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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: Alpha Kappa Delta at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the Center for Progressive Studies and Culture and Texans for Peace

WHAT: Coastal Bend Social Forum 2009

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Best media opportunities: 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.)

WHERE: Bay Hall, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Coastal Bend Social Forum at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Features Presentations from Local and State Activists

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Former Texas State Rep. Frances “Sissy” Farenthold and author Stephanie Elizondo Griest will be keynote speakers at the 2009 Coastal Bend Social Forum Saturday, Feb. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bay Hall at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

More than 20 workshops spotlighting social issues ranging from the death penalty and immigration law to Corpus Christi’s West Side and the City’s recycling program will be presented by local and state activists. The event is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Delta at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the Center for Progressive Studies and Culture and Texans for Peace.

Farenthold, who is from Corpus Christi, will present “The National Security State We Live Under” at 9 a.m. Farenthold was nominated for vice president of the United States on the Democratic ticket in 1972. She has been an international human rights observer in Iraq, El Salvador, Honduras, South Korea, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Cuba and

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the former Soviet Union.

At 1:30 p.m. Stephanie Elizondo Griest, author of “Mexican Enough: My Life between the Borderlines” and co-founder of the Youth Free Expression Network, will present “The Mojado Monologues.” Griest, a former Hodder Fellow at Princeton University, was winner of the 2007 Richard J. Margolis Award for Social Justice Reporting.

The event, which is open to the public, is free to students with a valid student ID (\$5 for lunch if desired, must pre-register). For non-students, a \$20 donation will be appreciated. For more information, go to <http://www.theprogressivecenter.com/> or call Dr. Isabel Araiza at 361.825.3936 or Joy Cavada at 361.882.8177.

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