garcia

And because obviously.

00:16:58 Julieta V. Garcia

And she, you know, because Reba, I've seen her in environments where where she's the only voice at the table because most people here don't have a voice. Don't use it. They get money they don't. But but they don't, they're not timid else is not timid.

00:17:08 Mary Rose Cardenas

I know.

00:17:12 Mary Rose Cardenas

They're not involved. Yeah, they do not. There is the no, no.

00:17:18 Speaker 2

No elder Rosa? No, the three girls and reenie Reenie is coming out of this show.

00:17:18 Julieta V. Garcia

And Elder Rose is not timid and and and we need is testifying. And then it's all, I think all the children.

00:17:26 Speaker 2

I'm so impressed with reading. Likely yes.

00:17:27 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah, are really is. He's. Yeah. And he's very but, you know, of course, they're twins and everything. And Ricky's all right, but.

00:17:36 Mary Rose Cardenas

Me is more thoughtful. You know, he he gives more of himself and wants to be. He cares.

00:17:47 Julieta V. Garcia

But Ricky cares too, but this is.

00:17:48 Mary Rose Cardenas

Well, yet he.

00:17:50 Speaker 2

A. But Ricky cares a perfect example.

00:17:50

Deliver 1 foster, baby.

00:17:57 Speaker 2

Jim told me years back to Jim again. I'm sorry, I don't. I don't mean to keep.

00:18:00 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah.

00:18:01 Mary Rose Cardenas

Bringing no, but hey, he was like my son.

00:18:04 Speaker 2

No, I know. But but years and years and years ago when Jim?

00:18:10 Speaker 2

First had his transplant.

00:18:13 Speaker 2

He came home for a few days to Brownsville and had to go back to Tucson.

00:18:21 Speaker 2

And.

00:18:23 Speaker 2

Ricky took him to the airport. He'd seen rainy and I, and I'm pretty sure it was Ricky. Ricky took Ricky, took him to the airport and Ricky turns around and hands and \$200.00 and says I know you need this taken.

00:18:29 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah, she.

00:18:40 Speaker 2

And but Ricky has a huge heart, and so does reading for that matter.

00:18:43 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh yes.

00:18:45 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, Sir.

00:18:46 Speaker 2

But you know.

00:18:47 Speaker 2

That's the type of guy Ricky just.

00:18:52 Speaker 2

I feel sorry for breaking in a lot of respects, even though I know he's messed up, I I do know he's messed up and he and Jim have had long conversations about it, but I just feel like he feels that he's the.

00:19:09 Speaker 2

***** child, so to speak.

00:19:11 Julieta V. Garcia

He looked like sheep rather well.

00:19:12 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah. And but do you know this?

00:19:14 Speaker 2

Yeah, but it's no reason it's just Ricky.

00:19:16 Mary Rose Cardenas

No, no, no. Yes, he's just him. But he's got his heart this big. I mean, yes. Oh, oh, yes he does.

00:19:22 Speaker 2

He does he really. Really.

00:19:25 Julieta V. Garcia

But all of your kids do.

00:19:26 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, yes, they do. But Ricky is more giving, I mean of himself. Of course, Riva and Elsa, if they can help or something. But Ricky gives of himself.

00:19:27

Thank you.

00:19:35 Julieta V. Garcia

You know where I see a lot.

00:19:36 Julieta V. Garcia

So.

00:19:38 Julieta V. Garcia

Surfacing is in James. James is such a sweet.

00:19:40 Mary Rose Cardenas

I seen it.

00:19:43 Mary Rose Cardenas

And Reba has brought him in because she wants him to take over and and and help him. He's very smart, but he also has that and you see.

00:19:45 Julieta V. Garcia

Yes.

00:19:54 Julieta V. Garcia

And and he notices everything he's watching out for everything. He's he's really a sweet young man. He's.

00:20:00 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah, and and and.

00:20:02 Mary Rose Cardenas

We need and that's wonderful that they they're thinking about it because Reba has no children. And Elsa, of course the the they you never know. So anyhow, she's brought Arriba, brought James in and trying to groom him into helping.

00:20:23 Mary Rose Cardenas

Because.

00:20:24 Speaker 2

Does James like it?

00:20:28 Mary Rose Cardenas

Well, I do not know. I sometimes I think he does. Another. He's an outgoing person, he he.

00:20:35 Julieta V. Garcia

Also, an outdoors guy outdoors.

00:20:38 Julieta V. Garcia

Loves that.

00:20:39 Speaker 2

Yeah. So.

00:20:41 Speaker 2

It's none of my business, but I want to ask this question. Does Cardenas development?

00:20:49 Speaker 2

Have anything to do with Cardinals motors?

00:20:53 Mary Rose Cardenas

Of course, we got no. Well, no. OK, Carter.

00:20:56 Speaker 2

Does what does one over shadow the other?

00:20:59 Mary Rose Cardenas

No, no, no, no. We have a manager and have everybody at Cardenas Motors and we have one in Harlington and and Carness development is Reba and Mr. Cardenas and we have about.

00:21:09 Speaker 2

Yes, and it was Mr. Cardenas.

00:21:14 Speaker 2

And that's your money maker.

00:21:16 Mary Rose Cardenas

And we have about \$7,000,000 in receivables.

00:21:20 Mary Rose Cardenas

Right now.

00:21:24 Julieta V. Garcia

Mary's always looking at her books. When you go in to pick.

00:21:27 Julieta V. Garcia

Her up for one.

00:21:27 Speaker 2

Well, that's good you have.

00:21:29 Julieta V. Garcia

Somebody's gotta know what's going on.

00:21:30 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh, yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. You need to, because then you need to know what's coming up. And because, you know, I don't care how much money you have if you can't pay your bills or something, you're done. So, no, I'm. I've always been aware and trying to to, to warn them.

00:21:38

It's.

00:21:50 Mary Rose Cardenas

This is going on. You need to do this.

00:21:52 Speaker 2

And and and who?

00:21:53 Speaker 2

Owns Mercedes-Benz?

00:21:56 Mary Rose Cardenas

I do you do?

00:21:58 Speaker 2

And.

00:21:58 Speaker 2

Wait.

00:21:59 Mary Rose Cardenas

No, no, no. No, no, no, no.

00:22:01 Speaker 2

You you're the sole owner of Mercedes-Benz.

00:22:04 Mary Rose Cardenas

But the yes, yes.

00:22:07 Mary Rose Cardenas

Of the dealerships of mine, I mean, most everything is mine because it was my husband and I.

00:22:17 Mary Rose Cardenas

But I've got to gradually start.

00:22:19 Mary Rose Cardenas

Moving in and letting.

00:22:23 Mary Rose Cardenas

And.

00:22:24 Mary Rose Cardenas

I know the review will be fair.

00:22:27 Speaker 2

Oh yeah, let me tell you what.

00:22:29 Mary Rose Cardenas

Uh-huh.

00:22:33 Speaker 2

Reeva would never do anything.

00:22:35 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh no, I know that.

00:22:36 Speaker 2

Never, never, never.

00:22:37 Julieta V. Garcia

That's lovely to know that. I mean that is, you know, it really is a very wonderful thing to be able to trust your children like that. You have to. I mean, if you don't. Yeah.

00:22:43 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, yes.

00:22:45 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, yes, yeah, yeah. And I do. I do. And thank goodness they get along and all and.

00:22:52 Julieta V. Garcia

Mm-hmm.

00:22:54 Mary Rose Cardenas

But I've been blessed in that respect.

00:22:58 Julieta V. Garcia

But and when Gene Eckhoff was dying, she told me to get close to you because you and I were not close. I mean, it was Gene and I and but she said get close to get close to Mary and and learn from her.

00:23:06 Mary Rose Cardenas

No.

00:23:10 Speaker 2

I treat you like.

00:23:11 Julieta V. Garcia

Your.

00:23:16 Julieta V. Garcia

And I was looking at her like, I don't want to get close. I don't. I don't want you to die, right?

No.

00:23:20 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, step forward seeing none of us did.

00:23:23 Julieta V. Garcia

But that.

00:23:24 Mary Rose Cardenas

She was a trooper.

00:23:25 Julieta V. Garcia

We we were blessed. Yeah. Yeah, she was.

00:23:26 Mary Rose Cardenas

And we were certainly blessed.

00:23:30 Mary Rose Cardenas

She really was and without any self-interest at all.

00:23:34 Julieta V. Garcia

No, not well, see, but neither did.

00:23:36 Julieta V. Garcia

You that was the. That's the. That's the.

00:23:38 Speaker 2

Can I have a little bit more?

00:23:39 Julieta V. Garcia

I think that is what the secret is, is that when you have no self-interest, nothing nobody can buy you. Nobody can shut you up. And I think that's the greatest strength that you have had that you have taught me that I've had. It's like you can't offer me a position or money.

00:23:47 Mary Rose Cardenas

Good afternoon.

00:24:00 Julieta V. Garcia

Here or notoriety.

00:24:01 Speaker 2

Speaking of Gene Eckhoff, why did they ever come to Brownsville?

00:24:06 Julieta V. Garcia

He was offered a job. He was in Mexico City. They they lived, they were. He was a a journalist. Yes, he was a journalist and. And they. Oh, and they left. And I think that's where her love of the Mexican culture and he from. But he was a journalist.

00:24:07 Mary Rose Cardenas

John.

00:24:09 Speaker 2

Oh.

00:24:12 Speaker 2

I can't picture for in Mexico City.

00:24:15 Speaker 2

I'm sure at all.

00:24:21 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:24:25 Julieta V. Garcia

A newspaper guy.

00:24:26 Speaker 2

I didn't know that.

00:24:27 Julieta V. Garcia

Yes. And and.

00:24:29 Speaker 2

I thought he was an office supply salesman.

00:24:29 Julieta V. Garcia

She taught school.

00:24:32 Julieta V. Garcia

No, he was a journalist. And then he and she was a teaching at a school in Mexico City, English. And, you know, there were young couple trying their lives out. And then he got offered a job by the Browns.

00:24:37 Speaker 2

Right.

00:24:44 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, yes.

00:24:48 Julieta V. Garcia

So when he came here, his first job was as a journalist for the Brownsville Herald.

00:24:55 Julieta V. Garcia

Yes. And then she came and she got a job as a teacher.

00:25:00 Julieta V. Garcia

And her job was that.

00:25:01 Julieta V. Garcia

There were seven of us.

00:25:02 Speaker 2

Russell, in less ambitious, I mean.

00:25:03 Julieta V. Garcia

And then eventually she began the principal, when Miss Sharp was a principal when Jean was a student. I mean a teacher.

00:25:04

Sure.

00:25:10 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh, she was a trooper. I mean, she just she just felt.

00:25:16 Mary Rose Cardenas

The need to be to give to these people to learn and make it right for them. I mean, she was really wonderful.

00:25:26 Mary Rose Cardenas

Is very, very shared.

00:25:27 Julieta V. Garcia

And then we have our long arms and victory sign. She would she would lean out of her.

00:25:32 Speaker 2

Head that she did me of the Scarecrow not because she was scared, but she was so tall and thin. It was like, you know, she could just reach it. And she lived. And she lived in a barn. She did.

00:25:32

Here.

00:25:41 Julieta V. Garcia

He was in Hubert Humphrey.

00:25:46 Julieta V. Garcia

And she would that she would leave the College in her big old Lincoln Continentals and and they were old. I was old and and she would pull her arms up. And she goes, we're going to be victors. We're going to VV sign.

00:25:50

Yeah.

00:25:53 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh yeah.

00:25:58 Mary Rose Cardenas

And she was about 7 feet tall.

00:26:03 Speaker 2

How this dream when she died, huh?

00:26:05 Speaker 2

How was she when she passed away?

00:26:11 Mary Rose Cardenas

I don't remember. I just.

00:26:12 Speaker 2

Marshmallows.

00:26:14 Speaker 2

70s, sixties.

00:26:14 Julieta V. Garcia

Oh, how funny. You know, Caroline, I don't know. No.

00:26:21 Mary Rose Cardenas

Well, she retired from teaching.

00:26:24 Julieta V. Garcia

And she retired from teaching from being a principal. Then she went over to be a teacher at TSC. And then we convinced her to run for the board and she ran for the board. And she did.

00:26:29 Mary Rose Cardenas

See.

00:26:35 Julieta V. Garcia

All of that.

00:26:41 Speaker 2

Mr. Eckhoff, what's his name? Russ. Russ. How old was Russ when he passed?

00:26:46 Speaker 2

Do have any idea?

00:26:46 Julieta V. Garcia

You know, I would never. We didn't even know when he passed. He died after she did.

00:26:51 Speaker 2

Yeah. No, I knew that. But I thought that you were friends with him because you would invite him over for Christmas and Thanksgiving.

00:26:57 Julieta V. Garcia

We were, we would come over first, Sir, but but then he was in a nursing home here. And then they they took him back to Minnesota.

00:27:03 Speaker 2

No, I didn't.

00:27:08 Julieta V. Garcia

And he died there with family. And so we lost touch with him after a while.

00:27:09

And.

00:27:13 Julieta V. Garcia

But.

00:27:15 Julieta V. Garcia

I don't know how and I have to look it up. I have to find how old Gene was. I don't remember.

00:27:20 Mary Rose Cardenas

I don't need it.

00:27:23 Mary Rose Cardenas

I don't, I don't remember, but boy, she just. And had she knew every student she ever had. She did not forget them. It was unbelievable to me.

00:27:34 Julieta V. Garcia

Let me say that when she got leukemia, which is what she died of, she told me we were flying. She asked me to fly with her to Dallas for the diagnosis or for the first, maybe the 2nd diagnosis or something. And so we're on the plane. We're on Southwest airline plane. And she says, you know what this is?

00:27:55 Julieta V. Garcia

And I said, excuse me? And she said, you know, you have to grow balls. Right. Sorry. We get them. And I I looked at her like Mary was like 2 shoes. Right. And I looked at her and she goes, you have to grow some.

00:28:03 Mary Rose Cardenas

No.

00:28:05 Mary Rose Cardenas

OK.

00:28:10 Julieta V. Garcia

And I said, excuse me.

00:28:12 Julieta V. Garcia

And she said, and these have to be made out of.

00:28:16 Julieta V. Garcia

Brass.

00:28:18 Julieta V. Garcia

Indestructible.

00:28:19 Julieta V. Garcia

Because I have to tell you what's going on and that's when she told me.

00:28:23 Julieta V. Garcia

She was sick.

00:28:29 Julieta V. Garcia

What are you talking? What is this and what are you talking about? Because then she you know and she knew. And it was not that long there.

00:28:35 Mary Rose Cardenas

She had a lot of courage.

00:28:37 Speaker 2

And that was amazing that she was able to draw that.

00:28:42 Speaker 2

To your attention in the way that she did.

00:28:45 Julieta V. Garcia

No, I know. No, no, no.

00:28:46 Speaker 2

I mean that that is amazing. She could have just said, you know, I'm really sick and you're gonna have to.

00:28:49 Julieta V. Garcia

No, no, no. He just said you need to grow your own because I'm out of here.

00:28:50 Speaker 2

Carry it on.

00:28:54 Speaker 2

Yeah, that's amazing.

00:28:55 Julieta V. Garcia

And she didn't be out.

00:29:00 Mary Rose Cardenas

She was truly, truly a professor and a giver. She was always caring for these kids that went to her school and she was incredible. She really was. And I I respected her.

00:29:19 Julieta V. Garcia

But she was hilarious and I.

00:29:21 Julieta V. Garcia

Mean.

00:29:22 Julieta V. Garcia

She was so smart.

00:29:23 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:29:24 Julieta V. Garcia

And and so then she. But she would get upset and Mary would be an executive.

00:29:27 Speaker 2

That's.

00:29:30 Julieta V. Garcia

I was a baby president. I didn't know what I was saying, and I was pretending.

00:29:33 Speaker 2

Yeah, you did. But you didn't think you did.

00:29:33 Julieta V. Garcia

To know what I was doing.

00:29:36 Julieta V. Garcia

No, no. But I didn't. But I mean, we're all pretending to know what we were doing. And then Gene, there would be fights in our executive.

00:29:39 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:29:44 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh yes.

00:29:44 Julieta V. Garcia

When we go into executive session is when you're dealing with some of the harder issues. And so it was two women. Mary and Jean were board members and I was the President and that we fighting with Joseph Alekhine cracks and whoever and and Gene would get up to leave like.

00:29:56 Mary Rose Cardenas

Everybody.

00:30:04 Julieta V. Garcia

I'm insulted by this, you know, and and Mary's would say to her, sit down and she would like.

00:30:13 Julieta V. Garcia

And she say sit, but she would tell that to Jose. I'll let that, too, that whoever it was, it was like, sit down. We're going to figure this out. And then all like.

00:30:18 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh.

00:30:25 Speaker 2

And then again and then again, she's the only human being I know that could say that somebody and then they would do it and they would literally do it.

00:30:30 Julieta V. Garcia

And get away with it. Right. And and then and and she's.

00:30:34 Julieta V. Garcia

Talking to an.

00:30:35 Julieta V. Garcia

OBGYN to an attorney, to a teacher, to a principal and they would like.

00:30:41 Julieta V. Garcia

OK. And then we'll all sit back to Holland, but we figured it all out.

00:30:42 Speaker 2

I I would, I would love to be able to bottle what you have.

00:30:50 Speaker 2

To tell people, sit down and they do it and they pay attention.

00:30:54 Julieta V. Garcia

Yeah, we're going to settle this. Until. So sit down until we figure it out. And and we and again, not because we knew what we were doing just because we knew where we needed to go and we didn't keep it together. Nobody to keep the community together the world together. And so we settled it.

00:30:56 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:31:04 Mary Rose Cardenas

We needed to go.

00:31:07 Mary Rose Cardenas

And then no one else would. Yes, and.

00:31:11 Mary Rose Cardenas

And the fact was.

00:31:14 Mary Rose Cardenas

I felt like let me let them wake up. This is an opportunity that we have, we lose it and.

00:31:23 Mary Rose Cardenas

It's all gone and a lot of times when you're like that, you don't understand. But I was always the good Lord was always with me and telling me what I should do and my mother. I mean. Yeah. But she was my mother would get so embarrassed.

00:31:44 Mary Rose Cardenas

Uh.

00:31:46 Mary Rose Cardenas

You know, I just, it was good stuff.

00:31:48 Speaker 2

The.

00:31:48 Speaker 2

Proud of you?

00:31:50 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, she is.

00:31:50 Speaker 2

She's proudy and and there's not one child that you have or one friend that you have that's not proud of.

00:31:51 Julieta V. Garcia

She went with us to Minnesota.

00:32:01

No.

00:32:01 Speaker 2

Never embarrassed? No, you shouldn't be. But you know you go up above and beyond and your generosity is par. None.

00:32:10 Mary Rose Cardenas

Well, you know, we're here for a purpose and.

00:32:17 Mary Rose Cardenas

You know, if you if you have something and you cannot share it, it's worthless. It is worthless. So no, I was always taught.

00:32:27 Speaker 2

But not everybody thinks like you.

00:32:31 Julieta V. Garcia

And shall Mary would invite herself to functions that I would be going to.

00:32:35 Speaker 2

She would invite herself anywhere. Ohh, I can't imagine that.

00:32:36 Julieta V. Garcia

No, she would.

00:32:37 Julieta V. Garcia

Marry the smartest thing she started. This would do is that is it? She would of course, be friend. The whoever was my assistant or secretary. So she never asked me. Where are you going?

00:32:47 Speaker 2

No, no.

00:32:49 Julieta V. Garcia

What are you going to be doing? Or you get? She would just clear it get.

00:32:53 Julieta V. Garcia

It clear it.

00:32:54 Julieta V. Garcia

She would just tell Jamie, where is she going?

00:32:57 Julieta V. Garcia

Who are who is she going?

00:32:58 Julieta V. Garcia

To.

00:32:58 Julieta V. Garcia

Be with book me, book me to go with her.

00:33:00

So.

00:33:02 Julieta V. Garcia

I'll stay with her and we wouldn't end up staying together. We had the best.

00:33:06 Julieta V. Garcia

Late night talk.

00:33:07 Speaker 2

But you're being very nice.

00:33:09 Julieta V. Garcia

He did. I mean, you would stay up till 2:00 in the morning.

00:33:11 Speaker 2

Like like Janie never told.

00:33:13 Julieta V. Garcia

Her. Nobody. She would tell me later on. This is going with.

00:33:17 Julieta V. Garcia

This like, Oh my God, OK.

00:33:19 Julieta V. Garcia

Well, and I mean like absolutely, but I didn't know what I was doing.

00:33:22 Speaker 2

And that was in in Julie learned it from you because like when we were going to Las Vegas the other day, I told you they said, are you gracious? No, she hadn't asked me. And so she's she.

00:33:34 Speaker 2

She's the one that called.

00:33:36 Speaker 2

And it says.

00:33:37 Speaker 2

How come you haven't asked me? I'm going to go.

00:33:41 Julieta V. Garcia

Well, I learned from the best, right? Well, of course you're invited. Well, of course, but we had lots of great adventures.

00:33:43 Speaker 2

Learning the best.

00:33:48 Mary Rose Cardenas

Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:33:50 Mary Rose Cardenas

OK. Yeah, we did and. But no, I tell you about Dennis.

00:33:52 Julieta V. Garcia

You attacking Bill Clinton?

00:33:55 Julieta V. Garcia

Is one of them.

00:33:58 Julieta V. Garcia

Antonio Banderas, you and Rosemary Breedlove, one now the best line, the.

00:34:02 Julieta V. Garcia

Best line of the?

00:34:03 Julieta V. Garcia

Whole world was when you and Rosemary wanted to get a picture with Antonio Banderas. I'm dying. I'm telling Alberto your job depends on getting a photo of these two board members without.

00:34:15 Julieta V. Garcia

Yes, ma'am. I'm going to give it up, but so you all attack, I'm going to do one thing. What happens to be at the table next to us? Huge dining hall. I mean, we're at the Kennedy Center, Kennedy Center.

00:34:20 Mary Rose Cardenas

Sign.

00:34:26 Speaker 2

Yes, in the front of the hole.

00:34:30 Julieta V. Garcia

And that's what and but. But they had to put us next to Antonio. But that is his table, right? It's like. Oh, come on. So he was easy. Pray easy. Pray for these ladies. So. So Rosemary says.

00:34:35 Speaker 2

Hey.

00:34:41 Julieta V. Garcia

Now so I look over Roberto, they're going. They're moving. Get over there and get the picture. Gets over. There. You go over to. I'm telling you, you're on one side. 3 Love is on the other side. Melanie Griffith, right or whatever. And then his wife is like and and his.

00:34:57 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:35:01 Julieta V. Garcia

Antonio's bodyguard was a woman. Big old gal, and she comes up to you when you all get there for the picture and she says please.

00:35:06 Mary Rose Cardenas

I don't remember.

00:35:13 Julieta V. Garcia

Mr. and that is is trying to have this dinner and you said without hesitation you said I don't want his dinner. I just want to photograph. He started smiling at your response and you all pose no better. Got the shot. I'm still looking for that.

00:35:19 Mary Rose Cardenas

Out.

00:35:33 Julieta V. Garcia

They have gum, I don't know.

00:35:36 Speaker 2

Oh no, that would be a classic that would.

00:35:38 Julieta V. Garcia

Well, we have, we have to, we have to have it.

00:35:39 Speaker 2

Be a classic.

00:35:42 Julieta V. Garcia

And the better took.

00:35:43 Julieta V. Garcia

It I'm gonna call him tomorrow.

00:35:45 Julieta V. Garcia

Telephone.

00:35:45 Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah. Classic Jimmy.

00:35:47 Julieta V. Garcia

Well, no, I mean.

00:35:48 Speaker 2

That would be a Christmas card.

00:35:50 Julieta V. Garcia

OK, we have to. OK, don't let me forget that we have to find it because.

00:35:54 Mary Rose Cardenas

I don't know. I don't.

00:35:55 Speaker 2

And I'm even though Missus Carnis is not tall, she's probably taller than Antonio by then.

00:35:55 Julieta V. Garcia

Stream there.

00:36:01 Julieta V. Garcia

Well, he's sitting. He's *****. That's stable, and they're just like, you know.

00:36:09 Speaker 2

Just invading his.

00:36:11 Speaker 2

No, you know the best part of this whole story?

00:36:16 Speaker 2

She has no idea who Antonio Banderas is.

00:36:20 Speaker 2

Roseberry 1.

00:36:22 Julieta V. Garcia

I could only take five people. Remember that thing and I had to, oh, my gosh. It was like, oh, that was hilarious. That was.

00:36:30 Mary Rose Cardenas

We've had a good time. Great.

00:36:32 Julieta V. Garcia

Time had a great time.

00:36:34 Speaker 2

Except for Julia's bra.

00:36:37 Julieta V. Garcia

That was your fault. You were in charge of me.

00:36:38 Speaker 2

No. Well, you didn't bite me. Sorry I had to do something.

00:36:42 Julieta V. Garcia

Something I didn't invite this. It was like breathe love God in this thing, yeah.

00:36:47 Julieta V. Garcia

That's what I have.

00:36:49 Julieta V. Garcia

And me? That was the 5th. So I couldn't invite you.

00:36:50

Yeah.

00:36:52 Speaker 2

I could have left the other dead.

00:36:53 Mary Rose Cardenas

And taken you but.

00:36:56 Speaker 2

No.

00:36:57 Mary Rose Cardenas

She didn't ask me.

00:36:58 Julieta V. Garcia

The mother of my.

00:37:00 Speaker 2

Grandchildren, and she wore she wore my dress. Donna did. She did.

00:37:02 Speaker 2

She.

00:37:09 Speaker 2

Yeah, she wore one of my Saint John dresses. Did it?

00:37:13 Julieta V. Garcia

Don't remember.

00:37:14 Speaker 2

I do remember that because you borrowed all kinds of stuff and I'm dressing you and dressing her and dressing everybody else and I'm not.

00:37:25 Julieta V. Garcia

Poorly thing. I'm sorry. God, don't leave it.

00:37:26 Speaker 2

Should take it to your family. No, I it it. I promise you it didn't bother me. I I I promise you didn't. I just. I just.

00:37:31 Mary Rose Cardenas

Of course.

00:37:32 Julieta V. Garcia

I know it didn't. I know, I know. But but has you been there? You would have told me. Don't wear that underneath.

00:37:38 Julieta V. Garcia

That dress, yeah.

00:37:40 Speaker 2

I'm just. I just love to make your medicine.

00:37:45 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yeah. And it's been a good ride. I mean, and it is, it's not, but no, it's not. But but you know, it's.

00:37:50 Speaker 2

Over yet.

00:37:52 Julieta V. Garcia

Now we have to launch the next.

00:37:54 Mary Rose Cardenas

Generation and it's been a good ride and we've been very.

00:38:00 Mary Rose Cardenas

Fortunate, very blessed. And it it will continue, the younger people will take over.

00:38:06 Julieta V. Garcia

Because there's a lot to be done still.

00:38:07 Speaker 2

Yeah, yes, yes, yes.

00:38:09 Speaker 2

Tell me about Alexandra. Does she have any potential?

00:38:16 Speaker 2

Smart girl. Don't, but does she?

00:38:17 Mary Rose Cardenas

She's very smart, yes.

00:38:19 Speaker 2

Have any potential to?

00:38:23 Speaker 2

Could be anything like you.

00:38:26 Speaker 2

Because to me, Alexandra of everybody in the family.

00:38:32 Speaker 2

She also has the sit down.

00:38:37 Speaker 2

And don't move. There's something about her demeanor that I think she could get away with it.

00:38:42 Mary Rose Cardenas

Uh-huh.

00:38:45 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, well, I, of course she's more sedated and and different, but she's very smart and she is a very.

00:38:55 Mary Rose Cardenas

Caring, giving person she really she really is so.

00:39:00 Julieta V. Garcia

Thank you very much.

00:39:01 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes. Uh-huh.

00:39:03 Mary Rose Cardenas

Bye.

00:39:03 Julieta V. Garcia

The service and Akita the Navita I think is going to.

00:39:08 Julieta V. Garcia

Come to her own someday. She's very young, but she'll.

00:39:10 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, she's very young. She's still very young, but I, and of course, I have my mother, was very intelligent, very smart, but got married very young. And my father.

00:39:26 Mary Rose Cardenas

You know, he was the pencil pusher. He he was in, in accounting and things like that. He.

00:39:32 Speaker 2

But he he that not not to demean your father, but that's his station in life. He probably it it when he was a young man couldn't.

00:39:33 Julieta V. Garcia

Yeah, that's the best.

00:39:33 Julieta V. Garcia

Of both.

00:39:46 Speaker 2

Do anything more than be a pencil pusher.

00:39:48 Julieta V. Garcia

And that was not a bad job.

00:39:50 Speaker 2

And that was a very good job.

00:39:52 Julieta V. Garcia

That was inside, not outside picking. Yeah, you know, I mean, and he did the same thing. My father, as a matter of fact, when he was a Pan American World Airways, he was the the president of the.

00:39:55 Speaker 2

Yes. Ohh yeah. Oh yeah. Ohh yeah.

00:40:08 Julieta V. Garcia

Union.

00:40:10 Julieta V. Garcia

The THE workers started agreeing and dad I have that little plaque in my office and and it's because.

00:40:12 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:40:17 Speaker 2

Why was he President of the Union? He he wasn't a union man? Well.

00:40:22 Julieta V. Garcia

They had a union, an employees union.

00:40:23 Speaker 2

I know, but you're gone. But your father.

00:40:26 Julieta V. Garcia

But he was a pencil pusher, the team that he represented were the pencil pushers. That's why I was going to say because we used to go to like.

00:40:30 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:40:33 Speaker 2

Oh, OK, OK, OK.

00:40:35 Speaker 2

You think you knew you think workers?

00:40:38 Julieta V. Garcia

Well, yes, but there are all kinds of categories. And so when we would go to, we would go to Pan Am, had a lot of.

00:40:40 Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:40:47 Julieta V. Garcia

Employee events because it was huge operation, right? And so I remember my father being on the pencil pusher team.

00:40:50 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes. Oh my God.

00:40:58 Julieta V. Garcia

And then they had the grease monkey.

00:41:01 Julieta V. Garcia

Ohh, which were the mechanics? And my uncle Antonio.

00:41:05 Julieta V. Garcia

Yeah, yeah, I was a mechanic. He was an engineer, almost had didn't have his engineering degree, but.

00:41:12 Julieta V. Garcia

He was at.

00:41:12 Julieta V. Garcia

The right but but he was in the grease monkey team. My father was in the pencil pusher team. My uncle was on the grease monkey team and I don't remember them, but they would have these baseball games and we would go.

00:41:13 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes.

00:41:24 Julieta V. Garcia

Out to the island.

00:41:26 Julieta V. Garcia

Where the cabinets are and they would rent out the cabinets for.

00:41:28

None.

00:41:29 Julieta V. Garcia

Families and we would all sit there and watch our fathers play against each other and all. And I remember the pencil pusher. That's why I relate to it because Dad was the nerd, you know, he wasn't the yeah.

00:41:33 Speaker 2

Play.

00:41:35 Speaker 2

How much fun?

00:41:45 Speaker 2

See, that's another thing that's not that's missing today.

00:41:50 Speaker 2

If we don't.

00:41:51 Speaker 2

Companies don't have that kind of.

00:41:53 Julieta V. Garcia

Activity some do I mean some companies? No. Dell. My brother works for Dell I.

00:41:59 Julieta V. Garcia

Want to go into that?

00:42:00 Speaker 2

Ohh well Dell. Yeah, it's an exception, but the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, when was the last time you all had an event that?

00:42:02 Julieta V. Garcia

But they have a.

00:42:09 Speaker 2

For.

00:42:10 Speaker 2

For you guys.

00:42:11 Mary Rose Cardenas

For you know, for the community, you know what I mean?

00:42:14 Speaker 2

No, no, forget the community. I'm trying. Yeah.

00:42:16 Julieta V. Garcia

Just to build a team, the new the new Group has not built the team. There's not.

00:42:21 Julieta V. Garcia

They're not there yet.

00:42:24 Julieta V. Garcia

All right, breakfast tomorrow.

00:42:27 Mary Rose Cardenas

OK. OK, fine, fine.

00:42:27 Julieta V. Garcia

9:30.

00:42:29 Speaker 2

You better wake.

00:42:30 Mary Rose Cardenas

Up Ohh today I got up late. Now I have an appointment at 11.

00:42:36 Julieta V. Garcia

So we're going to go have breakfast and then I'll take you to to the movie shop.

00:42:38 Mary Rose Cardenas

Nine and Jerry left. Yeah, very.

00:42:41 Mary Rose Cardenas

Good. Uh, not a problem, not a problem.

00:42:44 Speaker 2

We'll drop you off and maybe.

00:42:45 Speaker 2

We can pick you up.

00:42:46 Mary Rose Cardenas

Yes, yes, yes, yes, it's not a problem.

00:42:49 Julieta V. Garcia

All right, we're available there.